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PIONEER MISSION MOVEMENT

Celebrating Its Tenth Anniversary

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) launched the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) in 2002 to send pastors and their families as cross-cultural missionaries to overseas countries. The first group of five Korean pastors left for Japan with their family members in March 2003 to plant new churches. Upon arrival in the field, the PMM missionaries study the local language for one year and then during the five succeeding years, using the local language, they share the gospel message with their neighbors and organize a new Adventist congregation.

The Lord has blessed the PMM project in many remarkable ways, and in the last 10 years, 75 pastors (72 Koreans, 1 Japanese and 2 Chinese) have left for the mission fields and have served as cross-cultural overseas missionaries. Currently they are serving in 14 countries: Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Korea, UT, the Philippines, Indonesia, Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Requests for PMM missionaries are coming in from many parts of the world.

Most of the PMM pastors are working as pioneer missionaries. They mingle themselves with local people every day and try to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them in all possible ways. Sometimes they are misunderstood and hated by the people for whom they are serving with unselfish love. They are faced with challenges of loneliness, sickness, children's education, visa issues, finance and many others.

A few weeks ago, in January 2012, I visited the mission field where Chung, Hyo Soo, a Korean pastor, is serving as a PMM missionary with his family. His mission field is in Butembo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. When they arrived in Butembo about 3

years ago, everything was new and strange to them. The African culture was very much different from that of their home country. They had to spend a lot of time learning the local language, culture, geography and social system. The life situation is very tough. They are living in inconveniences, dangers, possible accidents and sickness. However, by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, they have successfully overcome all challenges and difficulties, and now they are working as faithful PMM missionaries highly respected by the local people and with a great dream to lead thousands of people in the Congo to Christ.

Why PMM?

Most of the long-term missionaries sent by the Seventh-day Adventist Church are working in already established institutions. They are giving marvelous service in these institutions as church administrators, teachers, physicians and pastors of already organized churches. We need them in the field and we should increase the number of missionaries.

In the 10/40 window, however, among about 4 billion people only about 4% of them are Christians. About 3.8 billion people in this area are Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Animists, and Atheists. We need many more missionaries such as PMM pastors who will work at the front to approach this massive number of non-Christian people with the message of the soon coming of Christ.

Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the PMM, we thank God for His abundant blessings upon this mission initiative. We also thank all PMM missionaries and their families who are giving wonderful service to humanity with a self-sacrificing missionary spirit.

"For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay" (Heb 10:37).

NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God's love in the context of the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.

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The Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM)



Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is the largest Division among the 13 World Divisions in terms of population as well as the ratio of non-Christian to Christian population. Approximately 1.5 billion people, almost one fourth of the world population, reside in this vast territory. Christians are a minority group, only 3% of the NSD, whereas the rest (97%) are composed of a number of other religious entities such as Buddhists, Shintoists, Muslims, Shamans, and Atheists. This is the very Division where is the most difficult region for evangelism. The NSD covers countries like China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, North Korea, and South Korea.

This is a continent where the so called “chopstick culture” dominates. The Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cultures have some common elements as well as differences. Therefore, challenges in mission perspective are as great as the cultures are varied. Accordingly, the most urgent need in this area is that of missionaries who have equipped themselves with mission zeal and devotional minds for the gospel ministry. In reality, however, the potential numbers of these missionaries in this region are very low, most probably except in South Korea.

These circumstances remind us of Jesus Christ’s exhortation when He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matt 9:37, 38).

The PMM is a mission movement that plants a new church in an area where there is no Adventist church at all, and that nurtures a church with no growth but has few members. The ultimate purpose of this movement is to send as many missionaries as

the fields are calling, who have prepared themselves and who are full of the mission spirit. These missionaries will nurture weak churches without pastors to prepare them for the second coming of Christ through the Three Angels’ Message. At the same time, they will proclaim the gospel message to those who have never heard of Jesus Christ that they may have eternal life.

The NSD has two wings in its evangelism: HisHands, for domestic evangelism, and PMM for overseas evangelism. HisHands adopts the biblical strategy that Jesus has given: going

two by two. But the PMM sends a pastoral family overseas for a term of six years, one year for the local language study, followed by five years of actual ministry.

Just as the 1000MM have basically two types of missionaries, “going-missionaries” [direct missionaries who go to a mission field] and “sending-missionaries” [indirect missionaries who support the “going-missionaries” financially and also through prayer], so it is with the PMM.

As of 2011, 69 pastoral families were sent to some 11 countries: some already returned home after finishing their term; some extended their term. At this moment, some 40 PMMs are working in their mission fields. In 2012, eight missionaries will be sent to new countries like Russia and Tanzania and the NSD territory as well.

Encouragingly, a Macedonian call from various continents keeps coming to the NSD requesting more missionaries be sent. So the NSD has begun to reconsider the current PMM system to meet those calls, a so called PMM2, which would be the second stage of the movement.



COVER *Story*



1st Group (2003)



2nd Group (2004)



3rd Group (2005)



4th Group (2006)



5th Group (2007)



PIONEER MISSION MOVEMENT

The Pioneer Mission Movement is a global mission project of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) for the purpose of new church planting in its territories. PMM missionaries are sent to foreign countries for cross-cultural missionary work.

These pastors will be sent to unentered territories where basically no Adventists are present. With pioneer spirit they will begin the work for tens of thousands of people who have not heard of the Three Angels' Message.

There are about 1.6 billion people, which is nearly one fourth of the world's population, residing in the NSD territories. Among this huge population only 4% are Christians, and the remaining 96% are Buddhists, Shinto believers, Muslims, Shamans, and Atheists. Challenges are everywhere in this area. These pastors will gladly go to "every nation, tribe, tongue and people" as golden angels having the everlasting gospel messages in their hands.

When the gospel commission is accomplished on earth, Christ will appear in the clouds to take His people to the kingdom of heaven.



6th Group (2008)



7th Group (2009)



8th Group (2010)



9th Group (2011)



10th Group (2012)



The end of time will come when the gospel work is finished in the whole world. Therefore Jesus commanded to his followers, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creation.” (Mark 16:15) For that purpose God has established the church on earth.

“The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth.” (6T, 29)

“Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighborhood, in the town or city where he lives. All who are consecrated to God are channels of light. God makes them instruments of righteousness to communicate to others the light of truth.” (2T, 632)

When the people of God are actively participating in missionary work, the present and future of the church is bright.

I Am So Proud of the Pioneer Mission Movement

Vision for Mission When Apostle John was imprisoned and alone on Patmos Island, God showed him a great vision. "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9).

This vision about a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language came at a time when John was worried about the future of some of the churches he had served in Asia Minor. The future was dark because the churches were being closed by persecution and oppression and church members were being scattered in all directions. However, God showed him the vision of a great multitude of saved people from every nation and tribe at the end of the earth's history.

This is the promise. This is the vision for missions, which gives conviction to all missionaries. It will be absolutely accomplished before Jesus comes again. Depending on this promise, numerous missionaries are going to the mission fields all over the world today.

Ten Years Ago The Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) started ten years ago. Although the NSD has 1/4 of the world's population, most of them do not know about Jesus at all. Only four percent of over 1.5 billion people are Christian. People are abandoned amid a wave of materialism and secularism without knowing or listening to

Jesus' gospel. A small spark began to flare up in this evangelistic wilderness. PMM was initiated to preach the gospel to every nation, tribe, people and language and to expand the Kingdom of God. Now PMM has grown as a strong mission movement that testifies of Jesus in many countries and cultivates new churches. I appreciate those who have supervised and supported the PMM for the last 10 years including leaders in the NSD, Unions, Conferences, and church members.

I am Proud of PMM 75 pastors' families have been sent to 15 countries as of February, 2012 and 45 families are working as PMM missionaries now. 25 families already returned back to their homeland after six years of service. It is a great challenge to do mission work in a far country where culture, custom, lifestyle, and environment are totally different. I am proud of the PMM missionaries who preach the word in a lonely land, cultivate churches, and lead a number of people to the Lord with a vision for mission. I want to give a big hand to those pastors, wives, and children who work so hard for global evangelism in spite of barriers, objections, and risks; leaving the comfortable life of their home country. May God's special guidance and blessings be with them in their mission work. I pray that the gospel can be delivered to the ends of the world through their beautiful effort and sacrifice so that the Lord's coming can be hastened.

SiYoung Kim,
NSD PMM Coordinator



PMM Testimonies

I Will Follow His Way



Pr. Cha and his wife

The first place I served as a pastor was Gokseong Church which is a small and poor church with about 25 church members. As there were many problems which burdened this pastoral novice, my laws and weaknesses which I had never known before were revealed. I could not help kneeling in prayer and depending on God at all times, the God who would never call people before He gives them enough power to overcome everything and gives them encouragement day by day.

Five months later, I got a phone call from a church elder who wanted to donate USD 90,000 for church construction which had been a long-cherished desire. It progressed quite quickly. We bought and remodeled a three-story building and dedicated the new church to the Lord.

Two years of pastoral experience has made me realize the reason God calls people and gives them

responsibilities. He has put me in a difficult situation so that I can find my weakness and inadequacy. He also lets me learn how to depend on Him, how to wait until He allows, and how to give thanks to God for the work He has done.

I give thanks to God who opened the door for my wife and me to be missionaries. Tanzania, Africa! In the country of blue sky and vast plains God calls me, not to work, but to see what He will do. Our life there will be very abundant and happy, if we can focus on exactly what my responsibility will be, if we learn how to truly serve and love people there, and if we are baptized by the Holy Spirit every morning.

I will follow the missionary's way where Jesus has already gone ahead. Like Jesus, the greatest missionary who completely abandoned Himself and was killed by His people, I will be a missionary who wakes up early in the morning, who depends on God, who works hard for souls, who gives even my life for those souls, and who leads Tanzanian people to Heaven. Please continuously pray for my family.

– SeongWon Cha, PMM 10th Group, Tanzania

Saving Souls in Dali



Dali Church members

After a year of language training, I was assigned to the Dali Church in Taiwan. On the first Sabbath since my predecessor left to go back to Korea, church members went to their hometowns to visit their family for the New Years' holiday. The church door was wide open at 10:00 a.m. on Sabbath morning, but my family began the service on our own on the first Sabbath at the new church. It almost seemed that I had prepared the worship service in Chinese for nothing. But by 11 a.m., one member showed up, so the five of us had our first worship service of the New Year.

Now time has passed, and it has been a year and a half since I have served this church. The gospel has been preached through four evangelistic series, and an average of 25 people attend worship every Sabbath. Church members have become passionately involved especially after attending two small group seminars held by the Taiwan Union. One deaconess said she was inspired to start keeping a prayer journal. She gave a testimony that keeping a journal could help keep track of how God is answering her prayers.

In February 2011, 30 of our church members attended the Flower Exhibition held in Taipei. We also invited seekers and neighbors who attended the Korean Language classes. Five of the seekers, including a student at the Korean Language class, were baptized through the Golden Angels evangelistic series in April.

God makes us look for souls in unexpected places. Now the Dali church is planning to train small group leaders, so we can win more souls for Christ through small group ministries. I earnestly ask for your prayers that our church may grow in Christ.

– SungChul Yoon, PMM in Dali Church, Taiwan

Tsunami of Love Sweeping Over Japan



Four months after the great earthquake that hit Eastern Japan on March 11, 2011, my church members volunteered to go to Ishinomaki City in Miyagi Province for community service. The city was much calmer and more organized compared to right after the earthquake. Grocery stores and convenience stores were back in business. However, what were difficult to bear were the mosquitoes and flies which gathered at the smell of death. But we focused only on being thankful for the city recovering so much.

A few days after our visit, we received a letter thanking us for our service.

"It was the first time for us to lose so many friends and family in such a short time. It was the most tragic event of our lives. We are living with great pain in our hearts. The damage of our home is small compared to what happened to the entire city, but more than 100 people came to help our family for the last two months after the earthquake and tsunami. Thank you so much."

While the earthquake and tsunami left indelible scars in many hearts, I was encouraged to see people recovering because of the loving hearts and hands that were offered in the following months. Many Japanese people are looking for opportunities in which they can help these shattered areas.

Support has been coming in from all over the world. Many from Korea have contacted me to ask how they could help, and many churches and organizations gave abundantly. Since Yamagata is only 80 kilometers away from the Fukushima area, which was affected the most, I was able to visit and offer any help that I could give. I have been helping by sending basic living supplies, such as drinking water and fans, to childcare centers and container homes in Fukushima.

I believe these hands of love broaden the way to Heaven. Although a tsunami swept over the northeastern shores of Japan, the tsunami of love is sweeping all over Japan. Thank God for His providence.

– YoungMin Kim, PMM in Yamagata Church, Japan

A True PMM Missionary for Jesus

Unlike in other mission fields, I had to be a pioneer in what I would do. Although I had the title "pioneer missionary", I spent days seeking for clear answers concerning what to do. As time went by, I was able to see that it was a time in which God taught me obedience to His will. God sent Chinese people to us in the first year I was serving at the sanitarium, and though the language barrier seemed so high, I mustered up my courage and did my best to teach them.

I realized only later that God had been pioneering ahead of me. In the latter half of the first year, God provided opportunities to cooperate with young adults for campus ministries and to study the Bible with the staff at Y church.

Finally, in the summer of the second year, I was able to share the Word with a Bible school run by D church. God touched our hearts as we studied for 7-8 hours each week. On my way back, God spoke to me through the pastor of D Church on my future direction as a missionary. He told me that although many people have gone through D church, it was the first time for a foreigner to share God's Word in the local language. He challenged me to study the local language harder and to get more acquainted with the local culture so that I could be a more effective co-laborer for the ministry. He requested that I would come to teach students whenever I had the

PMM Testimonies

First Evangelistic Series as a PMM Missionary in Mongolia

After going through language education for a year, I was assigned to be the pastor of the Language Institute Church and the Maranatha Church in Mongolia.

I was worried when I heard that Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director, would be coming to my church for an evangelistic series. Because of the language barrier and the workload that was demanded for running the Language Institute, not much preparation had been done. On top of that church members were concerned because the meetings overlapped with the biggest Mongolian holiday.

I wanted to find ways to overcome the obstacles and concerns that would be faced throughout the meetings. Church members prayed for months, and we had 12 seekers join us. Members also invited friends and relatives, and the Golden Angels distributed fliers and visited homes. As a result, more than 100 people packed into the church to listen to God's Word. I could only conclude that God was actually in charge of the meetings.

18 people were baptized and there were still others who showed interest in further Bible studies. I was concerned because this was my first evangelistic series in Mongolia, and it turned out to be much easier than I expected it to be. Pastor NoYoung Park, my predecessor at Maranatha Church, had laid the foundation solidly by training the members. My thanks also goes to Pastor NakHyung Kim for sharing such a powerful message that touched the hearts of so many.

I thank God, above anyone else, for keeping His promise that He will be with us to the ends of the earth. I would love to enter God's coming kingdom with the people who God has sent and will send to this church. I would like to thank everyone for praying, for helping and supporting the mission work here in Mongolia.

- NamWoong Chung, PMM in Maranatha Church, Mongolia



opportunity.

Actually, I still pray like Solomon that "I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties" (1 Kings 3:7). However, for the past year and a half, because God has allowed me to see Him as the true PMM missionary who pioneers the way ahead of obedient missionaries, I now look forward to tomorrow with great expectations.

The prime PMM missionary, Jesus Christ, who gives dreams instead of burdens, tells us today: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I give thanks to God for giving me the peace of mind in the face of great challenges by touching me through His words.

- ByungJu Kang, PMM in UT



Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) the Democratic Republic of the Congo



Pr. & Mrs. Jung, church leaders, and uniformed pathfinders warmly welcome Dr. Lee and Dr. Ha.



Dr. Lee and Dr. Ha visit Mutiri Center Hospital



Missionaries operate the Bethlehem Bakery Shop.



Dr. Lee giving message at Vutara Church on Sabbath



Bapitismal ceremony on Sabbath

On January 25, 2012, Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific (NSD) President and Dr. HongPal Ha, NSD Leadership Coordinator visited the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Uganda, where PMM missionaries are serving, on their way to the General Conference Global Leadership Summit which was held in the Republic of Kenya. Pastor HyoSung Jung and Pastor YoungShik Ham are serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Uganda, respectively. Traveling without stopping, we finally arrived in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As we flew across Lake Victoria and the seven-seater small plane eventually landed on the unpaved runway, we forgot the feelings of fatigue because Pastor and Mrs. HyoSung Jung, church leaders, and fully uniformed pathfinders warmly welcomed us. For the place is so remote, even a Division President in that area cannot visit, but the Division President from Asia visited them!

Traveling the rough and dusty road, we finally arrived at our destination. The place has no electricity or water supply system. Residents can only use electricity provided by independent power plants from 6 PM to 10 PM. After 10 PM, we went to bed in darkness. Pastor Jung's family has survived in such a place. Moreover, they are doing a great job despite the inferior circumstances through the support of sister churches in Korea and the USA. They operate the Bethlehem Bakery Shop which sells bread to people and uses the profits to help 25 orphans in their own orphanage. They bought some land so that people can stand on their own feet by farming. They also operate a poultry farm and use those profits for local churches. Now the poultry farm is run



Report for and the Republic of Uganda



They encourage church members.



A number of church members gather together



(From left) Pr. YoungShik Ham, Dr. HongPal Ha, Dr. Jairyong Lee, Pr. HyoSU Jung at the border of Uganda

by the Mission, as they donated it. Above all, they have trained future leaders by sponsoring scholarships for 30 theologians in Lucanga College. The theologians serve at local churches nearby and they have a baptismal ceremony on almost every Sabbath. We also visited schools, hospitals, and churches which are in very poor environments and outside help is urgently needed.

Instead of taking a plane, we passed the border by land to go to the Republic of Uganda. As we did not have enough time, we went to the Mission office where Pastor Ham is staying and received a briefing. It has been just one year since Pastor Ham's family started a ministry in the Republic of Uganda, but they work so hard and do a great job.

The educational facility is very poor so they are constructing a school building. Elder SangMook Park from Sunchang Church, Korea, voluntarily works for this project for a year. The goal is to construct four buildings for the school and one of them was completed by Elder Park's hard effort. It was so sad not to be able to visit the new school building because of a lack of time.

PMM missionaries are still fulfilling their duties in faraway countries. Although there are many challenges, difficulties, barriers, and hardships, they work hard to accomplish the Great Commission and to hasten the coming of our Lord. Your prayers and concerns will encourage and strengthen their ministries.



– HongPal Ha, Assistant to the NSD President

NSD's Roles and Its Mission

Interview with Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President

Interviewer: SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director



also has a mission to deliver the everlasting gospel based on the Three Angels' Message to these people so that they can be a part of the remnant church and prepare for the imminent coming of Christ.

Q Please introduce the countries in the NSD territories and what their evangelistic situations and visions are.

A The NSD consists of South Korea, North Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan, China (including Hong Kong) and Macao. It has the Korean Union Conference (KUC), the Japan Union Conference (JUC), the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM), and the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF).

There are 400,000 Adventists in the CHUM out of a population of approximately 1.3 billion. A lack of trained ministers and financial resources are the biggest challenges in churches in China. Spiritual training for evangelists is the most urgent need. In spite of such difficulties, many churches in China have rapidly grown because of the devoted efforts of the Chinese church leaders.

North Korea is still in a dark situation and there are so many souls waiting for the truth of the Bible. Evangelistic work in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Mongolia, and South Korea are also becoming more difficult.

The resources and abilities we have now are not enough in many ways. Nevertheless, the NSD is planning to strongly push forward the gospel work through creative and special mission strategies by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Q Could you give a brief introduction on each department of the NSD?

A The NSD has emphasized the importance of mission under the slogan "Mission First". For the last few years, the NSD initiated very significant mission projects to support the gospel work in mission fields. To realize this slogan each department

Q What are the status, role, and function of the NSD in the World Adventist Church?

A The Northern Asia-Pacific Division has a mission to proclaim the gospel to 1.6 billion people as the headquarters for mission work in the vast mission field of northeastern Asia. It has the largest population among 13 Divisions around the world. The number of Christians in this area is about 45 million which accounts for 3.6% of the total population. The number of Adventists is 650,000.

The NSD is the most challenging field because 96.5% of the population is non-Christian and there are many hardships and difficulties in the gospel work. The challenges are related to Buddhism, Confucianism, Shintoism, Islam, Shamanism, and Atheism. There also is strong prejudice against the Adventist church in many places.

In overcoming the many missionary challenges, the NSD is carrying out many different responsibilities in mission, administration, and management in order to preach the gospel to 1.6 billion people. It

of the NSD is working hard. There are departments such as Adventist Mission, Ministerial Association, Education, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Women's Ministries, Family Ministries, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Health Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Communication. Each department director is taking responsibility for two or three departments.

The NSD has launched mission projects including the "Pioneer Mission Movement" (PMM), the "1000 Missionary Movement" (1000MM), "HisHands Mission Movement" (HHMM), the "Golden Angels", "Mission Day", and "Global Mission" in order to support unreached mission fields and to vitalize mission work in local churches.

Q Please tell us about the NSD's mission and its prior mission projects.

A Mission is the biggest issue of Adventist members in the world. The General Conference and the NSD are motivating all members to participate more positively in mission work through various mission projects.

Before we start our mission work, revival and reformation for missions is required. I am so glad that our Unions, Conferences and local churches are praying for spiritual revival and reformation. The NSD will continue to do its best until every church in our territories experiences the fullness of spiritual revival and reformation.

The NSD has tried to activate mission work in the territories through the aforementioned mission projects.

- 1) The "1000 Missionary Movement" (1000MM) has sent out 5,712 missionaries for last the 19 years. Through the movement, 55,770 people were baptized and 721 churches were constructed. It also cultivated 1,306 churches and companies in more than 40 countries.
- 2) The "Pioneer Mission Movement" (PMM) dispatched 66 pastors to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Korea, Mongolia, Congo, Uganda, Kirgizstan, Kazakhstan, and the Philippines for the last 9 years. They serve as a missionary for 6 years. Recently, 9 missionaries were dedicated and will be sent to Mongolia, China, Korea, Russia, Thailand, and Tanzania.
- 3) The "Golden Angels" was initiated to support PMM missionaries. These singing missionaries assist at approximately 20 evangelistic meetings

every year and tens of thousands of people have been touched by God's love through their music.

- 4) "HisHands Mission Movement" (HHMM) was initiated in May, 2007. In spite of its short history, about 3,000 missionaries in Korea, Mongolia, Japan, Taiwan, and China are working hard for the domestic mission. The goal for this session is to dedicate 9,000 HisHands missionaries.
- 5) Mission Day is a mission program which has been implemented every year since 2004. 130 church organizations and institutions in NSD set a day for various mission activities. Many institutions in Korea, Japan, and China have adopted the Mission Day program and have participated in mission activities.
- 6) The Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) was launched in 2008 as a focused effort to polish the English language and leadership skills for up-coming leaders in the Division. Participants concentrate on developing their proficiency for 2 years. A total of 33 participants from Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia graduated in 2010 and the new session began with 35 participants in March, 2011.

Q Do you have any other requests for the Adventist members in the Division?

A My beloved members of Adventist church in NSD! Since the New Year started, two months have passed already. It means that the Lord's coming day draws one-year nearer. As we witness various signs of His Advent, we realize that He is coming soon. In order to meet the Lord that we have been hoping to see, we must experience soul-saving through the latter rain, Holy Spirit and a change of our character. To accomplish it we have to humble and cleanse ourselves by the word of God and through eager prayer and continuous mission activities. We are the remnant who was specially chosen to accomplish the gospel work in the last days. Please be proud of being an Adventist member in this time. As the chosen people of God, let us successfully fulfill spiritual revival and reformation which is the challenge we are faced with. Furthermore, let us devote all our power to finish the gospel work within our time. We will definitely achieve it through the Holy Spirit. May God's grace and blessings and strong power of the Holy Spirit be with your family and your church. Thank you.

NSD President Visits Papua New Guinea



Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, visited Papua New Guinea (PNG) from December 21, 2011 to January 1, 2012 as the main speaker at the Southern Highlands Adventist Youth Convention. The Convention was held in Mendi town located in the deep inner part of a mountainous area of PNG. It is almost 2,000 meters above sea level. The evening weather there in December was quite cool and rainy. During the one week convention, Dr. Lee delivered special messages from the Scriptures every evening to more than 1,000 young people. On Sabbath, about 2,500 people gathered together for Sabbath worship and fellowship with church members.

Dr. Lee visited a few remote areas of PNG by helicopter for about 5 hours guided by Mr. James Marabe, a Minister of Education of PNG. He shared the gospel message with the native people in jungle areas with Minister Marabe as his translator.

The church leaders in the area expressed their hope to establish a 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) training campus in PNG for the Adventist young people. They also asked to send Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries to PNG as soon as possible.

Dr. Lee also preached at the Pacific Adventist University Church in Port Moresby, the capital city of PNG on Sabbath before the convention. His sermon was broadcast through the radio to neighboring provinces. Pastor Bienvenido Tejano, an Ambassador of the Philippines to PNG, and his family, and Mr. HuiJin Lee, an Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to PNG, and his wife attended the Sabbath worship service and enjoyed the fellowship with the University faculty and students.

Dr. Lee said, "PNG is a land of opportunity. We need to send more missionaries to PNG to reach the people in isolated places with the gospel messages and to help them to improve their lifestyle."



Hong Kong-Macao Conference **Pathfinder & Adventurer Camporee**



About 200 Pathfinders & Adventurers attend the Camporee.

The Youth Ministries Department of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference held a Camporee at Tai Tam Scout Centre from December 29, 2011 to January 1, 2012. In attendance were approximately 200 Pathfinders and Adventurers from 10 churches.

The Pathfinder and Adventurer Camporee has been held for 10 years during the year-end holidays. It is an established program which helps sustain spiritual, emotional,



Pathfinder activities

intellectual, and social activities of church adolescents as well as raises youth leaders through ongoing education.

There were special activities based on worship and fellowship including Honor classes and a variety of skills challenges. Their marching and drilling competition boasts a world-class level as it was done according to the GC Pathfinder guidelines.

Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director, was the main speaker. His messages were entitled "You Are the VIP of Jesus" and "For Rounding Off of My Life". He encouraged Camporee attendees to be proud Adventist youth who have a vision for the world.



- NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director

Korea

MISSION DAY AT ILSAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL



Following the example of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the Ilsan English Language School held a Mission Day on January 31, 2012. Pastor David Ripley was asked to be the speaker for this event. Throughout the day as the students came to class, Pastor Ripley would share a message with each group.

The students are from the community and come to learn English. Most are not Christian and are not familiar with Christian religious activities. The Team at the school began each session with a friendly greeting, singing of simple songs, and then prayer.

Pastor David spoke on the topic of God. He shared how we can discover God through "general revelation" or through Nature and science, or through "special revelation" which is through the Bible. Then he shared some of the attributes of the God we serve. This was ended with an invitation to look seriously to see if God is real and to discover the great blessings they could have in their lives by being connected to God.

It was a blessing to share about our wonderful God with the students at the school. We know that God will certainly reach out to these students. This is a wonderful ministry!

- David Ripley, NSD Ministerial Association Secretary



Five Local Conferences in *Korea* Hold Constituency Meetings



Five local conferences in Korea held constituency meetings at several locations. Local church leaders, and members sent by the churches as delegates to the constituency meetings of KUC gathered to witness the sessions. They also participated in the elections of the new executive officers and departmental directors. Those elected will hold these offices for four years.

On January 3 and 4, the Midwest Korean Conference convened their constituency meeting at MWKC 40th Anniversary Hall. After the Organizing Committee was appointed, the constituency elected a Nominating Committee and a Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

During the two day session, the administrative leaders of the MWKC presented their two-year reports. Also, Pastor Yoon, Jong Hab was elected as the new Conference President, Pastor Heo, Chang Soo as Secretary and Pastor Chung, Bo Yong as Treasurer by the delegates.

On January 5 and 6, the West Central Korean

Conference held its constituency meeting at the Hankook Sahmyook Academy auditorium with the title 'Holy Spirit in My Life! Gospel News to Our Neighbor!' The delegates of WCKC constituency re-elected Pastor Choi, Young Kyu as the Conference President. Pastor Choi stated, "I want to totally trust in the power of God during my presidency".

Pastor Choi, Sung Ku was elected as Secretary, and Pastor Park, Jun Seok as Treasurer. During the closing worship, Pastor Kim, Dae Sung, the KUC President, stated, "What we have to do is to lean on God and the Holy Spirit."

On January 9 and 10, delegates from the local churches of the Southeast Korean Conference gathered for their constituency meeting at the Youngnam Sahmyook Academy auditorium. During the opening worship, the NSD President, Dr. Jairyong Lee, stated, "Evangelism is not easy these days and the Korean Adventist church needs to experience a spiritual revival and reformation. If we live our lives as true Adventists with the spirit of mission, we will surely accomplish a spiritual revival."



Pr. JongHab Yoon, MWKC President



Pr. YoungKyu Choi, WCKC President



Pr. HyeJu Bae, SEKC President



Pr. JaeHo Kim, SWKC President



Pr. KyungWoo Lee, ECKC President



Delegates vote in an orderly manner.



Delegates praying together before they make important decisions

Pastor Bae, Hye Ju was elected as the new Conference President. He was elected as SS-PM Director of KUC last December but he will be moving into the SEKC President's office again. His father Pastor Bae, Jung Hak was also a former SEKC President. Pastor Nam, Si Chang was elected as Secretary, and Pastor Cho, Su Cheol as Treasurer. Delegates were blessed with a special music presentation by the Mongolian musical ministry team, 'The Descendants', who sang several special songs.

On January 11 and 12, the Southwest Korean Conference convened their constituency meeting at the newly built SWKC Conference building. During the session, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposed an item that the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by lot but it was voted down. NSD President Lee, Jairyong stated that it is not proper to draw lots to appoint the Nominating Committee.

Pastor Kim, Jae Ho was elected as the new SWKC President. He said "I hope that we can create an atmosphere in which our church members will

respect their pastors and our pastors will work with strong courage."

On January 16 and 17, the East Central Korean Conference held their constituency meeting with the title 'Only Christ' at the Sahmyook Central church. Pastor Lee, Kyung Woo was elected as the new Conference President. Pastor Lee stressed, "We should do our best to change ourselves for revival and reformation, and we should not lose our identity." Pastor Lee, Sang Ui was elected as Secretary, and Pastor Moon, Chi Bum as Treasurer. All of the departmental directors were re-elected to serve for four more years.

With the end of the ECKC Constituency Meeting, all the constituency meetings in KUC were finished. Five local conferences in KUC will continue their ministries and mission work for four years with the newly elected administrations. It's time for all of us to pray for the new leaders that they will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to successfully accomplish the missions that God has given them.

Leadership Training Session in Mongolia

Mongolia

For ten days, in the midst of the cold Mongolian winter, the pastors came to Ulaanbaatar for training. January 16 to 26, 2012, the pastors and some church leaders met at the Mongolian Mission Field office for instruction. It was cold outside, minus 43 Celsius, on the morning walk to the Mission office, but the discussions and friendship were warm. David and Lynn Ripley shared from their long experience in pastoral ministry.

Pastor Lynn shared the principles and blessings of Discipleship. When a church understands



MMF pastors and leaders attending the training



Dr. Ripley giving a lecture

that we are called to be disciples and not just members, it makes a big difference in how we relate to God, how we relate to our church family, and how we relate to our community. Lynn shared seven markers, or characteristics of a disciple giving practical ways to exercise being a disciple.

Pastor David shared on the power of Mission and Vision and Leadership. Too often churches are very busy doing good things, but the plans and programs are not focused together to grow the Kingdom of God. Mission and Vision are to be something we discover with God and then follow into the future. Mission and Vision leads the church not in earthly power, but in the power of God.

Pastoral leadership is guiding the church to discover what God wants them to become, the church's Mission and Vision, and leading the way to its fulfillment. A pastor is the one who helps others to develop as leaders and sees that they have what they need in training, mentoring, and resources to be successful disciples of Jesus.

The pastoral team in Mongolia is a great team that God has brought together and we are confident the Adventist church there will grow under their leadership. Please pray for them as they lead out.

– David Ripley, NSD Ministerial Association Secretary

MVP Camp Is Held for Character Education of Freshmen

Korea



Sahmyook University (SYU) implemented a Character Education Program for the freshmen at the campus on February 14 to 17, 2012, and on February 20 to 23, 2012. The MVP (Mission, Vision, Passion) camp which has been held for the last three years is

a program prepared to raise global leaders who have mission, vision, and passion which is the educational vision of SYU. It also includes freshmen orientation.

Special speakers for the MVP Camp were Dr. SangRae Kim, newly appointed SYU President, Ms. JinJoo Jang, Dream Designer, Mr. SooHwan Goo, Director of the film, "Don't Cry for Me Sudan," Mr. Seon, Korean pop singer, and Mr. TaeWon Kim, Author of "Young Googler's Letter." They delivered messages with vision and passion. The unique culture of SYU was also introduced to freshmen through sharing vision, community activities, and a cultural festival.

The MVP Camp has drawn positive recognition for Adventist education. It also produces successful results in the improvement of relationships between students and teachers, and students and parents.

Taiwan **Taiwan Conference Human Resources Training**

The Taiwan Conference held a Human Resource workshop in the New Taipei City-Wulai District's hot spring area during November 15 to 17, 2011. The attendees were very impressed by the scenery of the venue.



Although the Taiwan Conference is a bit tight with its budget, the administrators were very supportive of the Ministerial Department in hosting this HR workshop. The workshop had many honorable guests including administrators from the Taiwan Conference, officials from the government and the university, who gave lectures to our staff. The workshop aimed to help our ministers learn how to utilize resources for social affairs in the spread of the gospel.

The workshops were full of devotionals, study groups, discussions, sight visits and so on. The workshops had the following objectives:

- 1) Assist in linking community's resources to enhance church function.
- 2) Assist in promoting community-based churches for mission work.

- 3) Help to develop our junior co-workers.
- 4) Help strengthen the ability of public relations with our churches in different districts to build a network.
- 5) Help develop the skills of our staff in writing and executing proposals, evaluation reports, etc.

There were 88 attendees that were looking forward to a fruitful training. Besides the sharing of personal experiences from the speakers, the attendees gave a tremendous amount of feedback to create a great interaction with the speakers.

Dr. Samuel Wang, of the Buddhism Study Center, and Pastor Stephen Wu, President of the Taiwan Conference, reminded our co-workers that we needed to go back to the Bible all the time and get close to God's Word.

– Daniel Jiao, CHUM Communication Director

Korea

The 33rd Prophet School at Sahmyook University



Future Adventist leaders gathering for the Prophet School

The Theology Department of Sahmyook University (SYU) held the 33rd Prophet School at SYU campus from January 26 to 29, 2012. The theme was 'Do You Like?' and many young people who are the future of Adventist church from all over Korea gathered together to share God's grace.

Dr. KiKon Kim, SYU President, encouraged them. "Prophets of God are urgently needed in this last day. I hope you will be a person who changes and corrects the world, and who has a passion to deliver the gospel to the ends of the world."

Pastor GyeongCheol Lee, the main speaker, said, "Let's not define impossible, what man cannot do. Let's ask and give thanks to God who makes everything possible."

Participants learned many things as a would-be prophet through praise, community training, small group activities, and mission training.

GATEWAY: SHALU EVANGELISTIC MEETING

Taiwan

Hosting an evangelistic meeting in Taiwan is not something new, but having Gateway Church from Australia host it is! A normal evangelistic meeting has a well-known speaker or church administrator as a speaker. But to have a meeting that could spread the gospel and at the same time equip our own members is not very common.

Especially with all of the members who are in various occupations that each makes a contribution towards the meeting to make it happen.

Gateway has a great system that works with the local members to start the ground work. We held a vocational English class to attract seekers. When we were short of people, students from Sam Yuk Theological College came and helped out. In the morning, we went and handed out leaflets and at night we held workshops to learn the "FAST" (Finding a Savior Today) program, which is a small group study program.

After the vocational English class, there were ten seekers who came and joined the official evangelistic meeting on the first night. During the meeting, Gateway Church representatives led the local pastor and members to learn by serving. Ten people also came to the Vocational English Cooking Class.

We could see that the Shalu area was touched



by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps the local people to become desperate to know God; student leaders in Sunday church, students in the university nearby, even a lady who works in the temple who purely wanted to learn English. She decided that after hearing the call she needed to be obedient to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and was willing to have Bible studies to learn about Jesus.

With the great work of every member, there were seven people willing to take Bible studies and five people willing to accept Jesus as their Savior. This is such an amazing response in this small town.

The evangelistic meeting has a health message as well as a personal witness shared by the members from Gateway and the local church. All these testimonies let people see how the Holy Spirit has been leading us. We cannot wait to see what kind of growth the Shalu church will have made by the time the Gateway people come again in the future.

Jangwidong Church's Ministries for Released Prisoners

Korea

The Jangwidong Church, Korea, had a special baptismal ceremony on January 10, 2012. Seven people who accepted Christ as their personal Savior while they were living in the Dream House, a rehabilitation center for released prisoners, were baptized. The Church Pastor YoungKwon Moon gave thanks to church members who supported and served for the operation of the Dream House and also asked for more help for those prisoners so that they can live a new life in Christ.

Elder YoungSeon Lee, a manager of the Dream House said, "The beginning was very difficult, but many released prisoners repaired their past and returned to God's arms."

The Dream House which opened its doors on June 3, 2012, helps released prisoners restore their character through spiritual training and rehabilitation. Currently, seventeen of them have accepted the gospel and have been baptized.



7 people accept Christ through baptism at the Dream House

Korean Adventist Women's Association Holds a Revival Meeting

The Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) held a special prayer meeting for women leaders at the Women's Happiness Center, Korea, on January 4, 2012. The meeting was prepared for the spiritual reformation and revival of women leaders under the theme of 'Fill My Cup'. About 70 women leaders including head deaconesses, personal ministries leaders, and Dorcas Society leaders from local churches attended.

Pastor Hyveth Williams was the main speaker. She worked as a church pastor at the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, California, and as a lecturer at Loma Linda University and Andrews University. She is currently a professor in the Theology Seminary at Andrews University. In her sermon, Pastor Williams focused on the life of the Samaritan woman who came to the well and the grace of Jesus Christ. She said, "Like this poor lady, we can also have many husbands such as money, pride, material, ambitions and other things which disturb living a Christian life. We must know and meet Him personally. Only Christ Jesus can fill our empty cup with the water of life."

There was a prayer meeting after the sermon. Two by two, participants eagerly prayed for 'revival and reformation of the church', 'conference constituency meetings', the 'Union Women Ministries director', the 'latter rain of the Holy Spirit upon women leaders', and the 'Women's Happiness Center'.

KAWA will continue to hold prayer meetings to change individuals, families, churches, and the world.



KAWA members



Pr. Williams (L), main speaker

Korea

Completion and Opening of the Mission Center in the SWKC

The Southwest Korean Conference (SWKC) completed building its mission center in Gwanju City, Korea. The building with one story below and 10 stories above the ground, is occupied by the Conference office, a book store, a pharmacy, a clinic, the SDA Language Institute, a Youth Center, and a church. SWKC had a dedication service on December 24, 2011, and gave honor and glory to God.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, gave a congratulatory message. "When Solomon built God's temple, there was a great spiritual revival. Likewise, I hope there will be the greatest revival and spiritual prosperity in the southwestern part of Korea through this mission center." Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, emphasized that all ministries happening in this center should be for the purpose of soul-winning. Pastor JaeHo Kim, SWKC President, said, "It is very timely and important to build the mission center. Nowadays, church is not only for worship, but also for meeting the needs of the community."

As the long desire of church members in the southwestern part of Korea is accomplished, it will be a center serving local residents and the underprivileged as well as pivotal in spreading the Three Angels' Message to the public.



SWKC Mission Center

110 Years of Mission in China

Hong Kong



The Wuxi Church put on a pantomime rendition of Abram La Rue's arrival and difficult ministry.



Church leaders praying for a young lady from northern China



Many church members participate in the programs.

During the weekend of February 3-5, 2012, Chinese Union Mission and Hong Kong Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists hosted the 110th anniversary of the official beginning of Adventist Mission in China. Many Adventist believers from China joined local church members to make the occasion more than just memorable.

Unofficially, Adventist China Mission began with Abram La Rue, a shepherd and woodcutter from California. He had a burning ambition to take the good news to China. He wrote to the General Conference but was told that at 65 he was too old. Moreover, they didn't have the money to send him. Not discouraged, La Rue negotiated his way onto a ship where he could work his way to Hong Kong. He arrived there in 1888 and began preparing pamphlets for distribution.

Fourteen years later J. N. Anderson, the first official church missionary to China, arrived in 1902. Abram La Rue witnessed the first six people baptized in that part of Asia, before he died one year later in 1903.

As the decades rolled on, a long line of notable Adventist pioneers worked in China. Because of the limitations of time and space we are kept from talking about Dr. Harry Miller, Pr. Ezra Longway, Pr. Milton Lee, and many, many others.

The government policy of China bars the involvement of foreigners and foreign organizations in Chinese church affairs. Yet, as the Adventist Church respects the government policy, the number of Adventist believers continues to grow organically and indigenously. Today there are more than 4,000 Adventist congregations throughout the country.

Even more incredible is how times have changed. Starting in 1902, missionaries were sent to China and today, the roles are changing. Well, at least a little. Here and there homegrown missionaries from China are being sent out to Chinese communities around the world.

Sabbath morning on February 4, at the end of the church service, a number of pastors on the platform encircled a young lady from northern China, who that very evening was going as a missionary to the island

Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific Ocean. Her pastor from northern China, was also on the platform and joined the whole congregation in corporately blessing her as she traveled and would begin her missionary ministry.

Major groups and churches from around China participated in the programs. A number of choirs were in attendance and shared their music. The Wuxi Church put on a pantomime rendition of Abram La Rue's arrival and difficult ministry. In my estimation it was the weekend's showstopper. Even the agitated little kids sitting in front of me were totally entranced and motionless for more than 10 minutes. Wow!

So throughout the weekend we reminisced, we prayed, and we committed ourselves to becoming like our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Spirit impelled a long line of early pioneers to the very frontiers of "mission impossible" without ever counting the cost.

– Daniel Jiao, CHUM Communication Director

Publication of the First Issue of the Mission Day Magazine

On February 10, 2012, the first issue of the Mission Day magazine was published to introduce the Mission Day Program. It is one of the mission projects in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The magazine is also published to promote and encourage Mission Day activities in church organizations and institutions in the NSD. The magazine is published in four different languages: English, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese.



WHAT IS MISSION DAY?

Mission Day is a day set aside by denominational organizations to emphasize mission and evangelism among faculty and staff members. It is to help all the workers to renew their mission/evangelism spirit and provide them opportunities to participate in mission/evangelism activities. The Mission Day Program was started in 2004 to set aside a day for direct mission work by the institutional employees in the NSD.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, the NSD President, congratulates the publication of the first issue and said, "According to the mission statement, all church institutions have a mission to preach the everlasting gospel which is written in Revelation 14:6-13 to every nation, tribe, language, and people." He also emphasized that all institutional workers should be an example to other church members by participating in evangelistic work.

Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, the NSD Mission Day Coordinator, said, "The participation of institutions in the Mission Day Program will be vitalized through the magazine. If all church institutions in the NSD mark a day for mission and share at least 200 copies of evangelistic tracts with their neighbors, the Three Angels' Message will be reached to more than 2.5 million people."

The magazine was distributed to all church institution presidents during the NSD Leadership Summit held in the Philippines on February 13, 2012. It was also sent to all institutions in the NSD. There are 177 church institutions, both big and small, and 12,600 employees. We hope that the mission work in every institution can be vitalized and the mission spirit of the institution workers can be inspired through this magazine so that the Mission, which is the reason and purpose of the existence of church institutions, will be accomplished.

1000MM CAMPUS NEWS

▪ 37th Group of Missionaries Graduates ▪

There was a graduation ceremony at the 1000MM campus on January 28, 2012, for the 37th group of missionaries who completed one year of their life which they had dedicated to service in the mission field. 95 missionaries including 60 missionaries from the Philippines, 25 from Korea, five from China, and one each from Canada, Mongolia, Kenya, Taiwan, and Cambodia attended the ceremony and met their fellow missionaries. Through their one-year service, 2,463 people were baptized; 977 church members returned to the church; seven companies were organized; and five churches were constructed. Giving all honor and glory to God, the missionaries expressed their resolution that they will be life-long missionaries because "Once a missionary, always a missionary." Although the missionaries went back to their homelands, we expect their own Book of Acts as a faithful servant of the Lord.



▪ Missionary Training for the 39th Group ▪



Missionary training for the 39th group of missionaries was held at Mindoro Island from January 22 to 25, 2012. The 39th group consists of 85 missionaries: 38 missionaries from Korea, 11 from China, four from Mongolia, 30 from the Philippines, and one each from Taiwan and Canada. The English training was already begun on December 26, 2011, and the intensive training including physical exercise, seaside exercise, mountain field exercise, and spiritual training was held in Mindoro. Although the course was very difficult, they became one unit and depended on God through His word and prayer. As they finished their English training

on January 26, they started a six-week course full of missionary training beginning January 30, 2012. It contained many different lectures on Adventist fundamental beliefs, sermon preaching, health, massage, remedies, and survival. Through the training, they prepared themselves as a missionary, with praises, words, and prayer leading them to the Holy Spirit.

One woman is especially prepared. Mrs. SoonHee Oh, a 44-year-old housewife who joined the 39th group of missionaries with her 11-year-old daughter has found her passion for mission challenges is young people.

The 39th group of missionaries will be sent to their mission field all around the world and work for the Lord for 10 months. May God bless them to accomplish the Great Commission given to them in their mission work.



1000MM MISSIONARY COUPLE DOES A MARVELOUS JOB IN THEIR FIELD

It was March, 2011 when the Korean missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. JongSuk Han, arrived in the MDIA District, Zamboanga Peninsula Mission. District Pastor, Vilmar Mantos Mandalupa met the missionaries with excitement. The church members were very happy when welcoming them because they believed that they were sent by God to do a sacred task to help and support the work of the church.



In April, 2011, they started to conduct a youth camp that would include five Districts around the MDIA Mission field. As a result of the activities, 17 precious souls were baptized. One of the sponsors was the missionary couple.

The following month, the local district planned to have a big crusade sponsored by the Riverside Korean Adventist Church, U.S.A. During the one week crusade, a medical outreach was conducted.

The medical team was led by doctors, dentists and some nursing students from Loma Linda University to do the assessment at the outreach. The medical outreach was able to serve more than 2,000 patients coming from five different Municipalities around the MDIA District. The climax of the crusade was the mass baptism on Sabbath afternoon. More than 500 precious souls were baptized and brought to the feet of Jesus.

Three months later, another crusade was done. It was sponsored by the Korean brothers from the Sahmyook Adventist Church, Korea. During the one-week crusade, there was also a medical outreach, a Vacation Bible School and Community Services that were conducted at many Public Schools. The team from Sahmyook Adventist Church was led by Pastor DaeGyun Yoo, and Dr. Park, the head elder of the church. After the one week crusade, they were able to baptize 89 precious souls for God's Kingdom. People praised the Lord for His unfailing love.

After the crusade, the two missionaries continued their work. They did door-to-door visitations, fed school children, ran a Vacation Bible School, conducted clothing distributions and performed oriental medical treatments.

During the ten months of their stay, Elder Han and his wife were able to build two new church buildings and renovate three other church buildings. The total baptisms in the MDIA district for 2011 reached up to 1,003 souls. Because of God's calling and their earnest prayers with untiring efforts, they were able to lead people to know the truth and the love of Jesus. When the little seeds of love and truth are planted in the heart of the people, the seeds will surely grow.

– Vilmar Mantos Mandalupa, Pastor in MDIA District,
Zamboanga Peninsula Mission, Philippines





HISHANDS MISSION MOVEMENT IN CHINA BAPTIZES 86 PEOPLE



HisHands missionaries led 86 precious people to the Lord.



Pr. JeongSu Lee gives baptism

The Council of Korean-Chinese Adventist Churches gave honor to God through an impressive baptismal ceremony. As already reported in the September-October, 2011 issue of this magazine, they held the first dedication service for HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) missionaries in August, 2011. As a result of their hard effort in just four months, there were two baptismal ceremonies; one on September 3 and another on December 24, with a total of 86 people born again.

Pastor JeongSu Lee, President of the Council said, "Since the HisHands Mission Movement first began, we are convinced that this movement absolutely makes a contribution in church growth and development. The greatest reward of the movement is that church members can have a confidence in evangelism and they also feel joy from missionary work." This year, they will continue to develop HHMM through organized activities and systematic management.

The HHMM in China, which has its roots in the Yanbien area, is actively working with approximately 30 local churches and companies with the positive support and supervision of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM). Moreover, most missionaries are fluently speaking both Chinese and North Korean languages so that they can take an important part in mission work in North Korea.



HISHANDS TRAINING IN KOBE, JAPAN



The Kobe SDA Church, which is the oldest church in Japan with 108 years of history, held a HisHands Training Session Revival on January 28 and 29, 2012. Pastor SukHee Han, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands Coordinator, and Pastor Hiroshi Yamaji, Japan Union Conference (JUC) HisHands Coordinator, were invited to be the main speakers. About 49 church members who dedicated themselves as HisHands missionaries attended the session. They participated in many different programs including lectures on basic principles and activities of the HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) inspiring mission spirit, house-to-house visitation, utilization of distributed materials, small group discussion, prayer meeting, and mission practice.

Pastor Han said, "The HisHands Mission Movement helps church members work based on systematic management. It is important to train attendees to practice what they learn in the mission field. Church administration including the Division, the Union, and the Conference will support it."

Pastor Yamaji encouraged them saying, "The HisHands Mission Movement is motivating and vitalizing the Adventist Church in Japan. The Japan Union Conference will also help hard-working churches do their best."

Pastor Keith Watanabe, Kobe Church pastor, said, "All church members have great confidence and expectations that the Kobe church was chosen as a HisHands model church. I can surely understand the HHMM and have a passion for mission through this session."

The Kobe Church Board appointed Mrs. Kuniko Tanaka as a Church HisHands Coordinator, organized groups, and assigned fields and prepared distributed materials. Their systematic preparation for HisHands will bring tremendous blessings to the church.



Pr. Han giving lectures on HisHands



Church members going out for practice



GOLDEN ANGELS CONCERT

The 8th group of Golden Angels of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had their music concert which was entitled "Harmony of Testimony" at the Bonbu church on January 7, 2012. This concert was a joint concert with the 1st to 9th groups of Golden Angels. They sang and praised God with more than 20 songs. People's hearts were filled with joy and praise through the Golden Angels' beautiful singing.

The Concert began with the welcome remarks from NSD Youth director, Nakhyung Kim. After the Golden Angels sang a few songs, the Descendants Singers came up to the stage and sang two songs in beautiful traditional Mongolian costumes.

Through a video presentation, the members of Golden Angels 8 gave a short testimony one by one. People's hearts were touched by their inspiring stories. The 9th group members also spoke about their resolutions for their future music ministries.

After the testimonies were given, there was a

plaque presentation. NSD President Dr. Jairyong Lee gave plaques to each Golden Angels missionary and expressed his gratitude. He stated, "Golden Angels have been serving God overcoming many difficulties through God's help and with the prayers of the Adventist brethren. They have been doing many good ministries inside our NSD territories for a year. Now it's time for them to finish their service. We can not express our deepest gratitude by this simple plaque but I hope that their whole life will be used by God for gospel ministries"

Golden Angels 8 will return to their home countries. Golden Angels 9 consists of 5 Koreans, 1 Mongolian, 1 Filipina and 1 Chinese. They began their service with this concert and they will travel to many countries inside and outside of NSD (including presenting many evangelical meetings in Russia) to spread the gospel message through their musical talent.

Golden Angels 2012

The eight new members of the 9th group of Golden Angels have started their ministry for 2012. They dedicated themselves as singing missionaries, who will devote one year for the Lord, at the Golden Angels concert held in Bonbu Church on January 7, 2012.

The Golden Angels missionaries will support evangelistic meetings in Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) churches for about five months. They will also preach the message of Salvation through their praise at several Adventist schools' Weeks of Prayer, youth camp meetings, military camps, and welfare facilities such as nursing homes and orphanages. This year they will also perform heavenly melodies before more than 3,000 young people at the Youth Conference, by invitation from the Euro-Asia Division, which will be held from August 15 to 30, 2012.

Currently, the 9th group of Golden Angels has already finished training and preparation for their ministries in domestic and foreign countries. Starting with the Week of Prayer at Hong Kong Adventist College on March 11, they will begin their ministry which will also include Taiwan, Japan, China, and Korea.



The new members are (from top left, clockwise) TaeKyun Bong (Second Tenor, Korea), Ariuntuya Davaasuren (Soprano, Mongolia), Shuk Mei Lau (Soprano, Hong Kong), JungYoun Lee (Bass, Korea), SeulKi Yun (High Tenor, Korea), Jehaziel Alburo (High Soprano, Philippines), JinSil Kim (Alto, Korea), DongWon Kang (Baritone, Korea).

Please pray for a fruitful ministry of the Golden Angels in 2012.

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