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“Revival for Mission”

Pastor Teru Fukui, Chairman of NSD Spiritual Revival and Reformation Committee Emphasizes Revival for Mission.

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION
On March 11, at 2:46 in the afternoon, there was a strong earthquake, registering 9.0 magnitude on the Richter scale. It strongly shook the northeastern part of Japan, and the ensuing tsunami waters utterly destroyed the huge area in a few minutes. Roughly 30,000 people lost their lives or are still missing. About half a million people had to evacuate to temporary shelters, and innumerable people lost their loved ones and earthly possessions. The crippled nuclear plants in Fukushima began to emit radiation. Hundreds of thousands of people in the disaster stricken areas were in panic situations.

After about 10 days, on March 20, I visited Japan. Together with Pastor Masumi Shimada, president of Japan Union Conference, we traveled by special envoy to our churches and institutions in Sendai and Fukushima, the places most devastated by the quake. We thanked God for His protection of our churches and church members from the pernicious disasters.

We also visited the villages and towns along the seashores where the tsunami mercilessly pummeled everything. The devastation caused by tsunami waters in the huge areas was beyond description. There used to be hundreds of houses and buildings with thousands of people living in them, but now they have turned to bleak and completely desolated places. Nothing was left there except huge piles of debris here and there and unbearable stench. It seemed to me like the aftermath of the great Battle of Armageddon.

While looking at the devastated area, I strongly felt that God is sending urgent messages to His people: “Time is short. Jesus is coming soon. Be ready for His Second Coming and preach the gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue and people as quickly as possible!”

These days we see uncountable signs of the times being fulfilled around us. Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and all kinds of natural disasters! Various kinds of accidents and sicknesses! Immorality and unrelenting cruelty of people! Wars and rumors of wars! Famines, economic crisis and marital problems! The appearance of false christs and false prophets! The list could go on and on. Then, a serious question is: do these really tell us about the imminent coming of Jesus Christ? As Adventists, do we have the sense of urgency about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

Ellen White strongly appealed to the church members “not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which says so plainly that the end is near” (8T, 252). Tragically, however, many of us have become immune to all these phenomena and seem unmoved by these events, the signs of times of the Second Coming of Christ. We simply ignore them. We don’t pay any serious attention to them. We don’t understand that they are the fulfillment of the signs of the times for the Second Coming of Christ. Every day, they are quickly passing by without our notice. And the problem is that this tragic experience is being repeated everyday and not catching our attention.

Jesus said, “So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him” (Matt. 24:44). We need the sense of urgency for the soon coming of Christ as “It is near, right at the door” (Matt. 24:33).

“Let us, then, cheerfully suffer something for Jesus’ sake, crucify self daily, and be partakers of Christ’s sufferings here, that we may be made partakers with Him of His glory, and be crowned with glory, honor, immortality, and eternal life” (EW, 114).
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REVIVAL FOR MISSION
The Northern Asia-Pacific Division held its 2011 Midyear Committee at the Hiroshima Airport Hotel in Hiroshima, Japan from May 16-19, 2011. For this important yearly meeting, 57 attendees from Mongolia, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the U.S.A travelled to Japan. Guests included executive committee members, invitees and some spouses. Concurrently, the NSD Youth Advisory was conducted at the same place with 16 youth leaders from NSD territories and the General Conference.

Of the nearly 30 agenda items to be discussed, the decision to build NSD its own office was the highlight and created much excitement. The participants were given a good idea of what to expect by a dazzling Power Point presentation which received very positive feedback from the floor. Regarding the approval of the construction of the NSD office building, one union secretary was overheard saying, “This committee made a great decision didn’t it?” One lay executive member who joined the NSD Midyear Committee for the first time commented, “As I have not been familiar with our church matters, I was able to learn many things at this committee.”

Other significant actions taken included: the Mission Congress expecting 2,500 participants at Jeju Convention Hall, Jeju Island, Korea from August 28-31, 2013; the Institutional Summit from February 12-16, 2012 for over 100 directors and managers of church institutions in the NSD; and the NSD Pathfinder Camporee with about 2,500 young people at the International Jamboree Campsite, Gosung, Korea on August 7-12, 2012.

After former Ministerial Association Secretary, Dr Miguel Luna was not reelected during GC Session time, the position has remained vacant.

The Executive Committee took an action to call Dr David Ripley as new NSD Ministerial Association Secretary, director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and coordinator of Spirit of Prophecy. Dr Ripley comes to NSD with experience as a former conference ministerial secretary and conference secretary. He is currently the senior pastor of a church in the Texas Conference in the U.S.A. His wife, Lynn Ripley, will serve as the Assistant Ministerial Secretary.

Dr Barbara Choi is not new to the NSD. She has been residing in Hong Kong all these years but will soon take office in Korea. It has been decided for her to continue her work as NSD Health Ministries director (50%) and also associate director of the NSD Mission Strategy & Research Center (50%) in Ilsan from August 1, 2011.

Besides enjoying the conveniently located Hiroshima Airport Hotel with its perfectly manicured gardens, the 62 participants were also treated to a tour on May 18 of the Hiroshima Saniku Academy, our church boarding school, where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and were serenaded by the high school choir. They also visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Miyajima Island both recognized as World Heritage sites by UNESCO. All were pleased with the excursion and got a small taste of the beauty of Japan.

JUC gave special thanks to NSD because some requested a change of venue due to the earthquake, tsunami, and radiation leak, but NSD stuck with the original plan to encourage its brothers and sisters in Japan.

New Office Building, Mission Congress Top Priority at NSD Midyear Committee

− Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD Acting Associate Secretary
Japanese delegates give special music

Dr Jairyong Lee, NSD President

NSD Officers- Elder Osborn, Dr Lee, and Dr Suzuki (from left)

Pr Paul Kotanko, MMF Director

Pr DaeSung Kim, KUC President (L)

NSD Midyear Committee 2011

Delegates eagerly pray together
Dr Eugene Hsu, Former GC Vice President, NSD Senior Advisor for China Affairs

Pr Masumi Shimada, JUC President

NSD Midyear Committee delegates

Pr David Ng, CHUM President

Registration team

Hiroshima Saniku Adademy Choir touch delegates’ hearts with special music
The Golden Angels sent a message of consolation through heavenly music to the Japanese people in deep sorrow by the recent unprecedented earthquake and tsunami. This year members of the Golden Angels are from Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia, and the Philippines.

On May 18, they held a concert, "Helping Earthquake Victims in Northeastern Japan" at a city park in front of Sendai City Hall. They also visited Yamagata City Indoor Gym and Nature House, a youth training center, to comfort earthquake victims who lost their homes and shelters near Fukushima. They performed at a concert hall inside Yamagata Library and held fundraising activities as well.

At each event, hosted by both Yamagata Church and Sendai Church, the Golden Angels performed for about an hour and a half with songs like 'Above All', 'Champion of Love', 'Power of Praise', 'I Feel Good', 'He Will Carry You' and locals affected by the natural disaster found comfort in their singing.

Citizens walking along the street stopped to listen as they heard the angelic voices coming from the concert hall. The gym and concert hall functioning as a temporary shelter for victims was filled with children, the elderly, and disabled.

The local people thanked
the Golden Angels for being with them, because they knew it was not easy for them to come all the way to Japan. They were also surprised that these young members were so dedicated that they left their schools and work places for a while just to praise God.

Locals clapped and applauded after each song. Many people could not keep from videotaping the performance. The community also took a profound interest in the Golden Angels’ deeds, and one of the broadcasting stations even covered the story.

It was not just music but the power of praise shown to those in need of hope. Their praise was stronger than any orator’s sermon. They sang with all of their hearts, and it was this harmony that gave the victims of this unexpected disaster peace and rest.

They were like gifts from God to people who lost everything, fallen into despair. Onlookers clapped to the exciting rhythms and wiped away tears to the sadder melodies.

Sometimes the music raged like the wild waves. At other times it was like a sweet, whispering voice. The harmony encouraged lost souls in Jesus’ name.

The Golden Angels committed themselves with all their heart, and the audience cheered them on, shouting, "Wonderful!", "Subarashi!", "Bravo!", "Encore!" Some in the audience were deeply impressed and couldn’t help running up to the stage and bowing to the members.

"I think victims who are facing hard times will be
strengthened through this performance. I would like to listen to this kind of music if I get another chance. It was a wonderful gift for us." Mr Hirai from Sendai said showing his appreciation.

Mr. Ryu who lost his family and house said, "Golden Angels' music refreshed my hardened heart. Even though I'm suffering from a disaster, I still have many friends. I'm sure you are one of them."

Their singing was also an excellent medium of mission work. One of the citizens said "I've never heard such songs referring to Gospel songs. I had no idea these would be so good and touching. I honestly desire to see the Golden Angels again."

Golden Angels all agreed, "This experience will not just stay as a one-time memory. It wasn't an easy decision to come here, but now we all know that it was the right decision. It is our hearts' desire that people get messages of comfort from our praise."

Team leader DaeYoon Hwang added, "The goal of our mission was to console the broken-hearted through our music and share God's love. I could feel God was with us every time the audience shed tears."

"I wasn't sure whether our music could be a consolation. However I am happy, because many people were touched by God's grace. And that is enough for me," said Miss JiEun Choi.

Missionary YoungMin Kim at Yamagata Church said, "I want to thank the Golden Angels for giving comfort through heavenly music to those who are suffering from this terrible earthquake. Although the event was not large scale, the time that we shared together was full of peace and happiness which God gave unto us."
The earthquake and tsunami which occurred in the northeastern part of Japan in March brought widespread damage. Moreover, the meltdown of a nuclear power plant in Fukushima caused concern about radiation exposure. The areas have been designated as unsafe and a travel alert for the area has been issued by the Korean Government. While I was traveling the Sendai area to cover a story, I got a text message that read “It is unsafe to travel to areas near Fukushima” from the government. Actually, radiation exposure and safety raised serious concerns.

Despite all this the Golden Angels visited Yamagata and Sendai which the earthquake and tsunami had destroyed, from May 16 to 21, 2011. Those areas are just about an hour’s drive from Fukushima. It was not easy to make this decision. Of course, their family and friends were worried about their trip. Then, why were they going there in spite of the many risks?

The Golden Angels members prayed. “We hope we can share God’s love through our voices with victims who have suffered and help them feel the love of Calvary.” They also sent an encouraging message to the Japanese people who still face sadness, fear, depression, and despair.

What brought Golden Angels to Japan was sacred mission spirit. Through God’s grace and guidance, we hope the seeds of the gospel sown by His dedicated servants can bring plentiful results for evangelism in Japan.
The first Advisory for NSD was for the Office of Adventist Mission, held from April 18-20, 2011 in Ilsan.

There are two major responsibilities of the Office of Adventist Mission: Global Mission and Mission Awareness. Global Mission is to plant new congregations where there is no Adventist presence, entering the un-entered areas and reaching the unreached people by training and sending Global Mission Pioneers who are local lay leaders. Mission Awareness serves to promote various kinds of mission projects in the church. The office collects mission stories and communicates with different levels of the denomination by publishing mission magazines and producing videos. Thus the Office of Adventist Mission works closely with the Sabbath School & Personal Ministries department and others to accomplish its own goals.

Speakers for the Adventist Mission advisory were Gary Krause, GC Associate Secretary and director for the office; Delbert Pearman, Planning director of the GC Adventist Mission Office; Rick Kajiura, Communication director of the GC Adventist Mission Office, and Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Adventist Mission director.

― Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Adventist Mission Director

The 2011 Health Ministries Advisory was held at NSD in Ilsan from May 3–6, 2011.

Twenty-four participants including 3 Health Ministries leaders from the GC; Drs Allen Handysides, Peter Landless, Fred Hardinge, and directors and leaders of JUC, KUC, CHUM, local Conferences and the MMF, and leaders of health institutions from NSD territories attended the Advisory.

The three speakers from the GC presented updated, practical lectures that touched the participants, helped cultivate and improve their abilities as leaders of Health Ministries. The visit to health institutions on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 was beneficial to participants to collect information on how to successfully manage institutions that are relevant to Adventist Health Ministries.

Participants signed a pledge card which read, “Recognizing the responsibility to both myself and to others, by the grace of God. I pledge to avoid alcohol and tobacco, as well as other harmful substances and practices.” They agreed to be role models of healthy living.

― Barbara Choi, NSD Health Ministries Director
Four hundred ninety-nine participants including 74 children attended the first Tokyo West District Joint Worship in the East Japan Conference on June 4, 2011 at Amanuma Church in Tokyo. The fifth and sixth graders of the Tokyo Saniku Elementary School serenaded guests, a panel discussion chaired by Pastor Shinsaku Meichi, East Japan Conference President were highlights of the Sabbath School Study hour. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, spoke enthusiastically of “Our Hope, Second Coming – Eternal Gospel to All Nations Now.” “Following the earthquake and tsunami in East Japan with over 20,000 dead or missing, we are convinced of the soon coming of Christ now more than ever before. Therefore, we need to quickly finish the gospel work with a greater sense of urgency.”

During the afternoon four lay people shared their striking testimonies which helped strengthen the sense of federation in the district.

Numerous new resources were shared with the field. In addition to the 3 levels of leadership certification classes, we have a fourth level now consisting of 10 classes including interesting seminars such as: Jesus’ Leadership Model, Women Mentoring Women, Mentoring Leadership for the 21st Century Young Women.

One added emphasis is to be sure to include our young teen girls, young women and singles in our ministry to the women. It is the intention of the Women’s Ministries Department to partner the Youth Department in reaching our young girls who face the challenges of puberty.

The numerous meaningful discussions around the table helped to challenge our thinking, each union/field had an opportunity to set and refine their goals to provide a clear direction for the next five years.

− Sally Lam-Phoon,
NSD Women’s Ministries Director
Youth directors from Japan, Korea, China and Mongolia met at the Hiroshima Airport Hotel for the NSD Youth Ministries advisory meeting themed “The Power of One” from May 16 to 18, 2011. It was the first international gathering of Union and Conference youth directors for this quinquennium. Participants had in-depth discussions on the future of NSD Youth Ministries, effective evangelistic methods for youth, and sound youth organization. They also dedicated themselves to the revival of youth ministries.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, GC Youth Ministries director, renewed the manifest purpose of youth ministries and its biblical philosophy and introduced newly initiated “Mission Caleb” program. In addition, the 1000 Missionary Movement and the HisHands Mission Movement were introduced by Pastor KwangSoo Park, 1000MM director and Pastor SukHee Han, NSD HisHands Coordinator. Dr Jairyong Lee, NSD President, asked participants to work with a spirit of “Mission First” as the foundation of all ministries, emphasizing that the most important task for this quinquennium is the revival of youth ministries.

The NSD Executive Committee approved the first Division-wide International Pathfinder Camporee to be held at the Gangwon World Jamboree Center, Goseong, Korea from August 7 to 12, 2012.

− NakHyung Kim,
NSD Youth Ministries Director

TAC Students, Teachers Pray, Fast, Donate Breakfast Money for Victims in Japan

March 11, a devastating quake and tsunami struck the northeast of Japan, leaving lots of damage and displaced people. What can we do being far away in Taiwan?

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:3). Thus following the teaching from the Bible, students and teachers from the Taiwan Adventist Collage and Secondary School hosted a prayer meeting especially for the victims on March 16 from 6:20-7:00p.m. to pray for the peace and comfort from heaven above to be with the affected Japanese. Through the first two chapters of Job, Pastor Wu explained to the students that disaster isn’t suffering that God brings to people. He further pointed out that, we need to be faithful and trust God till the end comes.

Everyone divided into groups, wrote down their wishes and blessings, and the students majoring in Japanese were responsible to translate these into Japanese. We wished that all these wishes would be a token of blessing we have for Japan.
Sahmyook University was evaluated from May 23-26, 2011 by the GC Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA). The accrediting team was led by Dr Mike Lekic, GC Associate Education director who served as the chair. The University was evaluated with the Form B from the AAA. Only a few Adventist institutions outside of the US were permitted to use the Form B for evaluation and the main criterion is whether the mission and direction of the institution is accomplished by all programs and schools of the tertiary institution.

The team recommended a 5-year term of accreditation for Sahmyook University, the maximum accreditation period because of the high spiritual tone and ethos in the entire campus, the care and concern for students by the faculty and staff, the coordinated programs and structures of the University in giving their best to the students, and the high academic achievements expected of all students.

Besides the AAA team, the GC International Board of Education (IBE) also appointed a team to survey 2 new programs which were offered by the University: The PhD of Nursing and the PhD of Public Health. This IBE survey team recommended that the University be authorized to offer these 2 new PhD programs.

The University is not without challenges but there is a keen awareness on what will be confronting her in the near future. The evaluation team left the University with some succinct recommendations for her to focus on in their efforts to prepare for the coming challenges.

− Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director

KUC, KAWA, Sahmyook Prepare Women for Future Leadership Roles

Women’s Association, the Theology Seminary at Sahmyook University offered its first course for Woman Leadership. Thirty-eight women enrolled to attend the course starting March 7, 2011. The course covers various components presented by a number of experts from each field, including an introduction to woman leadership, the environment and leadership of women in biblical times, principles of counseling, effective public speaking, prayer ministries, and discipleship. The students are simultaneously working on the General Conference Women’s Ministries Leadership Course and both are scheduled for completion with graduation in December.
Taiwan Adventist College celebrated its 60th anniversary from April 22-24, 2011 with three days of fascinating events hosted. We invited directors of different Adventist institutions as well as our alumni from around the world to celebrate, and to witness the blessings God has given TAC along the way.

The first program celebrated with songs composed by our students in the past. The lyrics overflowed with students’ experience in revealing the truth of faith, and these are the memories shared by the alumni.

On Sabbath, we invited alumni from different parts of Taiwan to come and share their memories of the school. Lack of resources, busy student life, close relationships with their teachers, and other testimonies took us back to the past and unforgettable memories.

The highlight of the celebrations came on Sunday in the form of a tree planting ceremony for the sixtieth anniversary and the opening of a gallery presenting the history of the school. In addition academic achievement, departmental and class exhibitions as well as carnival were held.

In the coming 60 years, we will bring vision to the church, pass on the mission and give direction to the community.

Adventist Education Center Ready to Train Young People for Life

To have an Adventist Education Center in Mongolia has been a dream for almost 10 years. Finally with the support of MMF and some donors, this project was formally launched on May 14, 2011. The name of the project is LEAP, which stands for Life Education Advanced Program and it is operating as part of the ministries of the Immanuel Church.

According to the founder and leader, Adiyahu Oktyabr, the purpose of the center is to “introduce holistic Seventh-day Adventist education to the young people of Mongolia, through training in needed life skills.” The training is divided into four major areas: physical, mental, socio-emotional, and spiritual development. As an Adventist Education Center, Biblical truths are introduced through the spiritual development section.

The project started by visiting several colleges to meet with students and to introduce the LEAP center. First, there was a survey on the educational needs of students. Secondly, there was an open discussion with them about their views of education. Lastly, the LEAP centre was introduced. All the students had a strong positive impression about the program and were willing to join.

Mongolian young people are thirsty for right knowledge and proper life skills. By ministering to their need of life education, many can be reached for Christ.
“Love blossoms in Spring” live performance was held on April 29, 2011 in UB palace “Royal” concert hall. The performance was hosted by ADRA Mongolia’s “Safe Choice” projects’ peer educators, volunteers and student dormitories’ student union members.

The “Safe Choice” project started on October 1, 2008 with the support of ADRA Germany and the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It aims to enhance awareness and knowledge among dormitory students of HIV/STD prevention and help them to make safe choices.

The performance aimed to display what the project volunteers, peer educators and students have learned from project activities and training over the past three years and demonstrate this to professors, principals, dormitory managers and doctors of partner universities.

More than 200 students performed short skits, musicals, and displayed short films during the performance.

Over 600 members of the audience cherished the students’ amazing performances, and delightful skits for 3 hours.

“Bringing Hope into every Home,” is the main theme of Publishing Ministries for this Quinquennium. The key words for accomplishing this task are “One church, one literature evangelist”.

For this purpose, we discussed how to elevate the awareness of administrators, pastors, and members regarding the role of the Publishing Ministry in accomplishing the mission of the Church. Nine directors from the unions and conferences, and three delegates from our Publishing Houses around the NSD attended. Elders Faigao and Hirle led discussions and helped with plans. Plans were developed around 7 focal points: to stabilize publishing ministries at local church level; to build up a Literature Evangelist force; to inspire effective leadership in publishing ministries; to strengthen Publishing Houses and ABC operations; to enhance product development; to develop new methods of marketing; and to provide training for LEs.

The biggest project for this quinquennium is the Great Controversy. The goal is to distribute 50 million copies throughout the world. NSD has not reached a final number of copies to distribute.

- Teru Fukui,
NSD Publishing Ministries Director
The needs of the work in NSD have necessitated some staff changes.

It is sad for us to have to say goodbye to Dr Tadaomi Shinmyo and his wife, Tomoko. Although he already retired in March 2009 in Japan, God called him and his wife to work for NSD as associate PMM coordinator and Mission Strategy & Research Center (MSRC) associate director. God has richly blessed Dr Shinmyo during his 46 years of ministry. He left NSD at the end of June 2011. Dr Babara Choi will take his place as associate director of MSRC from August, 2011 and will continue her duties as NSD Health Ministries Department director.

Replacing NSD Media Center manager, Paul Song who has taken a year leave of absence, Pastor SeongJun Byun has joined the NSD family as assistant Communication director and Media Center manager.

During the NSD Midyear Committee, the NSD executive committee appointed Dr David Ripley as Ministerial Association Secretary, director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, and coordinator of Spirit of Prophecy for NSD. He graduated from Southwestern Adventist University in 1982 majoring in Theology and got his D. Min at Andrews University Theological Seminary in 2000. He has been working for the church since 1981 and was a Ministerial Association Secretary, then Secretary, and Vice President at the Minnesota conference. His wife, Lynn will be the Assistant Secretary of the Ministerial Association and Shepherdess International Coordinator for NSD. She got her MA in Pastoral Ministry at Andrews in 2001 and worked as a co-pastor of the Path Adventist Church in Austin, Texas with her husband.

We believe that God will continue to guide and bless the NSD family and our ministry.

The 2nd Chinese Ministerial and Theological Education Consultation (CMTEC) was held at the Hong Kong Adventist College, from April 26 to 27, 2011. This Consultation saw an increase of participants with 6 UT delegates and one GC representative.

Dr G T Ng, GC Executive Secretary, opened the Consultation with an inspirational message of “The Greatest Need for the Church: Revival and Reformation.” An equally challenging and inspiring message for the second day was given by Dr Eugene Hsu, retired GC Vice-president and currently the NSD Senior Advisor for China Affairs. His message was entitled: True Light in Darkness.

Elder Stanley Ng, the chair of the Consultation, gave the introduction of the CMTEC and the scope and parameters of the Consultation.

Perspectives and needs of ministerial and theological education were shared by the 6 delegates from UT. The institutions of higher learning and organizations also gave a brief report of how they were involved in the churches’ educational work in UT.

The Consultation ended with 9 recommendations, especially a recommendation for the formation of the Chinese Ministerial and Theological Education Committee (CM-TEC). This committee is mandated to assist in the planning and strategizing for future ministerial and theological education in consultation with NSD and CHUM.

− Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director

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Middle West Korean Conference

Resurrects Pathfinder Ministry following Decades of Inaction

As there are plentiful concerns about the stagnation of ministries for children and youth, the Middle West Korean Conference (MWKC) declared 2011 ‘the year of sowing Pathfinders’ and planned specific goals. As a part of this project, MWKC chose 18 model churches and supported these churches in a number of ways.

In addition, MWKC provided a Basic Staff Training Course (BSTC) and Master Guide (MG) course to 120 pathfinder leaders in March, 2011. It was a good opportunity to remind leaders of the importance of the Pathfinder ministry.

Pastor HoYoung Choi, MWKC Youth Ministries director, said “it is regrettable that Pathfinders has not been active in local churches for several decades now. We need to do our best in ministries for children and youth.”

MWKC will continue working for children and youth ministries based on the Pathfinder program. It plans to train about 20 leaders a year by operating Pathfinder leadership courses. Quality materials will be developed and distributed to local churches for Pathfinders.

Families Reaching Other Families

The Family Ministries Advisory was held from June 6-8, 2011. A total of 13 official delegates and 9 invitees attended this advisory that had as its theme, “Family to Family”. Our set of new GC directors, Dr Willie and Elaine Oliver graced the occasion, actively leading in a seminar entitled, “Nurturing Effective Family Relationships” based on some of the ideas (The 7 Habits) of Stephen Covey.

Another important component was to help our Family Ministries directors to learn how to guide premarital couples to understand themselves in different relationship areas. The Oliver’s helped certify participants to use the Prepare-Enrich instrument, a well-researched tool in assessing different important aspects in a relationship. The attendees learned how the couple can be led to dialog on issues and in the process, reach a better understanding between them while learning essential skills in couple dynamics.

Participants also fully engaged in laying plans for the next 5 years together with their directors. Exciting reports were received from the field, and unions/mission field learned from each other how family ministries could better prepare church families for the Kingdom of God and hasten the coming of Jesus.

− Sally Lam-Phoon, NSD Family Ministries Director
Watch out World Wide Web, Internet Evangelists are Working!

The Personal Ministries Department of the Korean Union Conference hosted its fifth training and dedication service for internet evangelists at the Adventist Training Center from March 26 to 27, 2011. Forty people interested in internet evangelism attended the training. During the opening worship, Pastor KwangEui Hong, Adventist Training Center director, said “this is the very moment when internet evangelists should actively work, because the world is in confusion from famine and earthquakes.”

Pastor DukJin Park gave lectures on the necessity of internet evangelism and shared methods on how to preach the Advent message through the medium of the internet. The training session was followed by a dedication service for the newly appointed internet evangelists. The missionaries made up their minds to set aside a particular time for the next one year doing God’s work. Monthly training for internet evangelists provides lectures on Bible teaching and internet utilization.

Son Tells of Father’s Call, Passion, Mission at Memorial Service

Our respected Pastor Jerald Christensen, a faithful brother who has been serving Taiwan half of his life sadly passed away on January 13, 2011.

Pastor Christensen was made conference president 4 times in Taiwan. He was in charge of the Voice of Prophecy, the Ministerial department, Taiwan Adventist College and all other services.

From 1953-1960, through great passion, love and a hardworking spirit, the southern Taiwan area which only had 2 churches and an Adventist school at the time, grew to a total of 22 churches. Furthermore, the first Chinese church in San Francisco was established by Pastor Christensen in 1950.

Pastor Christensen loved God and people so much that he spent very little on himself and sponsored many young people to study in the secondary school as well as the college. His family cared so much about the ministers, their brothers and sisters that they hosted more than 22 children over the years.

We hosted a special memorial on March 5 in Yuchi church, to cherish the memory of our pioneer, and his evangelistic passion.

At the memorial, Robert Christensen, son of the late pastor, spoke of the life of his father; how he was called by the Holy Spirit, how he committed himself to lead Chinese people to the Lord in his early 20’s and arrived in China with his wife; how he passed 40,000,000 in cash in an oil drum to Taiwan for land purchase while Taiwan soldiers were searching.

Taiwan Adventist College has renamed a path in the school “Jerald Road” in honour and remembrance of his work. The memorial was attended by people whose lives were greatly influenced by the walk of Pastor Christensen’s life.
The globalization of Sahmyook University in Korea is an ongoing effort. However, a giant step into the continent of Africa is a very difficult proposition without a strong mission minded interest; cross the border, cross the continent, cross the culture.

Dr KiKon Kim, SYU president and Dr ChunSik Park, Academic Dean of the Graduate School of Theology visited 3 countries in 7 days. They went to Bugema University in Uganda, formerly naked Lugwaran Bethel Adventist Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Adventist University of Africa in Nairobi, Kenya.

Upon arrival at Entebbe Airport, Uganda, after a 24 hour trip, they went straight to the Uganda Union for a courtesy call to Dr Kakembo, Union president. It was so timely that Sahmyook University donated USD10,000 for the construction of classrooms of a new Adventist high school in Mbarara Mission (South West Uganda Mission), where there was no high school in spite of 15,000 members in a wide spread out un-entered area.

The team spent the Sabbath at Bugema University; they were wrapping up the week of prayer and Dr Patrick Manu, Vice Chancellor, an education major from Ghana kindly received the team.

Vice chancellor Manu expressed his desire for Sahmyook’s positive cooperation and participation in establishing a nursing department at Bugema which Dr Kim wholeheartedly agreed to. Both leaders saw it as a “Win-Win” situation. Their vision is astounding and we pray God will bless the plans of both universities. They have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which spells out the exchange of faculties and students.

On Monday, April 18, the team flew to Arua in a small airplane then crossed the border to Congo by car to continue the 53km journey to the formerly naked Lugwaran Adventist Church. They are not naked anymore, we clothed them. For generations the Lugwaran lived naked, away from modern civilization. God did not forget them and came back to find them three and a half years ago. Bethel church has branched into 3 additional Churches.

The final leg of the trip took the Sahmyook visitors to Ongata Rongai, on the outskirts of Nairobi where the Adventist University of Africa and the East Central Africa division are located side by side in a compound.

Dr Owusu-Antwi Brempong, Vice Chancellor, and Dr Joel Musvosvi, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology have signed a MOU for the mutual exchange of D.Min (Doctor of Ministry) programs and mutual exchanges of faculties with Dr. Kim of Sahmyook University, and we pray that both educational institutions will broaden their views far beyond the horizon.
The theme of the 2011 NSD Education Advisory was “True North Adventist Education”. It convened from May 31 to June 2, 2011, with the opening address of Dr Jairyong Lee, NSD president, stressing the challenge of mission for the Division and the reason for “True North” Adventist Education.

The GC Education director, Dr Lisa Beardsley, presented the topics on “how to strengthen the Adventist identity in education especially in educational institutions”, “GC Priorities in Education” and “Crisis Management and Communication”. Dr Mike Lekic, the GC Associate Education director and also the liaison person for the NSD educational work, spoke on the “Commission on Higher Education: Trends, Issues and Transformative Change”. Dr John Choi, NSD GeoScience Research Institute director, discussed the relationship of NSDGRI to the schools and how it can assist in providing an added component to the teaching of science in the schools.

Reports of the last quinquennium and projected goals were given by all union directors and presidents of colleges and universities. It was felt that this sharing has resulted in a greater understanding among all institutions and unions.

− Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director

On May 8, 2011 the new Country Director for ADRA Mongolia, Josue Orellana arrived at Ulaanbaatar Airport. Josue came with his wife Eveling, son Gabriel and daughter Priscila. They will be here for five years to help the mission of the church through the humanitarian and development work of ADRA Mongolia.

The Orellana’s come to Mongolia from Bolivia, where Josue served as the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager for ADRA there. He is a Medical Doctor plus he has two Masters in Public Health (MPH). Josue’s wife is also a Medical Doctor.

We look forward to this family settling into Mongolia and advancing God’s kingdom with their dedication and expertise.

On June 1, 2011 Mongolia welcomed another missionary couple, Allan and Sarah Deblois. Allan has come to serve the Mongolia Mission Field as the Secretary Treasurer. He comes from the Philippines where he served as the Finance Director for ADRA in that country. Allan is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) so he brings considerable skill to his new role.

Allan’s wife Sarah is also a CPA and was previously working for the General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division. She will be working in the MMF Office in various roles including policy development, communications and other duties.

Mongolia Mission Field very much welcomes these two new “Power Couples” to help finish God’s work here.

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Japan

Public Evangelism Still Effective in Japan

A series of evangelistic meetings under the theme, “World History and the Bible – Past, Present and Future” was conducted at Tokuyama Church in the West Japan Conference from May 30 to June 4, 2011. The speaker was Dr Tadaomi Shinmyo, associate director of the NSD Mission Strategy & Research Center, and the daily music program was performed by Golden Angels.

The total number of names listed on the attendance book was 101. More than three times the number of church members came to the evangelistic meetings and it proves that public evangelism is still effective even in Japan where most churches no longer conduct one-week evangelistic meetings.

Because the Church has no pastor, Brother Shigenori Matsueda, a young volunteer worker, has stayed at the parsonage and done the pastoral work over the past year. The average attendance of the church on the Sabbath is around 20. Even such a small and remote church accepted a proposal to hold a series of the evangelistic meetings from the NSD and prepared enthusiastically for it. The church inserted 13,000 brochures into newspapers and handed out 3,000 handbills to advertise the meetings.

− Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD MSRC Associate Director

South Korea

SS/PM Tackles Membership Retention Crisis at Advisory

One of the greatest challenges for the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department (SS/PM) is, how to cope with the strong trend within our churches towards less attendance, less coming on time for Sabbath School, less study of the Bible Study Guide and personal witness. The SS/PM Department is determined to tackle this issue over the next five years. Our answer to the problem is: Revival and Reformation.

One of the big issues we addressed during our Advisory covered member retention within our churches, which currently stands at 30–40% within our territory. For this purpose, we had Dr Jonathan Kuntaraf, and Dr May-Ellen Colon, GC SSPM directors, and Elder Johnny Wong, a layperson actively engaged with the Care Group at Gateway Church in Australia, as guest speakers. Elder Wong’s team has attained a consistent 93% retention rate in their churches over the past 10 years.

Dr Colon presented new perspective of Community Services. Materials have been increasingly made available to anyone through websites. This digitalization that has been made available through the help of SS/PM Department at the General Conference will be one of the greatest benefits for members to utilize in this quinquennium.

− Teru Fukui, NSD SS/PM Director
Members Rally Prayers, Donations for New Adventist Training Center Building

The Adventist Training Center (ATC) held a dedication service for its new prayer building on April 29, 2011. About 400 people from all over Korea and even the USA attended the worship to celebrate and give thanks. This new prayer building which is the largest facility among Korean Christian denominations and the world Adventist Church has 70 prayer rooms with four floors above ground and two underground.

The fact that it was built by church members’ prayers and donations of about USD 2,000,000 shows the spiritual thirst of members. Pastor JinYoung Kim, ATC director, said “the completion of this building is a miracle. I really appreciate those who built it who are like the 300 soldiers of Gideon.”

Pastor GwangHee Hong, Adventist Prayer Center associate director, also gave thanks to those who participated in the construction, for their special dedication. He said “it was accomplished by God’s presence. God is the only one to be glorified.”

Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, mentioned that “the weakness of the Adventist church members is a lack of prayer. People say ‘Satan takes the truth from Protestant churches, while he takes prayer from the Adventist Church.’ I hope this building can be a hall of prayer where spiritual revival and restoration takes place.

In celebrating the completion of the new building, ATC will provide spiritual training programs including individual prayer training, intercessory prayer meetings, an image library, and music hall beginning June 2011.
It was a historical evangelistic meeting. It is impossible even to imagine. It is true that it is beyond imagination in almost all other parts of the country. In a midsize city in the southern part of China, a series of public evangelistic meetings began on the first Chinese New Year’s day and ran until the Sabbath. New Year’s Day in China marks family reunions, not a day for public religious meetings.

When the speaker arrived at the church twenty minutes before the meeting, his eyes grew big by the multitude sitting inside the church; there was no unoccupied seat. All looked really hungry and thirsty for the bread of life.

The theme for the meetings was “I’ve got peace like a river.” The speaker illustrated the value of a sinner in Christ with a 100 RMB note and 1 RMB. No matter how a 100 RMB note is squeezed and crumpled or tattered it still maintains its value over a brand new crisp, clean 1 RMB note. Even though a sinner is marred by his sins, he is still much more valuable than anything else in the world, because he was created after God’s own image and likeness, and purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

When the speaker made an altar call, almost two hundred made their way toward the front. It was the strong work of the Holy Spirit.

Four sermons were presented in the same congregation, two on the second day and another two on the Sabbath. All were very attentive. It was a historical evangelistic meeting, the first meeting of its kind. The day when “the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” is approaching rapidly.
Eighty-four members of the SDA Retired Ministerial Association visited the NSD office as a part of their spiritual retreat on May 11, 2011. The SDA Retired Ministerial Association is a gathering of pastors’ couples who dedicated their lives to the Lord’s work. The group was organized on May 18, 1967, to build intimate relationships between members and to continue to help the church through prayers and support. After being welcomed by NSD staff and president, the RMA members were touched by the video presentation on the various mission initiatives within the NSD. Despite NSD being one of the most challenging fields in the world because of its great population numbers, communist countries, and military tensions, it has been doing a tremendous job through different mission initiatives and strategies.

Guests also visited the NSD Mission Museum that shows the mission history of the NSD and the fruits of all missionaries’ enthusiastic devotion. Giving thanks to God for His mercy and guidance, visitors eagerly prayed for the NSD and its workers to complete the gospel work through the power of the Holy Spirit. The special banquet for visitors was well prepared and made everyone happy. Upon leaving the NSD office, RMA members resolved once again to be role model to ministers in service and to be more faithful to the Lord’s work. Twenty-two of the members of the association are still serving at local churches as church pastors, while others are writing, hosting revival or evangelistic meetings and engaged in missionary work at home and abroad.
At the 59th session of the General Conference in Atlanta, USA on June 23, 2010, Dr Ted C. Wilson was chosen as the new president of the World Church. He mentioned that Revival & Reformation is the most urgent task of the church. So, the General Conference organized a Revival & Reformation Committee and initiated various campaigns that promote spiritual growth of individuals.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division followed suit and established its own Revival & Reformation Committee with three campaigns from June 1, 2011. The first is a Great Controversy Project which encourages all NSD workers to complete reading the Great Controversy by the end of 2011. Every other Wednesday morning, NSD employees divide into 7 groups and share their impressions of what they have read. NSD provided translations of the Great Controversy in English, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. As this book has 42 chapters, readers can read from cover to cover by the end of the year if they read 3 chapters every two weeks. In addition, 30 sets of Great Conflict series were donated by Pastor SiYoung Kim, the president of Korean Publishing House, who was attending our Publishing Advisory. Some of our staff were looking for the book in Korean to join this Reading Program, so we believe these staff who received these sets have reasons to read more of spirit of prophecy books.

Dr Jairyong Lee, NSD president, said “even though I have read this book many times before, I am newly touched and inspired by my recent rereading it again. It will be a good opportunity for all church members in NSD territories to read our messages before we deliver them. I also hope we can realize that we are the Remnant who will finally win the controversy between good and evil and what’s more to dedicate ourselves to mission work through this book.”

The second project is a spiritual retreat. NSD plans to have a special time to spiritually arm all workers with words and prayer, by visiting the Adventist Training Center. And the third project is a daily break from work for devotion which is a time to build an individual altar of words and prayer in the work place at three o’clock everyday for 15 minutes. NSD expects that all its workers will grow and revive their faith through these new projects for spiritual Revival & Reformation.
1000Missionary Movement, the greatest challenge of the century has been going for 18 years. It started with a mission that was to arm young people with mission training and to spread the Three Angel’s message to the end of the world and to have missionaries serve the church after they return.

The mission is still the Great Commission and the challenge of the mission is to go forward despite the result. The Lord commands those who hesitate to serve. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will guide you with My eye.” (Psalms 32:8) “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

We need more prayer. The Adventist movement is a missionary movement and it is a prayer-based movement where we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us. We need to pray to open the door of our mission and move along by faith. When the prayers of the churches are directed at the mission field, the spirit of the mission field will be on fire and when missionaries pray in earnest, churches will grow.

We need more volunteer missionaries. Currently missionaries are dispatched to more than 10 countries beyond the Philippines. People dying in spiritual darkness are waiting for the help of motivated missionaries. One year of life as a missionary will surpass a whole lifetime without mission experience.

We need more donations. The essence of a movement is its volunteers. Donations from churches are as urgent and as needed as volunteer missionaries. “Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power.” (Psalms 110:3)

Once a Missionary, Always a missionary! A missionary exists when the person acknowledges his purpose and the people around him acknowledge him as a missionary. Missionaries are not only to be missionaries when sent to the field but they should remain missionaries even after they come back from their mission field to their churches.

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Missionary Chants

Pray! More! Read! Much! Learn! Eagerly! Serve! One another! Ready for chanting! Advance! I’m a missionary! The Lord calls me! I can do it! Once a missionary, Always a missionary! We are the witnesses of the Almighty Lord. Let’s spread the Word of God to the end of the earth!
1000 Missionary Movement
Branches and Missionary graduates

1. Main Campus: Philippines (3,612)

2. Branches:
   - Myanmar (901)
   - Bangladesh (481)
   - Mongolia (130)
   - Indonesia (295)
   - India-Andhra (85)
   - India-Spicer (35)
   - Malaysia (73)
   - Rwanda (23)
   - China (35)
   - Fiji (13)
   - Peru (30)

3. Branches where Korean directors are in charge:
   - Indonesia (Park, Yoon gwon)
   - India-Spicer (Bae, Jin sung)
   - China (Hong, Soon ho)
   - Peru (Yang, Eui shik)

4. Branch under construction: Nepal

1000 Missionary Movement
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NSD officers with 1000MM missionaries
PMM’s outreach is not always difficult. Despite many obstacles, challenges, and barriers, their missionary work keeps moving on. Advanced countries like Hong Kong have been known to be tough territories for the gospel message to infiltrate. But when the integration of Divine and human effort is exerted in the mission field, miracles can happen for soul-winning. A PMM pastor to Hong Kong Adventist College, HaeJun Cho rejoiced over a few souls brought to Christ. According to his report, many students are requesting baptism following their participation in the Week of Prayer and English Bible class.

PMM efforts in Africa face other challenges. One would imagine that the work in Africa might be the easiest in the world. “It’s not true,” one PMM says. They prepared for many months before a big crusade to harvest the souls by laying the groundwork in various places. Interestingly enough, PMM pastor to Congo, HyoSu Jung has begun training lay missionaries to be sent to different territories in Congo. Mostly, they are comprised of laymen selected from each tribal region. They have six weeks of learning theory and two weeks practicum. They will serve for 1 year.

Just recently, a PMM pastor to Uganda, YoungSik Ham launched his work in Uganda. The roads to the churches are so muddy that his car easily gets stuck in the mud. His zeal for the gospel work, however, breaks through those muddy roads. Hope and pray that he will be successful in his ministry, far up there in Uganda.

− HongPal Ha, NSD PMM Coordinator
On the refreshing spring day of April 30, 2011, there was a special dedication for those who newly devoted their life for a heavenly ministry. 65 missionaries from Maseok Church, Chuncheon Central Church, Seoul Sahmyook High School, and Sahmyook Academy applied to the 6th group of HisHands. Pastor SukHee Han, NSD HisHands Coordinator preached a gracious message about the purpose of the HisHands Mission Movement and God’s calling for this age. All missionaries confirmed their mission and took a pledge before God and the audience. Pastor KiYoung Yum, ECKC HisHands Coordinator gave lectures on how to do HisHands mission work and how to be supported by the Division and Conference, while Pastor ManBok Kwon told about the necessity and importance of the HisHands Mission Movement based on his ministerial and missionary experiences. After the lectures, HisHands missionaries eagerly prayed for themselves and the HisHands Mission Movement in Korea.

God is still calling those who will be His Hands through His Spirit by His power. May God bless His faithful workers who answer “Amen” to His divine call.
HisHands Mission Movement

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HisHands Stories from Mongolia

GANTUMUR
(24 years old, Descendants member)
When the Descendants, singing HisHands group arrived at the Khuvsgul Church by car after 20 hours, less than 20 church members awaited us. In the evening, there was no interest at the evangelistic series. We prayed together and visited houses two by two. The Descendants visited a local broadcasting station and schools. We praised God through our songs and held a health seminar, and then invited students and teachers to the meeting. From that day to the end of the series, about 100 new people visited the church every day and listened to God’s word. I realized that the HisHands Mission Movement is Christ’s method and the most successful way for evangelism.

MAAGI
(22 years old, HisHands in Gobi Altai)
I am a HisHands missionary attending a college in Gobi Altai. I am the host of a local FM radio program. Sometimes, I share HisHands news through radio and invite HisHands missionaries for interviews. Listeners are very interested in HisHands, and some visited our meeting place. Last time, I attended the HisHands training held in Ulaanbaatar with my girl friend who is a HisHands partner of mine.

ARIUNBOLD
(46 years old, leader of the 1st Camp)
I operated a cashmere business, but it was bankrupt during the economic crisis. As I was always busy with my work, I did not deal with church things at all. However, I joined the HisHands Mission Movement in 2010 and work as a regional coordinator now. I recently started a construction business, but still visit house to house in my spare time. I will do my best as a regional leader.
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