The Most Challenging Field

Jairyong Lee, the NSD president (R) welcomes Masumi Shimada, (L) the newly elected president of Japan Union Conference &
The New Year of 2012 is about to dawn with great anticipation and a renewed hope for many people around the world. The past year was full of sorrow, fear, anxiety and disappointment. It seems the world is becoming more wicked and dangerous and that people are struggling to survive in the strong current of sin and misfortunes. The future is gloomy and uncertain. Many people are fearful of the unpredictable misfortunes of life. Hope gradually disappears, and consequently the heavy burden of frustration and anxiety overwhelms everyone everywhere. Certainly, we are living in the last days in the history of this sinful world. “The hour of His judgment has come” (Rev 14:6), and the destiny of the human race will be decided forever sooner or later.

God’s people are living in a sinful world while patiently waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Jesus gave a warning admonition to His followers, especially to those who are living in the last days, “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34-36). He also gives assurance to His faithful followers for the divine protection: “But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life” (Luke 21:18-19).

The anticipated New Year of 2012 will soon spread before us. Throughout the coming year, we will continue our journey toward the heavenly Canaan. Although the future is unpredictable and many temptations and trials may frequently come to us; we will move forward trusting in God’s guidance and power. He has led us thus far in our life’s journey and we are convinced that He will continue to protect and guide us to have a successful and victorious Christian life every day. The servant of the Lord asserts, “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (Life Sketches, 196). We are spiritually secure in our daily journey as long as we follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

In 1844, a few weeks after the great disappointment, Ellen Harmon, a 17 year old teenager received a vision from God. In her vision, she saw “a straight and narrow path,… On this path the advent people were traveling toward” the Kingdom of Heaven. Some people who did not live according to the light shone before them “fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below” The little flock, God’s faithful remnant, however, were protected and shielded by God’s loving care. A bright “light shone all along the path that their feet might not stumble. Jesus Himself went just before His people to lead them forward, and as long as they kept their eyes fixed on Him, they were safe.” (1T, 59)

Soon we will begin another challenging year. We anticipate victory and challenges, opportunity and praise, service and many souls for Christ in 2012. Let us continue to have a safe and pleasant journey toward the New Jerusalem fixing our eyes only on Jesus who is “the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.” (Rev 21:6) The heavenly Canaan is one year closer now.
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News & Views is published bi-monthly by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Its mission is to share the news of mission activities and views of mission of the NSD with the world church so that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be hastened.
It was the first official visitation to Korea and Japan for Elder Ted Wilson since he was elected as the World Church President. During his stay in Korea, he attended the NSD Annual Council and the dedication service of the 10th group of PMM missionaries. He also held a special meeting for spiritual revival and reformation.

During his visit to Hiroshima, Okinawa, Fukushima, and Tokyo in Japan, he delivered messages of comfort, encouragement, and hope to Japanese people who are still suffering from the effects of the tsunami, earthquake, and radioactive leaks.

Elder Wilson emphasized that spiritual revival and reformation is a result of a restoration of our personal relationship with Christ and said “All our work and plans should be focused on the Commission of Christ to preach the gospel to the world.”

He also encouraged church members to have unshakable faith by standing firm on the solid rock, which is the Word of God. He added “The Bible is the only standard of Christian life and the Spirit of Prophecy written by Mrs. Ellen G. White is also reliable.”

In the cover story, we will deal with the itinerary of Elder Wilson who brought tremendous blessings to the entire NSD territories as well as Korea and Japan through his messages on spiritual revival and reformation.
General Conference president Ted Wilson Visits NSD & KUC with Tremendous Blessings

Ted N. C. Wilson, Adventist World Church President and his wife, Nancy visited Korea to attend the NSD Annual Council from October 26 to 31, 2011. He was also supposed to record a video for GC Communication and to deliver messages to the Korean Adventist Church via live satellite about Spiritual Revival and Reformation. At Incheon Airport on October 26, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President welcomed them, saying “I believe that his visitation will be a tremendous blessing and encouragement to six hundred and fifty thousand Adventist members in the NSD.”

During his stay in Korea, Ted Wilson had to manage a series of tight schedules visiting Sahmyook University, Panmunjeom on the border between North and South Korea, the NSD Headquarters, and several local churches. His messages were mainly focused on spiritual revival and mission. These included themes such as revival and reformation, Adventist identity, the importance of the Holy Scriptures and writings of Ellen White, the necessity of city evangelism and strong mission movements. He appealed to Korean church members to accelerate the Advent movement in these last days.

Wilson Leads the Special Meeting for Spiritual Revival and Reformation

At the special meeting for Spiritual Revival and Reformation which was broadcast all over Korea through satellite and internet on October 28 and 29, Wilson emphasized on salvation in Christ and revival experiences. He said “revival and reformation will be accomplished when we establish a personal and intimate relationship with Christ. All our work and plans should be centered on Christ’s commission to ‘Tell the World’. Introducing ‘Hope for Big Cities’ and ‘The Great Controversy Project’ which will be initiated world-wide next year, he asked all Korean church members to participate in those projects to accomplish this great mission. He also added “Remember our Father in Heaven is the captain of this Adventist ship. Christ will come back to this earth soon to take us to Heaven and His coming should be the priority in our lives.” In closing his sermon, he blessed the Korean members and urged them to fully surrender themselves before the cross of Christ as God’s remnant people who depend on His word.

Wilson spent a lot of time preaching God’s words, meeting and talking together with many people.
Wilson Attends NSD 2011 Annual Council

2011 Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division began on October, 28 at the NSD Headquarters with the title, “Revival and Reformation.” All the union presidents and institution directors came to the NSD Headquarters to attend the meetings. A pre-meeting was held for officers/departmental interviewers, officers’ council, and 1000MM board meeting, etc.

General Conference president Ted Wilson came to the NSD Headquarters to attend this annual council. Elder Wilson arrived at Incheon Airport on Oct, 26. NSD officers went to the airport to welcome elder and Mrs. Wilson. The day following his arrival, elder Wilson’s first appointment was to visit Sahmyook University and speak to the theology students who are the future leaders of the church. In his speech, he stressed that “God is calling for a renewed reformation in our lives. We are being called back to primitive godliness and to simply believe in God. Plead with the Holy Spirit for reformation.” There was a Q&A hour after the speech, where he kindly answered many questions.

The official session of the Annual Council began with the morning devotional message from Elder Wilson followed by a DVD presentation of His Hands Mission Movement, the Session and the President’s Report. During President Wilson’s report, Dr. Jairyong Lee gave a special report on major ministries and projects of the Division and how the work has been carrying on successfully. There were also several reports of the JUC, Communication & HHMM, CHUM, etc.

On Sabbath there were special revival meetings and events held at Sahmyook University. Elder Wilson preached three times during the revival meetings. Also the PMM missionary dedication service and a Golden Angels’ concert were held in the afternoon.
Wilson Participates in the Dedication of the 10th Group of PMM Missionaries

The dedication service for the 10th group of PMM missionaries was held at Sahmyook University Church on October 29, 2011. About 500 attendees including Elder Ted Wilson, GC President and the NSD Executive Committee members attended the service to encourage the missionaries. Reciting 2 Timothy Chapter 4, Elder Wilson said, “A missionary life is not an easy one, but please be missionaries who preach the word in season and out of season like the Apostle Paul who finished the race of faith.” Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President said, “The most precious title a person can have in this world is that of being called a missionary; and the power of the Holy Spirit that God promises to give us will be with His missionaries.” Then he presented them plaques of appointment.

Among nine PMM missionary families, five families will be sent to the NSD territories such as Mongolia and Korea and the other four families will be sent to territories outside the NSD including Russia, Uzbekistan, and Thailand. With the help of the KUC Media Center the event was broadcast live all over Korea via satellite and internet.
World Church President Visits Japan

Elder and Mrs. Ted Wilson visited Hiroshima, Okinawa, Fukushima in Japan to preach the message of revival and to comfort earthquake victims, accompanied by Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, Dr. Akeri Suzuki, NSD Secretary, and Pastor SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director.

They arrived at Hiroshima airport on October 31, 2011 welcomed by Pastor Masumi Shimada, JUC President. On the next day they visited the Peace Memorial Park and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial-Genbaku Dome. There, Elder Wilson met Mrs. Sumiko Ueki, a survivor of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima. Now 83 years old, she worked at a munitions factory during World War II. The factory was just 2km away from the bomb-struck area, but fortunately she had a hairbreadth escape from death. After that incident, she sent her daughter to an Adventist school and she herself later became an Adventist.

In the afternoon, they visited Hiroshima Adventist Academy. The school welcomed the company with beautiful harmony from the vocal choir and the bell choir. In his sermon, Elder Wilson said, “Don’t trust in yourself. Trust in the Lord.” After the worship, he shook hands with all students and encouraged them to stand firm for the Lord.

On November 2, the group went to Okinawa and visited Okinawa Junior High School, where students performed traditional Okinawan music for them. Elder Wilson preached a message saying, “God has a plan for every single one of you. You should stand firm for Jesus and the Bible truth.” Leaving the school, they went to the place where Desmond Doss saved the lives of his fellow soldiers during World War II and were reminded of...
his dedication to the Lord and the nation.

In the evening, the message for revival was given to Adventist members at Okinawa Adventist elementary school. Among attendees, was Pastor Saburo Arakaki. During WWII, he was sentenced to death for murder and was imprisoned in Hawaii. However, he repented while in prison and fortunately he was given a special amnesty. Coming back to Japan, he studied Theology and became a minister.

The group came back to Tokyo on November 3 and went to Fukushima by Shinkanshen. Arriving at the Fukushima Adventist Church, Elder Wilson gave a message of comfort and encouragement to Adventist members from Fukushima and Sendai, the earthquake disaster areas.

On November 4, they visited the Japan Union Conference Headquarters to convey the message of Revival and Reformation to union workers and to encourage them to work hard for church growth and development. In the evening, there was a special revival meeting in attendance with about 400 people at Amanuma Church in Suginami area, Tokyo.

The next day, about 1,300 Adventist members gathered together at Yodobashi Church, Shinjuku, Tokyo to attend a historic revival meeting in the Adventist history in Japan. At the meeting, Elder Wilson offered his deepest consolation to Japanese people who suffered from the earthquake, tsunami, and radiation and appealed to them to preach the Adventist message in adversity, armed with God’s word. In the afternoon, another meeting under the theme “Spiritual Revival and Reformation” was held at Amanuma church and about 600 members attended. Elder Wilson desired that the Japanese Adventist church experience revival through the Holy Spirit, so that multitudes currently residing in Tokyo could be reached with the good news of salvation through urban evangelism.

As a result of this visitation, Elder Ted Wilson was able to receive reports on the gospel work in Japan and also saw the current situation of the Adventist Church there. Moreover, he had a great opportunity to preach an encouraging message to Japanese church members and leaders and to suggest a direction for future Adventist gospel work.
Date: November 5, 2011
Place: Tokyo Adventist Hospital
Interviewer: SukHee Han,
NSD Communication Director

Q Would you like to describe the reason you put a lot of emphasis on spiritual revival and reformation?

A Wilson: It’s important that we understand that at the very end of time God wants to bring about a people who will be humble and committed to Him, that they will be used by the Holy Spirit in a powerful way to preach the message of God. And in order for us to truly accomplish God’s purpose of the proclamation the three angels’ messages, we have to be humble before Him; for truly it is His work not our work. So at the very end of time we need to be completely committed to Him and then the latter rain can be poured out. That’s why we need revival and reformation.

Q Regarding City Evangelism would you please explain the necessity and importance of it?

A Wilson: God has focused upon the cities down through the ages. In fact, Jesus when He came over the crest of the hill in His triumphal entry to Jerusalem, He stopped and looked at that city. It was so beautiful and the sun was gleaming on the reflection coming off of the temple and He stopped and looked at it. Instead of just rejoicing and being happy, He started crying and He was crying for the people of the city because they would reject him. Today He cries for the people in the cities; the millions of people who know nothing about Him and His soon coming and He wants us to be part of the great movement to reach cities of the world.

Q Now I understand why it is so important, then how can we accomplish it?

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Wilson: It does not mean just holding a public evangelism. It means working with local churches, with small groups, with literature evangelists, with young people, going door to door, with integrated media evangelism, with medical missionary work, helping people to know better health habits. All kinds of methods are to be used including vegetarian restaurants, health lectures and etc. So God wants us to have a sustained program and then He will be able to bring those who are interested into the church and certainly have public evangelistic meetings. God wants to reach the people; and more than 50% are now in the cities. That’s why we have Mission to the Cities a comprehensive urban evangelistic program.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division is a most challenging mission field in terms of evangelism. Do you have some specific strategies or plan for NSD?

Wilson: Of course we count on the Northern Asia-Pacific Division to come up with practical plans how they can implement the overall strategy for Mission to the Cities, and trying to reach large population areas. But I want to say that certainly the General Conference and World Field is going to be focused upon helping NSD in every way that we possibly can. Especially helping in those areas that are full of millions of people and where very little activity or resources that are coming from out side to try and help. So we are willing to try to assist in every way we can through helping to train, through some resources, some materials and every way that we can. We want to see NSD excel in its approach and evangelistic activities for the Division.

Han: Would you like to give some encouraging words to all the church members in the NSD territory?

Wilson: I would like to encourage every church member to look to Jesus in your personal life. Take time to study God’s word, to pray, to read from the Spirit of Prophecy, to spend time in personal devotion to the Lord. Then the Lord will use that to help you to share what you’ve gained. Pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, not only on you, but also on the whole church. Pray for the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit. We want to see this work finished and we want to go home. I know you do, I certainly do my self. And I want to urge each of you in this vast division to remember that people are the main objective of our mission movement, to reach people with this precious message not only just preaching it, but acting it out in every day life. And I want to encourage each of you, when you get discouraged to look to the Lord and remember that he can bring the kind of reinforcement and spiritual energy that you need to keep going and not be discouraged. I remind you of my favorite text, in the book of Joel 2:21 “Fear not, Oh Land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things” You can put your name in there instead of “Land”. And I believe He will do great things in NSD if we but humble ourselves, pray and seek God’s face, turn from our wicked ways, God will then bless us. May that be your experience in each day, as we look forward to Jesus’ soon coming. God bless each one of you. Maranatha!
World Church President Emphasizes Three Major Projects – Mission to the Cities, Great Controversy Project, and Spiritual Revival and Reformation

Introducing two projects which will be initiated in the world from 2012, Elder Wilson asked the church to preach the gospel to the ends of the world by developing more creative evangelistic approaches. Mission to the Cities is an urban mission project for big cities. This plan envisions evangelism initiatives in over 650 of the world’s major cities from 2012 to 2015 beginning in New York City. He added “God wants the gospel to be delivered to each city. When we labor according to the counsel given to us from the Spirit of Prophecy, God promised that we will see amazing results which we have never yet experienced. Thus we must do our best as the remnant that has a mission to preach the Three Angels’ Messages. I hope all church members will participate willingly in this great movement in one accord.”

He also mentioned the Great Controversy Project. 150 million copies of the Great Controversy will be printed and distributed all over the world. Celebrating the centennial of the publication of the Acts of the Apostles this year, he quoted its first chapter. “The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world.” He added that the most effective way to preach the Three Angels’ Messages is to distribute the Great Controversy, because the book well describes the history and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

In conclusion, Elder Wilson appealed to church members in Korea and Japan, as part of God’s remnant church, to experience spiritual revival through God’s word and to participate in carrying His message to the world through various and creative mission strategies.

− SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director

Church Administration & Management Seminar in Wuxi, China

A group of about 100 church leaders from different areas of Jiangsu Province gathered together at Wuxi Church, China for a two-day seminar on Church Administration & Management presented by Pastor Stanley Ng, Assistant to the President of the NSD on October 10-12, 2011. The seminar covered various topics related to church functions including Leadership Quality, Biblical Foundation of Church Management, Mobilization of Laity, Core Competency for Effective Leadership, etc.

During the training session, the participants were divided into small groups to discuss some pertinent issues facing the church leaders today. Many participants expressed that they need this kind of leadership training in their country. At the conclusion of the seminar, many leaders rededicated their lives to God and committed themselves to become more effective leaders and spiritual role models.

− Stanley Ng, Assistant to the NSD President
November 29, marked a successful end to a three-day year end meeting of the JUC Executive Committee. At the culmination of the meeting, Dr. Lee, NSD President encouraged Japanese church leaders with the word of God. He reminded them that the priests who carried the Ark stepped into the waters by faith even though their eyes could only see an overflowing Jordan River. Dr. Lee asked the leaders and delegates to seek for personal revival and reformation. All attendants sincerely received the message and devoted themselves to the great movement and to give God’s last message to the earth.

Even though Japanese churches and institutions encountered many challenges, during the session God provided them with many encouraging reports and faithful testimonies. The highlight of the meeting might be that Pastor Shimada, JUC President introduced and emphasized the importance of City Evangelism which the GC promoted. This project is to start in New York and then carried out in every big city in the world under each respective Division, Union and Conference.
The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held its 34th Special Session from December 12-13, 2011. It commenced with the theme “Revival, Reformation and Witnessing” and ended a day earlier.

During the session, KUC officers reported on the procedure and outcome of closing the Union of Churches agenda. After receiving the report, delegates voted to record the report on the minute book that all the proceedings concerning the Union of Churches are brought to an end.

The KUC President pastor DaeSung Kim was re-elected. Pastor ChiYang Moon was elected as the KUC Secretary and Pastor ShinYeon Lee as treasurer. Directors were also elected, Pastor HyeJoo Bae for Sabbath School & Personal Ministries, Pastor WonShick Shin for Health Ministries & ADRA, Pastor HoYoung Choi for Youth Ministries, while the Education Director and Communication Director remained unchanged.

On the second day, delegates had time to receive reports from each department and institutions such as Sahmyook University, Sahmyook foods, SDA language school, Seoul Adventist Hospital, etc.

KUC’s Committee for Spiritual Revival and Reformation made a proposal of a detailed action plan and of a report of activities performed. One of the important reformation plans is to re-structure the union conference and local conferences to minimize the number of directors. Another plan is to distribute more funds to local churches and to maximize the...
role of district churches that they should be united for
the purpose of supporting each other.

NSD President Dr. Jaeryong Lee and other NSD officials and directors were invited as delegates. Dr. Lee said, “The Korean Adventist church has many things to do under the banner of Revival and Reformation. Spiritual Revival and Reformation is most important and urgent for all of us. I hope that the will of God is fulfilled through this session and in our lives. And to accomplish this, we must surrender our will to God.”

Every evening, there were special revival meetings. Delegates prayed together for repentance from their sins and asked God to pour out the Holy Spirit. This special session was very solemn and void of heated debates or loud voices. Pastor Kim, Myung Ho gave special messages every morning and evening. He introduced Biblical principles of Adventist Revival and Reformation.
During the Sabbath afternoon of December 3, 2011, Mongolia Mission Field, through the initiative of the Youth Department, sponsored a contest named ‘Bible Olympiad’ held at Ulaanbaatar Central Church with more than a hundred people in attendance. All the churches sent delegation, and a total of 76 members joined the bible quiz that focused on the books of Samuel, Kings and the Chronicles. Contestants were grouped in twos and were required to correctly answer each question presented by the moderator, else, they are eliminated. The eliminated teams were given a second chance during the ‘wildcard elimination stage’; a representation of the respective church pastors and church leaders were challenged to succeed in a given bible-related task. Those that made it to the final round were awarded with medals.

Truly, the activity elicited much fun and displayed good rapport and camaraderie among the church goers, but more than the fellowship, it was aimed to encourage everyone to find time to study the bible wholeheartedly because it is only through the Holy Scripture “that the man of God” is “thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17, NIV)”. We have to be steadfast in nurturing our souls for the end of time is near. If we are to overcome this world by the power of the Holy Spirit, we must follow the Bible!

CHUM Annual Council was held in Clearwater Bay College in Hong Kong from Dec 6-8, 2011. CHUM executive members and invitees attended the meeting. The theme for the meeting was “Revival by His words.”

The participants were blessed by inspiring morning devotions by Elder & Mrs. Ripley, and also by Dr. Jairyong Lee. Dr. Lee emphasized on the importance of personal prayer and devotion in spiritual revival, while the Ripleys focused on the distinctiveness of the Adventist message.

In the two and half days of meeting, many important items were discussed. Some items were met with heated discussion, for example, the appointment of AHHK board members, and amendments of the CHUM worker’s handbook. CHUM adopted and recorded several important initiatives from the GC and the NSD like the distribution of The Great Controversy and Urban Evangelism that will start with 150 evangelistic meetings in the city of New York.

Overall, the atmosphere of the Annual Council was lively and harmonious. Many reports were given by various CHUM institutions, conferences, departments, and services. Participants were encouraged by the good reports and they all could see God’s hand in leading the most challenging work here in CHUM.
It was an emotional moment for the Mongolia Mission Field team, ADRA staff and church leaders in Ulaanbaatar to gather together at Chinggis Khaan airport to bid farewell to Pastor Paul Kotanko and family as they returned permanently to Melbourne, Australia on the 14th of November 2011. Pastor Paul served as the MMF Director for five years and a half, and in addition, he took care of the Communication, Religious Liberty, Sabbath School and Stewardship departments; while his spouse, Miyong, worked part-time as Shepherdess Coordinator. As much as they wanted to prolong their service in Mongolia, the education of their children, Christian, 13, and Samuel, 12, who were both homeschooled since their arrival to the country, needs utmost priority. Pastor Paul, on the other hand, acknowledged the importance of being physically near to his parents who are now in their twilight years. It is for these reasons that the locals heartily supported their return back home.

To express their love and gratitude, a tribute was held on the evening of November 7, 2011 at a special restaurant graced by about 80 people from both the city and the countryside. The event highlight was the awarding of tokens of appreciation in celebration of his fruitful ministry, together with the giving of souvenirs and farewell messages that made the audience and the Kotanko family nostalgic. Adding to the momentous night was the unexpected presence of our NSD leaders, who came to join the constituency meeting of the MMF that took place a day after. Now, the time has come to welcome the new leadership, and pending replacement of Pastor Paul Kotanko, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division appointed Pastor Bold Batsukh to be the acting Director.

History was made on November 17 and 18, 2011 at Wuxi, Jiangsu Province when a small group of Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies (AIIAS) alumni met together for the very first time. In the last twenty 20 years or more, AIIAS, which offers graduate studies, has graduated more than 60 students from China. Luke Hzieh, a 2010 alumnus, from Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province, was the initiator and organizer. AIIAS in collaboration with CHUM and NSD assisted in sponsoring this meeting. Dr. James Park, professor of applied theology from AIIAS, Dr. Verna Wu, education director from CHUM, Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD education director, and Dr. David Ripley, NSD ministerial secretary, with his wife, Lynn Ripley, NSD Shepherdess coordinator were also present at this inaugural meeting.

The alumni shared their experiences, since they graduated, with each other, reminisced about the good old days at their alma mater, and more importantly, discussed how they could contribute to training and progress of the church within China. Even though at this first meeting, not many alumni came, but the camaraderie spirit was high. Each felt that the bond of love that they have cultivated since their seminary and graduate school days has really never left them and they were proud to be identified as AIIAS alumni. Two coordinators, Luke Hzieh and Andy Zhang were appointed to plan for the next alumni get-together in 2012 and their hope is to see more of their fellow alumni participate in this next meeting.

− Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director
The KUC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department reported that the number of church members who participated in evangelistic activities in 2011 is sixty thousand and it is an increase of 20% compared with the previous year. The number of tracts they distributed totaled 4,940,000 copies. This is a 236% increase from 2010. Also, there were 22,486 personal Bible studies and 4,672 lay persons’ training sessions. In addition, about 3,600 small groups, which are a foundation of personal evangelism, are very active all over Korea. And 1,212 evangelistic crusades were held. Pastor SoonKi Kang, KUC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, said “Such an increase of membership participating in mission work is a result of Seeding Evangelism. And the outcome shows us that it is necessary to continuously motivate members to join the missionary work.”

KUC has promoted Seeding Evangelism during the year. This is a mission method that church members continue to deliver tracts and booklets to their neighbors from day-to-day. All members in the nation are encouraged to distribute tracts and booklets on the first Sabbath of each month.

When the Korean Army decided to implement the five-day work week, a new door opened for Adventist soldiers for Sabbath observance. The KUC Youth Department announced the good news that from November, 2011, the Korean Army will not hold military training on Sabbath mornings. Now, Adventist soldiers can keep the Sabbath fully.

The KUC is considering measures that can be taken to use this occasion as an opportunity for advancing the gospel. Local churches near military units should strengthen their role in ministering to fellow soldiers that are led to Christ by Adventist soldiers. Adventist soldiers also ought to show forth their true identity as Seventh-day Adventists and to set good examples. The KUC will provide religious books and magazines to soldiers, so that they can read them in their free time.

As the NSD Youth Ministries Department put emphasis on youth leadership training and nurturing in 2011, it has trained youth leaders in each Union and conference. There was also a youth leadership training session in Mongolia in attendance with 65 youth leaders at the memorial center of Missionary Seo Jiyeon near Ulaanbaatar from October 14 to 16, 2011.

In particular, leaders of 6 groups – AY, Pathfinder, HisHands, AMiCUS, Descendants, Song Leaders -which are actively working under the umbrella of MMF Youth Ministries, gathered together under the theme “The Power of One.” Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Ministries Director, gave lectures on the statement, “Where there is a leader, there are youth.” Each group gave a presentation on their activities and shared their experiences. There were also many different programs including small group activities, Scripture contemplation training, and prayer training. It was a very meaningful and inspiring time for effective youth ministries in Mongolia.

— NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Ministries Director
Mongolia

The Hong Kong Macao Conference held the 34th Camp Meeting in October 14-16 at Po Leung Kuk Holiday Camp. We invited the previous vice president of the General Conference, Pr. Mark Finley and his wife to be the speakers for the meeting. The theme for the Camp Meeting was “Revival for Mission”. Pastor and Mrs. Finley shared with us 6 topics- “Prayer and Revival”, “The Holy Spirit and Revival”, ”The Urgency of Revival”, “True and False Revivals”, “The Promised Revival”, “Revival and Lay Involvement”. Through these topics we were reminded once again of God’s great mission, that is, to spread the gospel all over the world. In order to complete this mission, we must first experience a true spiritual revival. Praying earnestly, reading the bible prayerfully, and witnessing for God bravely are the most necessary ways that lead to spiritual revival. Participants were deeply touched by their messages and how God led them in their global evangelism work.

There were 415 participants in this Camp Meeting. As for those who were unable to participate and look forward to listening to the message, the Hong Kong Macao Conference has already uploaded the audio files of the meeting on their website: http://hkmcadventist.org.

― Brenda Chan, HKMC Executive Secretary

Youth Department Sponsors the 3rd Music Festival

About three hundred Seventh-day Adventists from both the capital city and the countryside gathered at Ulaanbaatar Central Church on the 2nd of December 2011, to witness a display of talents among its members who participated in the 3rd Music Festival sponsored by the Youth Department of Mongolia Mission Field. Twelve choral groups representing ten churches joined the event. Each group, which consists of eight members, beautifully rendered two hymns of praise that set the tone for the Sabbath. Aside from the display of vocal prowess, some song numbers were accompanied with musical instruments that brought much delight to the congregation. The efforts of the participating churches were given due recognition in the form of tokens presented by the Youth Director, Pastor Kang Ha Shik. In particular, the following churches, ranked in order, got the most coveted gifts: Amazing Church, Ulaanbaatar Central Church, Arkhangai and Uvurkhangi Church.

Indeed, it was a spectacular night aimed to promote church fellowship and to encourage church members, especially the young people, to partake in the gospel of Christ through singing ministry. We are to celebrate God’s gifts, and part of the celebration process is to share our talents for the glory of His name.
The 8th Chinese Ministries Convention was held at Hong Kong Adventist College, Hong Kong on October 19-20, 2011. The Theme for this year’s convention was “Revival and Reformation of the Chinese Ministries.”

More than 50 participants representing the global Chinese Ministries’ organizations joined the convention including leaders from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, USA, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam. The objectives of this Convention were, to expand the Global Chinese Ministries and to setup a Resource Pool or Sharing Platform for the Chinese Ministries.

The speaker for the two-day morning devotion was Mark Finley, Assistant to the President of the General Conference. He challenged the participants to overcome barriers for spiritual leadership, to see the doors of opportunity and to see beyond their limitations. The message was very timely and relevant to the needs of Chinese Ministries today.

Many reports were given and three workshops were conducted (1. Problems and Needs; 2. Brainstorming: How to meet the needs; 3. Action Plan and Time-line). The Convention was concluded with a final message and dedication prayer from Mark Finley. The next Convention will be held in 2013.

— Stanley Ng, Assistant to the NSD President

A revival meeting named “Revive Us Again” was held on October 17-18, 2011 in the campus of Adventist College. There were about 170 front line institutional workers and ministers from Hong Kong, Taiwan and UT. The speaker was Pastor Mark Finley who has more than 40 years of experience in the ministerial work.

To experience a revival, we need to seek Jesus’ presence, if not whatever we do in the ministry is meaningless. This can be achieved through Bible study, prayer, and giving testimonies.

The last part of the meeting was a dedication ceremony, it was divided into praying for the children, teenagers, couples and families in Christ, also Pastor Finley prayed for ministers and the ministerial work.
Taian Church has its own peculiar characteristics. According to membership, Taian Church is a small church. Apart from church services on Sabbath, we have programs namely Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, and a Special Small Group.

Bible study and prayer meeting focuses on the study of the Bible and prayer. This helps us to have more in-depth understanding of the bible, and thus, have better spiritual lives. Special small group meets every Sunday of the last week of the month in the afternoon. It has grown much and now, in just two years of work, there are about 26 members.

Taian Church was established a little more than ten years ago. We encountered some challenges, but our members are in unity and are doing quite well in sharing the gospel. In the year 2010, we had seven newly baptized members and in June 2011, God blessed us with five. It is in this regard that we feel very encouraged and are delighted to still see people accepting Christ and being baptized.

The second batch of the Descendants, the singing group representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mongolia, which was organized on July 2010, successfully held the 3rd His Hands Camp Mission from the 20th-27th of November 2011. Eight members of the group, together with the Youth Director of Mongolia Mission Field, Pastor Kang Ha Shik and his Assistant, Sodbyamba Sodnompil, visited three places in the countryside and Darhan, Erdenet City, to sing some religious songs and to hold stop-smoking campaigns and relationship seminars in all schools in the area. Gospel concerts, which served as the main highlight of the mission trip, were performed at Hutul, Sant, Shubaatar and Darhan theaters. The said theaters were filled with a good number of spectators who went home spiritually blessed.

The newly elected president and his committee from Yuxi Normal University in China visited Sahmyook University on November 1, 2011. The purpose of this visitation was to recheck and expand exchange between these two universities.

There was a ceremony welcoming the president and the party. Dr. KiKon Kim, SYU President, welcomed them quoting a passage from Confucian Analects “Isn’t it great when friends visit from afar?”

Dr. Wang Libin, Yuxi Normal University President, said “I was extremely impressed by the well-organized and beautiful campus of Sahmyook University and its passionate students. I hope wider mutual exchange between Yuxi Normal University and Sahmyook University will continue.” At the meeting they spent time discussing many items. They also contracted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on mutual cooperation and agreed to expand academic interchange.
On December 1, a very special recognition ceremony was held for 38 women who had worked diligently for the past year in taking classes at Sahmyook University. For the first time in the history of the Korean Union Conference, the Women’s Ministries Department and Sahmyook University joined hands to offer the leadership certification course designed for women. All four levels were offered over two semesters. 19 Women completed all four levels; 7 Completed Levels 1-3; 7 Completed Levels 1 & 2; 4 Completed Level 1 and 1 Completed Level 3.

The four levels of the certification course comprise more than 40 different subjects covering History and Philosophy, Biblical Studies, People Skills/Personal Growth, Speaking Skills, Leadership Skills, Writing Skills, Nurture Projects, Outreach Projects. In a simple yet meaningful ceremony, the women were charged by the Korean Union President, Pastor DaeSung Kim to go forth in a spirit of humility and self-denial to sacrifice their lives for their Master who has given His all for them. Dr. Sally Phoon, Women’s Ministries Director for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division encouraged the women to serve their churches now that they have been properly trained and to help out at the newly set up KAWA (Korean Adventist Women’s Association) Center situated just outside Sahmyook University to serve the community. The vicinity is being developed as a residential area with many apartments being built. In time to come, the population around the area will be greatly increased, giving us another golden opportunity for outreach and witnessing. During the ceremony, Mrs. Young-Ja Lee, the KAWA President and main initiator of this project, received a donation from the NSD Women’s Ministries Department for the operating expenses of this center.

Sahmyook University has also granted college credits for these classes. Dr. ByungHo Jang, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology reminded the group, “Credits accumulated for the four levels of this leadership certification program will meet the entrance requirements for the graduate diploma in theology program provided the individual holds a basic Bachelor’s degree. So, you are welcome to join us since you are now legitimate alumni of Sahmyook University! Griggs University, the Adventist Church’s distance learning university situated at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, also offers college credits for these classes.

− Sally Lam-Phoon,
NSD Women’s Ministries Director

Dr. Jang(L) giving a certificate to Mrs. SoonIl Kang
Pr. SeonMi Lee, KUC WM Director giving a welcome remark
Dr. Sally Phoon(L) giving a gift to Mrs. YoungSook Jeon
Korean Adventist Women’s Association (KAWA) opened the Women’s Happiness Center on November 19, 2011. It is located just across from Sahmyook University. The center started providing various training courses and programs that awaken women’s potential and possibilities in December, 2011.

In the opening ceremony, which was attended by many guests including officers and members of the association, Elder YoungJa Lee, KAWA President, gave thanks to God and to those who supported the establishment of this long-awaited dream.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, said “The 21st century is called the female-oriented era. The opening of this center is very timely, because women resources are becoming more important in this modern time. In addition, women members, making up two-thirds of church membership, should set forth their efforts to hasten the Second Coming of Christ. I hope this beautiful facility can serve its purpose by being a center where the gospel will be carried forth to save many souls.”

KAWA expects that the Women’s Happiness Center will be a channel for delivering the unique health messages of the Adventist Church and the Three Angels’ Messages.

KUC Women’s Ministries Department was positively involved in the enditnow campaign and Sign Petition which is initiated by the General Conference, to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence against women and girls around the world. For this project, KUC Women’s Ministries distributed the petition, campaign leaflets, and Korean version of enditnow videos to each local church in cooperation with conferences and KAWA.

The campaign started in 11 different places all over Korea from October, 2011 for two months. As a result, 10,218 citizens signed the petition supporting the end of violence and abuse against women and girls.
I. Challenge

With the start of a new session, Elder Ted Wilson, World Church President, issued a challenge which is the Great Controversy Project. The book has a tremendous influence that changes readers’ lives, because it describes well God’s perfect victory and love in the great controversy between Christ and Satan. This challenge is based on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy as follows:

1) In Revelation 18:1 God plans to illuminate the world, taking the Gospel of Jesus who is the Light to every corner on Earth. “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.”

2) “The Great Controversy should be very widely circulated. It contains the story of the past, the present, and the future... I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in The Great Controversy, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books.” (CM, 127).

II. Plan

The Great Controversy Project which was voted for during the Annual Council of the General Conference in 2011 is a part of the common practice in the Adventist Church. In order to hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, 17 million Adventists will publish 100 million copies of the Great Controversy and distribute them to neighbors through various ways such as mailing, personal delivery and display in a public place.

III. Benefits

The Great Controversy Project has the following benefits:

1. Seeds sown change people’s lives.
2. Participants are blessed by sharing blessings from its pages with others.
3. Participants can experience soul-winning through this worldwide project.
Korean Union Conference Votes to initiate the Great Controversy Project

The Korean Union Conference voted to participate in the Great Controversy Project from January 2012 and set forth detailed action plans. According to plan, a dedication service for the Great Controversy Project will be held by the KUC. Church leaders will be invited and they will fully recognize and understand the project.

All members of the KUC will be encouraged to read The Great Controversy and all employees in the Union, Conferences, church organizations and institutions will read through the entire book from January to February 2012. Recorded audio files of the book will be made available and distributed to churches next year, while other necessary materials will be developed, too.

2012 has been appointed, by the KUC, as the year to read and to distribute The Great Controversy. Church members are therefore encouraged to read the book from cover to cover for the first half of the year. When the reading schedule of each church is completed, the KUC will then hold a contribution meeting for free distribution of the Great Controversy. The donation goal is 2.5 million copies.

The KUC will distribute the book through innovative and creative ways including mailing and personal delivery. We pray that these specific plans can be implemented smoothly in cooperation with local churches by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The needs of the work in the NSD have necessitated some staff changes. It is sad for us to say good-bye to Pastor Mark Jenneke and his wife Cindy. Pastor Jenneke has been serving God as the Ilsan English Church senior pastor and assistant youth director.

On December 3, 2011, there was a special pastoral ordination service for pastor Jenneke. The West Central Korean Conference president Pastor Choi, Young Gyu came to officiate at the ceremony. The Jenneke family will return to South Africa.

Dr. HongPal Ha will now serve as senior pastor of Ilsan English Church in addition to his duties as assistant to the president. Pastor Ha expressed his gratitude to the privilege of working as a senior church pastor since he spent many years at the university campus teaching theology students.

On December 15, 2011, the NSD executive committee appointed Dr. SiYoung Kim to take Dr. Ha’s place as director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL), Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) coordinator and Mission to North Korea. Pastor SiYoung Kim graduated from Sahmyook University with a major in Theology and got his D.Min at AIIAS. He began his ministry at the Middle West Korean Conference (MWKC) and was the MWKC Youth director, Pusan Adventist Hospital Chaplain, KUC Youth Director, 1000MM Director, and SDA Language Institute Director. Before Dr. Kim joined the NSD, he was the president of the Korean Publishing House.

We believe that God will continue to guide and bless the NSD family and our ministry.
The Washington-Spencerville Korean Adventist Church held a dedication service for HisHands missionaries on September 24, 2011. HisHands, a mission movement which distributes church tracts and books to neighbors two hours a week, was started by small groups. Missionaries build relationships with interests and share the gospel.

Chanting “With His Spirit, by His Power, as His Hands,” missionaries pledged to be among God’s remnants that go out to share the gospel. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, encouraged missionaries saying, “To be a missionary is the noblest duty and calling under the sun, because God is with you.” He also hoped this movement could spread throughout the USA.

As part of HisHands Mission Movement, the church has supported evangelism in Congo where Pastor HyoSu Jung has been serving as a PMM missionary for several years. HisHands missionaries also participate in overseas missionary work in Congo and have plans to join the literature evangelism project which does house-to-house visits in Beni, Congo.

As news that Washington-Spencerville Church has initiated HisHands spread, the Andrews Korean Church and several other local churches in the Western area also showed interest in the movement. HisHands Mission Movement is gradually spreading in the USA as well as NSD territories, as church members recognize the importance of evangelism.
Students Join the Ranks of HisHands Mission Movement

Students from Dongsung Academy and Wonju Sahmyook High School attended a dedication service for the 7th group of HisHands missionaries at Dongsung Academy Church on December 6, 2011. The ceremony started with Pastor YunHwan Cha, Dongsung Academy Chaplain, and Pastor SangWoo Lim, Wonju Sahmyook High School Chaplain, calling missionaries’ names. After reading a missionary’s oath, Pastor KiYoung Yum, ECKC Youth Director, said “The name, missionary, is a name given by God. A mission program is not a free-ride.” He also encouraged sixteen HisHands missionaries to be HisHands by preaching God’s word.

Pastor YunHwan Cha introduced the academy’s vision for HisHands. “We had a HisHands missionary training three weeks ago and many students showed their interest in the movement. The academy is focusing on outreach school evangelism in 2012 and HisHands will be the starting point for local missionary work in the community.”

Pastor SangWoo Im said “Wonju Sahmyook HisHands missionaries are planning to go to Yilan Church, Taiwan for an evangelistic service. Although it is our first time and there may be several difficulties like language barrier, we will saturate Yilan area with the gospel “through His Spirit, by His power, as His Hands.”

The dedication service was very meaningful and Pastor DaeYeon Cho, Dongsung Academy Principal and Pastor KiYoung Yum, ECKC HisHands Coordinator attended the training and dedication to encourage these young people and to hand them missionary pins and certificates.

Under the supervision of the chaplain, those new HisHands missionaries will concentrate on evangelistic activities aimed at non-Adventist students in the neighborhood.
To conduct the last evangelistic Bible seminar for 2011, we traveled over 40 hours by bus from Lima to a little village located in ‘Delta 1’ - also known as ‘God’s mother’ - where 298 teenagers were trafficking, but were recently rescued by police.

When we arrived in the village it was quite different from other mission sites. There were a lot of shabby shops, inns and pubs right from the entrance of the village. Heartless eyes, loud and coarse language, and an overpowering stench coming from rubbish dumped in the streets. How can a village like this exist deep in the middle of a jungle?

People once rushed into this village because of a rumor that there was gold in neighboring areas, and as a result both nature and people’s hearts were ruined.

We arrived at the inn where our missionaries were staying this year. Rooms in this inn were full of mine workers, stand-by prostitutes, and former missionaries who came with me for the evangelistic Bible seminar. We were tired from a long journey and from the hot and humid jungle weather, so we wanted to take a rest. However, every night, it was impossible to sleep because our bodies were itchy from flea bites. Obscene and lustful sounds that could be heard from neighboring rooms through timber walls offered us little peaceful rest.

When missionaries were sent to this place in March 2011, the home church began with only 10 people. But, now 50 people come to this shabby place for worship every Sabbath, thanks to the missionaries’ hard work and God’s blessing. The home church was filled with people even until late at night; exhausted bodies from the day’s work or the hot and humid weather couldn’t stop these people from coming to this church on Sabbath. From Sabbath morning to late evening, they listened attentively to the word of God as those who were hungry for spiritual food. Though the environment and circumstances were telling our bodies that we were all physically tired, our hearts were joyful for the precious time of peace and rest coming from God’s overflowing grace.

Although there was no place found in this village worthy to be called ‘righteous’, it was nonetheless a beautiful place to us because there were souls that had received the Good News about the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and His second coming. We thank God for calling us to be there.

This year, 10 young people have left their hometowns, families, friends, their dreams, work or study and took their first step in order to serve God as missionaries. Through this year’s experience, they will no longer find their pleasure or happiness from worldly pleasure, money, or gain. Only Jesus Christ will be their Source of true pleasure, happiness and light. Thank you so much for your prayers and contributions.

We kindly ask you to pray for these young people who are finishing their mission work this year, and the closing ceremony which was held on December 17. Please pray also for the training of the 4th batch of missionaries, which will go on for 7 weeks commencing on January 2, 2012.

We pray that God’s priceless and precious grace, His peace and comfort may be upon the lives and families of those who worked with us on this project.
There was a special seminar for literature evangelism, a project never before experienced, in Beni, Congo on November 19, 2011. Beni is a second largest city in Northeastern Congo and a political center. It has a population of about 500,000. Adventist churches in Beni plan to evangelize the whole city from the last week of 2011 to the first week of 2012. To accomplish this project, 50,000 books containing major distinctive Adventist beliefs and signs of Jesus Second Advent are already printed and about 2,400 members from 16 churches will visit each house in Beni to distribute this literature. The literature evangelism seminar was held in three different churches at the same time to teach members how to visit people, to conduct a survey, to collect information and to make follow-ups.

The evangelistic project requires a great sum of money, and so Pastor Kasereka Kavis appealed to attendees for financial support during the seminar. Members responded heartily to his appeal and gave generously according to their ability to aid in God’s work. Their dedication brought about a strong conviction for the project. In addition, the Washington-Spencerville Korean Church donated 10,000 dollars and sent three missionaries to support the work. Thirty Theology students from Korea will also come to join the project and help church members.

This is a sowing process for the big evangelistic meeting which will be held in 2012. House visitations and surveys will enable them to find interests and to know their spiritual condition. The surveys will aid in determining the kinds of seminars to provide in January, for example, health, non-smoking, non-drinking, food, family life, children’s education, agriculture, and Bible study. These seminars will help interests to participate freely in church programs and to be more open to the gospel message. We anticipate fruit from this work during the evangelistic meeting that will be held in May.

We need special prayers and support from brothers and sisters to proclaim the gospel all over Beni, and to hasten Christ’s Second Coming.

− HyoSu Jung, PMM Missionary in Congo
The 8th group of the Golden Angels had their last mission trip to Taiwan from November 6 which lasted for 5 weeks. By God’s grace, they completed their mission in Xindian, Banqiao, Caotun, and Miaoli Church.

Their mission began at Xindian Church, also known as the Sanyu Memorial Church, which is pastored by Pastor KiHwang Kim for almost 7 years now and has members which are predominantly elderly. For the past four years, the Xindian Church has held yearly evangelistic meetings supported by the Golden Angels. As a result the church has become productive; now half of its members are new converts. As Pastor Kim shared with us, they are currently concentrating on fundamental beliefs.

From November 8 to 12, 2011 an evangelistic meeting was conducted there by Pastor Teru Fukui, NSD Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, under the theme “Know Your God”. There were two parts in these meetings: health lectures in the morning and the gospel message in the evening.

The Golden Angels traveled to Banqiao Church which is 40 minutes away from Xindian. When they had a 1 hour concert outside of Hi-Mart Mall, many people stopped by and listened to them while some youth from the church helped in distributing the invitations. A member said “Although we can’t speak Chinese, just by our smiles and a thank you, we felt blessed because people accepted it (the invitation) with smiles too.”

Each day at 10:00 am the youth had a Korean class, learned Korean action songs, viewed traditional clothes and played games. It was a wonderful experience mingling with these people. They are very enthusiastic and active young people.

The second Evangelistic meeting was held from November 15 to 19, 2011. Pastor Raymond Ke, former President of the Taiwan Conference, served as the main speaker. The theme for the meeting was “Get freedom of life”. Every evening the Golden Angels had a 30-minute concert. In every meeting there were new comers. Some were invited by their friends, some knew of it from the invitations they had received.

During the meeting an old handicap man in his wheelchair was outside the church. He shared that his father was a Christian and before he passed away he told him not to forget that. This old man kept searching for the truth all throughout his life until now in his old age. With teary eyes he said, “I would like to know the real God”. It was very touching to know that this old man never gave up his quest for the truth. We hope that these meetings helped answer his questions and that the Holy Spirit worked upon his heart and enabled him to understand and accept the truth.

The Golden Angels spent their third week of mission trip in Caotun Church, which is situated in the country side, under the ministry of PMM Pastor JaeYoung Seo.
After dinner that Sunday evening they went out to distribute the invitations along with some youth from other churches. On Monday and Tuesday morning they shared God’s message through songs at Nang Kie College. “How good it is to sing praises to our God!”

This is the series of the evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Stanley Ng, Assistant to the NSD President. The theme for these meetings was “A New Beginning”. During the first meeting there were many attendees, among who were young people from other denominations; students and many new faces. The Korean cooking class continued to be a blessing to those who attended it. Praise the Lord for these blessings.

The last mission stop was at Miaoli Church. Here the Golden Angels’ members began handing out tracts & invitations at 7 am until 5:00 pm. While on their way to give handouts they saw only few people. Their hopes of handing out hundreds of invitations were almost extinguished; especially since the area is mostly populated by idol worshipers and has temples everywhere. But Pastor JangRyeol Cho encouraged them saying, “Never expect much from your efforts alone but expect much from the Lord; for with God nothing is impossible.” The Golden Angels went to the market places, schools and apartments. They went around the area, reaching out to the people. Some members stayed outside the temple and waited for the people to come out. What a great experienced!

This Evangelistic meeting was conducted by Pastor Kwon Johnghaeng, NSD Adventist Mission Director, under the theme “The Bible & Prophecy,” and it was a wonderful time.

Hopefully, the seeds of truth will find good soil. May God bless and touch the hearts of those people who had received the message and may His grace extend to those also who have not received it.

The Golden Angels are so blessed and thankful that God has sustained their lives. God has always been good to them in giving them strength and power to continue their mission work. Even though theirs was a very busy schedule and they were tired, the members give honor and glory to the Lord for His presence during the trip.
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