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What is the speed of angels? “As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you.” (Daniel 9:22) We can certainly understand that God will finish the gospel work through us in a short period of time.

Let us trust in the Lord and do our best to share the gospel message with the world. In order to accomplish the mission, we can use all kinds of modern technology: Internet, television, telephone, Fax, letters, printed materials, DVDs, and many other sources along with much prayer. He will surely use us as angels to spread the gospel message to “every creation” in the world with the speed of angels.

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Church leaders of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of Seventh-day Adventists reaffirmed the strong need for a revival through God’s Word and put an emphasis on missions during the Mid-year Meeting in Mongolia, which was held from May 29–31, 2012. On May 29, the opening devotional was presented by Pastor Elbert Kuhn, Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) Director, which emphasized “Revived by His Word Should Happen to Our Individual Lives.” Pastor Kuhn and his wife, Cleidi, have served for six years as departmental directors for the Mongolia Mission Field in the past and have recently returned from Brazil in April 2012.

It is the first time for the Mid-year Meeting to be held in Mongolia in the NSD history. The meetings were held at the Chinggis Khaan Hotel in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. The name Chinggis Khaan, and his empire’s place in history, had a strong impact on the participants in relation to our church mission. During the morning worship of May 30, Pastor Kim, Siyoung brought a thought from the Bible, Zechariah 2:4-5: “…Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. For I, says the Lord, ‘will be a wall of fire all around her…’” He matched this with a quote from Chinggis Khaan “Those who build castles will be destroyed. The person who constantly moves and finds new roads will survive.” Pastor Kim stressed that we should not limit God’s blessings to our walls, but expand the border continually.

During the business sessions, the Unions and the MMF reports on Spiritual Revival and Reformation, as well as the Great Controversy Book Project, were presented. As more need for mission and leadership training components has come to the NSD territory (including China with Hong Kong and Macao, and Taiwan, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia), the Executive Committee voted for developing the NSD Leadership Training Center Building on Jeju Island, Korea.

Also, upon the request from the West Central Korean Conference, it was approved to take the responsibility of the Ansan Migrants Mission Center as a part of the NSD administration. “Evangelism New York” and “Tokyo Evangelism” were the hot topics on mission for big cities, which were discussed at both the PREXAD, and the main meeting.

One of the highlighted events was that all the participants read together the Bible, in particular Genesis chapter 44, as part of the “Revived by His Word” initiative of the General Conference during the meeting. For the historical NSD Mid-year Meeting, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, expressed special thanks to all the MMF staff for the preparation of the meeting places and logistics. Also appreciation and prayers were offered for Myagmar Munk-Jargal’s family who had permanently returned in this year from their missionary services in Armenia as the first IDE (Interdivision Employee) sent by the MMF.
Mission and Stewardship are the two wings of the church which maintain its stability. It is through mission that un-entered lands are entered and un-reached hearts are reached. Then it is the ministry of stewardship that trains them as disciples and keeps them as stewards of God until the Lord comes,” said Kwon JohngHaeng, Stewardship Ministries Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), as he welcomed the delegates to the Second NSD Stewardship Summit.

The Summit met on June 1 and 2, 2012, in the Chinggis Khan Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The first summit was held in May, 2004 in Jeju, Korea. Many members think of tithe and offerings when they hear the word “stewardship.” The concept of stewardship actually started from Creation when God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” (Genesis 1:26) This was said long before the first tithe and offering were returned to God.

All the officers and departmental directors from the Division and Union, Conference presidents, Stewardship Ministries’ Directors of the Unions and Conferences, Deans of Theology departments from the colleges and university, and others were invited. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, introduced the stewardship idea in his welcome message from the parables in Matthew 25 which were related to the last events of Matthew 24.

Stewardship leaders from the General Conference (GC), Dr. Erika Puni, Stewardship Ministries Director, and Dr. Larry Evans, former Under-Secretary of the GC, who is now the Associate Director for the Department, were the major presenters for the summit. Those who attended the summit responded, “I was very refreshed and blessed by the stewardship lectures,” and “now I have a clearer understanding of stewardship which does not have to do with only money, tithe, or offering, but the life of a born again Christian.”

The summit wrapped up with recommendations to the leaders of the Church and organizations, such as a recommendation to the conference/mission/field to appoint full time Stewardship Directors, a recommendation to have theology departments include the Biblical approach to Stewardship in their curriculums, etc.
On June 5, 2012, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a Mission Day with participation of all of the staff of the NSD in Ilsan, where the office is currently located. This Mission Day not only involved all the staff of the NSD but also included 26 Seventh-day Adventist church members visiting from China. It made the event very special.

The Mission Day started with worship at 8:00 in the morning. The president of the NSD, Dr. Lee, Jairyong revealed through his speech that, “we are a people of mission. God has established this church for a very special purpose. We are working here at the NSD office for the mission of the church.” He re-emphasized the importance of the mission.

The NSD Mission Day was separated into morning and afternoon programs. Following the opening worship there was special music by the Golden Angel’s, a mission video presentation, and testimonies by a couple of the missionaries. Pastor Kim, Ki Hwang, who worked as a Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionary in Taiwan, shared his experience of God’s grace and the growth of the church in Taiwan, and touched the audience with his testimony. Pastor Kim testified how waking up early at 2 o’clock in the morning in his mission field led the church to be spiritually revived.

During the lunch hour the NSD prepared a luncheon for the people in the neighborhood and invited them to have a special meal. Before lunch they listened to the Golden Angel’s special music and the invitees received the latest Golden Angel’s DVD, and some church booklets for them to share with others.

In the afternoon HisHands missionary Bae, Chan Won, testified how he proclaims the Word of God despite his disability. Brother Bae has a serious language barrier but he always carries church tracts to give out. Many participants renewed their mission spirit through his testimony.

Following the afternoon program, the participants separated into different groups and had a prayer meeting before they went to give out the tracts. Having this experience, a participant from China shared her thoughts by saying “Koreans look busier than the Chinese people, and at first it wasn’t easy to give out the tracts but I am happy that we gave out so many tracts. I hope the people who received the tracts will take time to read them and commit their lives to God.”

Through the NSD Mission Day, the staff of the NSD had a chance to reaffirm the spirit of the mission, to reconfirm the slogan “Mission First” and to recognize that the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church are a people who are especially called for a mission purpose.
The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Treasury Advisory was held at the NSD headquarters from June 12 to 14, 2012. 50 treasury officers and workers from each Union and Conference, mission, and institution attended the meeting.

Juan Prestol, General Conference (GC) Under-treasurer, Mack Tennyson, SunPlus Accounting Program Director, and Cesar Medina, Senior Account Executive of Adventist Risk Management came to give lectures on leadership, the SunPlus accounting program, and Risk Management in the Adventist church, respectively. Paul Douglas, GC Auditing Service (GCAS) Director, and Paul Edwards, Area Director, were invited by the auditing team to deliver lectures on transparency, accountability and audit preparation.

Welcoming participants, Ken Osborn, NSD Treasurer, asked treasury leaders to develop their various roles and functions to serve the church, comparing it to exquisite ancient brick architecture. Guimo Sung, NSD Associate Treasurer, spoke about balance. “Adventist treasurers should maintain balance by making comprehensive decisions in planning, making, and executing a budget, according to the unique purpose and roles of the work.”

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, appreciated the treasurers’ efforts for the church and appealed to them for the accomplishment of the gospel work within our time by arming themselves with a special spirit of mission and stewardship.

This advisory meeting was a good opportunity to reconfirm the mission for treasury leaders and it was also beneficial to provide professional knowledge which can be immediately used in the field.

June 5, 2012 will go down in NSD history because of two momentous events. The first event is that the NSD held the first graduation exercise in its chapel when Griggs University, the distance-learning school of Andrews University (located in Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA) graduated the first group of the Master of Christian Ministry degree students from the Unorganized Territory (UT).

The second event is that this group of 16 students is the first group of Seventh-day Adventist students from the UT that have completed a master’s degree through an off-campus Adventist training program. The degree program was coordinated by Taiwan Adventist College located in Yu Chih, Taiwan. The leadership of this institution aims to see that the future accredited training programs in the UT be in the hands of the nationals themselves.

In addition, three students received a Bachelor degree in Theology, and four students received Certificates of Completion for their Theological training from Taiwan Adventist College.

In his commencement address, Dr Jairyong Lee, President of the NSD, challenged the graduates to remember that the existence of the Church is for mission. He reminded them of the masses in the UT who need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be saved in the Kingdom of God. Hence, the roles of the graduates will prove even more challenging now that they have been trained.

Dr Alice Magarang, President of Taiwan Adventist College, charged the graduates to remember three important points: 1. Continue to bring harmony and unity to the churches within the UT since we are one body in Christ; 2. Be ready to serve as educational leaders in that great country where they come from; and, 3. Learning never ends and hence it is vital to continue to upgrade oneself to serve.

Musical presentations were given by the Golden Angels and the graduating class. This is a day that will long be remembered, not only by the Master of Christian Ministry Class of Griggs University, and Taiwan Adventist College, but also by all who attended this auspicious event.
2012 Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) in Hong Kong

Approximately 160 Adventist technology experts, pastors and communication professionals from around the world gathered together at the Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) forum. It was held in Hong Kong from May 23 to 27, 2012 by the General Conference (GC), Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) Communication Departments. GAIN is a community of Seventh-day Adventist technologists, evangelists and communicators who connect to discuss the creative use of Internet technology in their work and in the lives of those they serve. The GAIN initiative aims to foster the mission of the Adventist Church through creative use of contemporary Internet technology. An annual and international event, the GAIN Forum is sponsored and facilitated by the Communication Department of the General Conference. GAIN 2012 was specifically held in Hong Kong so that the 30 delegates from Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan could attend the meeting.

Welcoming attendees in his opening remark, Dr. Jairyong Lee, the NSD President, said, “The Three Angels flying in midair described in Revelation 14 are asking us to make full use of media for evangelistic work in these last days. We need to integrate the influence of media, its ripple effect, and the Internet into the gospel work.”

Benjamin Schoun, GC Vice President, led the worship on the second day. The title was “The Integration of Media: Fostering the Mission of the Church.” He emphasized the need to carry forward media ministry with faith, giving an example of the Israelites wandering the desert for 40 years and conquering Canaan.

Various professional lectures were given by speakers serving in each area of communication. They continued lecturing while each Division gave their Communication report. As the event was held in the NSD territory, there was an in-depth report and discussion on media ministry in China under the guidance of Pastor Daniel Jiao, CHUM Communication Director, and Mr. Billy Liu, CHUM Media Center Director.

Pastor John Ash Jr. went through an overview of Ruby on Rails which is a web framework which has recently increased in the number of users it has. Mr. Ansel Oliver, GC Assistant Communication Director, presented how to share meaningful content that will get the attention of news agencies, based on his experiences as a former newspaper reporter and photographer. Other lectures dealt with the use of social media, painting with light, fair use of intellectual property on the internet, creative discipleship, and anthropology and mission.

On Sabbath, the participants visited Noah’s Ark Park and worshiped together. Introducing communication and media ministries in the NSD, Pastor SukHee Han, the NSD Communication Director, said, “The NSD is one of the most challenging fields in the world because there are many places where we cannot do evangelistic work directly due to geographic and political reasons. However, with dedicated efforts, each Union takes the initiative in the use of the Internet, satellite broadcasting, social media, and applications for the gospel ministry.”

“You are not just dealing with websites and platforms; you’re an important part of the church today, making easy content, stories and testimonies, that can be used by the Holy Spirit,” said Pastor Williams Costa Jr., GC Communication Director.

The GAIN forum was a good time for participants to agree upon the importance of the internet, media ministry, while discussing a variety of emerging issues, and seeing the direction media ministry, through Internet networking, should be going.
The 7th World Congress for Religious Freedom

About 900 delegates, including scholars, government officials, legal experts and religious liberty advocates from 65 countries, as well as the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) coordinators from 13 Divisions, arrived in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They were coming together for the 7th World Congress for Religious Freedom, set to be held by the IRLA from April 24 - 28, 2012. Presentations, discussions, and seminars were given for the recognition of religious freedom as basic to all human rights. Delegates voted to call for more religious freedom in all countries of the world. To accomplish this, they also decided to have wider global efforts and studies.

Ted N. C. Wilson, President of the General Conference, said that “religious freedom bears the signature of a God of love”, while Denton Lotz, IRLA President, introduced the main Congress theme, “Secularism and Religious Freedom – Conflict or Partnership” Cesar Pina Toribio, Dominican Republic Secretary of State, thanked the IRLA for its global efforts to promote religious freedom.

Representing the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Dr. Jaeryong Lee, NSD President, and Dr. SiYoung Kim, NSD IRLA Coordinator, attended the Congress. Dr. Lee spoke about the religious liberty situation in the People’s Democratic Republic of Korea, also known as North Korea. Despite the bleak situation of religious freedom in North Korea, he ended his presentation on an encouraging note that the religious liberty we have also gives us a heavy responsibility for the gospel work, so we should work harder before the night comes.

A festival celebrated religious freedom as a gift from God and capped off a week of scholarly presentations and panels at the 7th World Congress for Religious Freedom. The event was held in the nation’s capital, Santo Domingo, and drew some 2000 people from across the Dominican Republic, as well as many international participants from the 7th World Congress.

Pathfinder Training in Southern China

At the request of Pastor Tang, Director of Youth Leaders in the area of southern China, Kim, Nak Hyung, Director of Youth Ministries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), conducted the first step towards organizing Pathfinder Clubs in southern China.

It was called “Basic Staff Training Course” (BSTC) and it involved 40 youth leaders as part of the launching ceremony of Pathfinder Clubs for each church in southern China from 14 to 16 May, 2012.

It was a great and historical moment since it was the first time to conduct an official Pathfinder training event in China, which was designed for their participation in the Pathfinder Camporee under the support of Sahmyook University which will be held from 7 to 12 August, 2012.

In particular, Pastor Kim, who was present in order to help complete the BSTC, successfully led a 10 hour course required by the Youth Ministries of the General Conference, including “History, Philosophy and Purpose of Pathfinders”, “Pathfinder Leadership”, “Writing and Planning Program”, “Training and Consciousness”, etc. Following the courses, there was an impressive completion ceremony. In addition, each church in the area decided to begin their Pathfinder activities, and 40 key members from the area also determined to participate in the 2012 NSD Pathfinder Camporee.
**Korea**

**Korean Adventist Women’s Association Holds Presidential Inauguration**

The Korean Adventist Women’s Association (KAWA) held a Presidential Inauguration and Dedication Service at the Women’s Happiness Center on May 14, 2012.

Mrs. YoungShil Shin was appointed as the new President of KAWA. “I am so nervous and afraid, because I don’t know how to bear this sacred work. But looking at Jesus, I fully depend on Him who calls the least of His people and gives power,” said Mrs. Shin in her inaugural speech.

Mrs. YoungJa Lee, who has served KAWA as President for six years, gave her support and confidence to the new president. “It is with happiness and reliability that Mrs. Shin assumes responsibility for KAWA, because she is a young, healthy, and capable woman.

I hope the Lord gives a double portion of power to her so that KAWA can do something amazing and special to change the world,” said Lee.

In her congratulatory message, Mrs. JaeSoon Ahn, the Korean Union Conference (KUC) Women’s Ministries Director, shared her appreciation for KAWA’s services that have provided power and wisdom to Adventist women in sowing the seed of hope in this world. She also expressed her trust in the newly appointed leadership.

KAWA was organized in 1997 to have women participate in the work of salvation according to Christ’s commission and serve in a church and community as God’s workers.

**Japan**

**Health Seminar-Tokyo Chinese Church**

The latest survey of the Chinese population living in Tokyo tells us that there are 160,000 Chinese. To meet the spiritual needs of this special group, Pastor Yu Chuan Fu, a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastor from the Fifth group, was sent to Japan to plant a Chinese church.

In her last visit to Japan, a Health Seminar was organized for the Chinese Church by Dr. Barbara Choi, NSD Health Ministries Director, on Sabbath, April 14.

In the morning, she shared the “Secret of Health” in Sabbath School. She then preached on the “Diseases of the Egyptians” during the Divine Service, which was followed by a seminar in the afternoon on “Natural Therapy”.

The participants learned how to use hydrotherapy, ice rub and steam treatment for some of their common aches and pains. The use of charcoal and aloe was also discussed.

We need to use the Right Hand Gospel for the end times because when we touch a human body, the Holy Spirit will touch that person’s heart! Our General Conference Health Ministries motto is, “His Heart and Our Hands”, which encourages every church to be a community health center and every member a health minister. Service to humanity is the best service to God. Let us pray for the mobilization of our church and its members to render our best to the Lord.
It is the goal of the Treasury Department of the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) to empower the local church treasurers with good governance in the handling of the financial resources of the Church. Hence, on the 22nd of April, 2012, the Treasury Department conducted the First Church Treasurers Training at the MMF Headquarters. Joseph Allan Deblois, MMF Secretary-Treasurer, together with three accountants, led out in the training. Lectures given included the following: “Church Treasurers’ Roles and Responsibilities”, “Biblical Counsel on Church Finance”, “Orientation on Church Financial Audit and Church Property Management”, “Reporting Guidelines on Church Budget and Liquidation of Expenses”, “Tithes and Offerings Report Format and Submission”, “Types of Offerings: Its Purpose and Use”, and “Presentation of the 2012 Calendar of Offerings”.

Apart from the financial reporting concerns, emphasis was given to the importance of keeping the trust of the church members and benevolent donors. These groups are to feel secure that church funds are properly recorded and accounted for, and that this is made possible by promoting the transparency of the financial affairs of the church. The thirty attendees were very receptive to the information which was presented. During the forum, common issues, and problems encountered by each church were shared and addressed, accordingly. Everyone received a compiled documentation of the topics discussed in the training, which will also serve as a “Church Treasurer’s Manual” that should be kept for future reference in case of turnover, and transitions of the new appointees. Ultimately, the training proved to be productive and beneficial.

MMF envisions holding a yearly meeting with the Church Treasurers for continuity of the learning process and to cater to the needs and concerns of each church. It is our prayer that everyone will become good stewards for the glory of God.

On May 7-10, 2012, the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division held their Health Ministries Advisory meeting followed by the first Zimbabwe Adventist AIDS Ministries (ZAAM) Convention from May 10-14, 2012.

The Health Director from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) attended both meetings in Africa.

ZAAM was set up in January of 2004 and serves 25 countries! Their vision: Churches and communities will become centers of hope and healing for those living with or affected by HIV and AIDS. Their mission is to encourage churches to give holistic care to their communities, provide treatment, and mitigation in response to the HIV pandemic which is irrespective of socio-religious status.

ZAAM has five values: 1) Biblical Principles, 2) Moral Integrity, 3) Discipline and Excellence, 4) Human Life as Created by God, and 5) Community Service. The Adventists proclaim the following about HIV and AIDS:

• Zero stigma and discrimination
• Zero infection
• Zero death due to AIDS
• Zero violence to women, men, children, and vulnerable persons
• Every church will be a community health center and every member a health minister!

Our SDA churches in Africa are well-known for being centers of hope and healing for those living with or affected by HIV and AIDS.
**KOREA**

**NSD Pathfinder Camporee Leader Training**

As part of the preparation for the first Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Pathfinder Camporee, which will be held from August 7 to 12, 2012, the NSD Youth Department had a camping training event for leaders at Madalpy Training Center from April 23 to 25, 2012. About 60 leaders gathered together for the event.

Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director, and Pastor HoYoung Choi, Korean Union Conference (KUC) Youth Director, gave lectures on “Trend and Meaning of International Pathfinder Camporee”, and “Attitude of Pathfinder Leaders.” They asked attendees to win dedicated young people through the willing service of leaders.

During the training, the departmental meeting was a good time to discuss program planning suited for the international level, various booth activities, volunteers’ promotion, operation of Campus Police, and the introduction to missionary history of each country in the NSD through musical performances.

It was also very meaningful as they were united through a special prayer meeting for a successful management of this historical event.

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**JAPAN**

**JUC Shepherdesses Meet in Tokyo**

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the Japanese Union Conference (JUC) Shepherdess International Coordinator, Keiko Shoji, facilitated a meeting for nine pastoral spouses at the Tokyo Central Church. Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Shepherdess International Coordinator, Lynn Ripley, was the speaker. She shared two presentations, one on personal spiritual revival, and another on how to be an active disciple of Jesus. The shepherdesses participated in activities where they shared their personal testimony of when they met Jesus. Then they practiced how to invite someone to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The ladies enjoyed a beautiful Japanese box lunch that was made more special through a beautiful salad prepared by Kim Kwon Yul, Tokyo Central Church’s pastor’s wife. Also in attendance were Mrs. Yoshiko Shimada, the JUC president’s wife, and Pastor Kaori Motek, Tokyo Central Church’s assistant pastor.

The fellowship and sharing was warm and enthusiastic. One pastor’s spouse responded to the time together by saying, “I have been strengthened in my witness for Jesus. I wish all the pastors’ spouses could have attended.”

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**MONGOLIA**

**GC and NSD Education Seminar in the “Reflection” Adventist School in Mongolia**

The first educational seminar for the teachers of the newly established school known as the “Tusgal” which means “Reflection” at Ulaanbaatar at a Seven-day Adventist Church was conducted by the GC/NSD (General Conference/Northern Asia-Pacific Division) Education Departments from July 18 to 20, 2012.

Dr Mike Lekic, GC Associate Education Director, Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director, and Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon, NSD Children’s, Family and Women Ministries Director, were the main seminar presenters at the premises of the school.

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Finally in 2011, August 31, the license was granted. Now this school is taking the necessary steps to prepare for accreditation from the Adventist Accrediting Association. At present, there are eight full-time teachers with nine part-time teachers, and 32 students.

At the seminar, Dr Chek Yat Phoon gave the devotions on “The Call of God to Work in His Vineyard”, and presented the seminars on “What Every Adventist Christian Teacher Should Know”, “The Northern Asia-Pacific Division Educational Challenge”, “Orientation for the Commission on Accreditation”, and the “Preparation for the AAA Visit.”

Dr. Sally Phoon spoke on “The Philosophy of Adventist Christian Education”, and “Teaching Students with their Multiple Intelligences.”

Dr. Mike Lekic presented the “Characteristics of Adventist Educators: A Recommitment to Excellence in Ministry and the Academics for Life and Eternity”, and “NSD Teachers’ Performance Standards”.

It is the prayer of all that this school will grow from strength to strength as it prepares itself for accreditation and stands as a witness for the Lord in Mongolia.

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KOREA

Treasurers’ Retreat in the Korean Union Conference

The KUC Treasury held the 21st National Treasurers’ Retreat at the Ansan English Village Campus from May 14 to 16, 2012. The purpose of this event was to reaffirm God’s calling for treasurer’s and their role as a good steward of Christ. There were 170 attendees who came from five local Conferences, church organizations and institutions, and schools, as well from the KUC. Mr. Ted Kim, General Conference (GC) Auditor, was the guest speaker. He explained the position and status of Korean Adventists in the world church. “As a treasurer, endeavor to deliver the Three Angels’ Message with pride and a mission spirit.” Attendees had a time for fellowship through institutional meetings and team training.

They were united for the common goal and had many discussions. The dedication service brought them a special time to renew their faith. Although it was a short time, the treasurer’s experienced God’s guidance through messages given day and night.

JAPAN

Union Revival Campmeeting in the Tokyo Area

A union revival campmeeting for churches in the Tokyo area was held in Nishiko, Japan from June 8 to 10, 2012. The main theme was “Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us?”, with 380 members attending. According to the theme, every program included passionate words, prayer, and praise. It was a spiritual revival meeting that redefined attendees for the vision of Big City evangelism.

During the meeting, English, Korean, Chinese, and sign-language interpretation were provided. Pastor KeunWan Lee, the Tokyo Central Church pastor, delivered inspiring messages which were imperative to the Japanese interpretation were provided. Pastor KeunWan Lee, the Tokyo Central Church pastor, delivered inspiring messages which were imperative to the Japanese

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CHINA

2012 Worker’s Retreat of Hong Kong-Macao Conference

The Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) Worker’s Retreat was held from March 27 to 29, 2012 at the Zhangmutou City Garden Hotel.

Pr. Chiloe Fan officiated at the opening ceremony with a talk on “Revival and His Word” which was followed by sharing about campus ministry, presented by the three chaplains of the various Sahmyook secondary schools. They shared how to utilize different methods of campus evangelism and also talked about its many challenges. Pr. Teru Fukui, Director of Personal Ministries of Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) shared his personal experience on the grace of God. Workers were grouped by single males, married males, single females, married females and the English speaking group then discussed for an hour topics such as their job functions.

Spouses of the pastors were invited to attend, and so there was also a husbands group and a wives group. Through various discussions, everyone knew better the function of their position. Reports from each group were made after the discussions, which were given with enthusiasm. It was an unforgettable experience!

“I was a very touching event through well-prepared messages, and programs with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are also happy to have an opportunity to unite church members in the Tokyo area with a mission spirit before the Tokyo Big City Evangelism next year,” said attendees. We hope that the passionate mission spirit of the Adventist church in Japan can brighten the Tokyo area with the gospel.

“In a special service, 11 people were baptized at Nishiko Lake surrounded by beautiful nature. The dedication service brought them a special time to renew their faith. Although it was a short time, the treasurer’s experienced God’s guidance through messages given day and night.”
It has been already 18 years since ADRA first started its operation in Mongolia. After all these years, ADRA Mongolia purchased a new office to support its sustainable operation in Mongolia and celebrated the opening ceremony on May 9, 2012. Dr. Rudi Maier, President of ADRA International, Mr. Daniel Dos Santos, Director of ADRA Asia and board members of ADRA Asia visited Mongolia and attended this important event.

The event reaffirms ADRA Mongolia’s commitment to continue supporting Mongolian people in need, contributing to poverty reduction, providing equal opportunities and strengthening the social justice in the rapidly changing social-economic context of Mongolia.

In addition, some more important workshops were taking place during these days such as a Strategic Planning meeting of ADRA Mongolia to determine the organization’s future strategies. An ADRA Asia Board Meeting was also organized in Mongolia for the first time during 10-16 May, 2012.

On June 15-17, 2012, the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) held a family retreat for its members. Over 130 people signed up to come to the Retreat held at the Elima Bayan Uul Camp out among the rolling hills about an hour’s drive from Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia. The church in Mongolia is young, and hence over the last ten years, many of the young people and pastors have married and fulfilled the Bible injunction of “be fruitful and multiply.” Almost half of the participants were children, and activities were planned for them as well, while their parents attended seminars.

Featured guests for the weekend included Dr. Willie and Elaine Oliver, Family Ministries Directors from the General Conference, together with Drs. Chek Yat and Sally Phoon who do Family Ministries in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. The Oliver’s focused on helping couples improve their married lives through the following seminars: “Communicating with Grace”; “Begin with the End in Mind”; and “First Things First.”

The Phoon’s discussed the importance of family worship in the home, a safeguard for the salvation of children. Throughout the weekend, they demonstrated how family worship could be creative, interesting and thought provoking; leading the children to engage with God’s Word and learning important lessons in life at the same time. On Friday evening, the group celebrated the Holy Communion and for the first time in their lives, participated in the foot-washing ceremony as couples.

MMF Director, Elbert Kuhn and his wife Cleidi (who is the Family Ministries Director), brought the retreat to a very moving conclusion as they shared their longing for our Heavenly Home. They had just arrived from Brazil at the end of April to take up the directorship of MMF, leaving behind their parents and home. Since their arrival, Cleidi has worked extremely hard to organize the Retreat with the help of many colleagues and members.
Church members are encouraged to read or listen to one chapter of the Bible each day beginning April 17, 2012. The presidents will conclude the initiative by reading Revelation 22 during the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas. During the 1,171 days from Spring Meeting 2012 through the beginning of the General Conference Session on July 2, 2015, participants will cover the 1,189 chapters in the Bible.

What is Revived by His Word?

Historically, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has founded its existence in the Bible. Adventists are a Bible-based, Bible-believing, Bible-reading people. A new Seventh-day Adventist world church initiative titled “Revived by His Word,” coordinated by the Revival and Reformation Committee, is aimed at strengthening the spiritual experience of each church member.

“There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God’s word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose rarely seen in these times.”

- Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, pg. 90

The study of God’s Word has three major components leading to revival:

- It provides a foundation for true revival.
- It stimulates, fosters and sustains true revival.
- Nothing can replace listening to God speak to us through His Word. Prayerfully meditating on scripture is a primary source of spiritual strength.

United by His Word

“Revived by His Word” will become much larger than reading or listening to one chapter of the Bible each day. It will direct the attention of the entire world church to the importance of knowing Jesus through His Word and encourage families to read the Bible together. In cultures where the Bible is not readily available, this initiative will encourage elders to gather the church family to read the Bible aloud. It is simple, practical and affordable.

“Revived by His Word” can unite the entire church around God’s Word and make a difference in millions of lives. It can be a catalyst for regular, systematic Bible study. The goal of “Revived by His Word” is to encourage every church member to allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives as they meditate and pray over one chapter of the Bible a day.

“I would like to invite every church member to join the worldwide family of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in reading one chapter of the Bible a day, beginning April 17, 2012, and concluding during the General Conference Session in the summer of 2015. I am confident that this journey through the Bible together will draw us all closer to Jesus. As we prayerfully read and meditate upon God’s Word, we each will be led to a renewed experience with the Savor as we look forward to His soon second coming.” - Ted N. C. Wilson

*www.revivedbyhisword.org

Sahmyook Health College Is Chosen as a “College of Quality in Educational Competence”

Sahmyook Health College was chosen as a “College of Quality in Educational Competence” by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Korean Government for five consecutive years since 2008. The college can continue to receive government funding of 1.3 million dollars, so it can give students various benefits that raise global health leaders. Examples of this are overseas training, job-seeking support, and improvement of the educational environment. The school also has a plan to implement a Global Vision-building Project, the promotion of a healthy college, and a joint degree course.

In addition, the college was also selected to be in the top 30 of the World Class Colleges (WCC) in Korea. WCC are junior colleges that offer good education and have great growth potential.

We expect Sahmyook Health College, which globally stands out through God’s grace, to produce excellent workers of the Lord.

Sahmyook Health College raises its awareness through various activities of students

David Ripley
NSD Ministerial Association Director

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A training session for HisHands missionaries in Mongolia was held by the Mongolian Mission Field (MMF) Youth Department from April 12 to 15, 2012. The main theme was “The Love of God is Greater Far.” Nearly 120 missionaries came from 22 different churches, from Gobi Altai to Ulaanbaatar. After they registered, they then dedicated themselves. The program ran from early morning to late evening. It included praise, prayer, messages, fellowship, practice and testimonies. Pastor SukHee Han, the NSD HisHands Coordinator, was a main speaker and he emphasized that Jesus is calling HisHands missionaries in Mongolia as He sent His disciples into every city and place, whether He Himself was about to come.

Mongolian HisHands Mission Movement has a plan that each missionary will lead five souls to the Lord by the second Missionary Training session and big crusade in September. They also plan to raise 500 HisHands missionaries within three years.

The Council of the Chinese Chosun-tribe Adventist Churches held the launching ceremony for the second HisHands Missionaries. They also held a baptismal ceremony for those who were guided by the HisHands missionaries at Yanji Wonlim (Grove) Adventist Church. This was all held from 11 to 13 May 2012. Pastor SukHee Han, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands Coordinator, was invited as a guest speaker. The congregation, which included 120 HisHands missionaries, was assembled and gave honor to God through a variety of events such as the ceremonies mentioned above, and missionary training and reports on the HisHands activities. At this ceremony, 11 churches in the Yanji area were involved in the ceremony and training. During the ceremony, the first HisHands missionaries shared their experiences concerning God, who was working and guiding them in their field activities in the Helong, Longiing and Yanji areas.

In addition, there were 15 people interested in baptism that were invited to the church to take part in the magnificent baptismal ceremony and shared their joyful moment with other church members. Currently, the Council of the Chinese Chosun-tribe Adventist Churches has held three joint baptismal ceremonies through the support of the NSD and CHUM in less than a year, including one last August. Consequently 100 people were dedicated to God.
The Youth Ministries Department of the East Central Korean Conference (Director Youn, Ki Young) gave honor to God through the Eighth HisHands Missionary training session and its' launching ceremony on April 27 and 28, 2012.

Seventy-one missionaries were assembled together at Wonju Central Church (Pastor Jung, Keun Tae); 47 from Wonju Central Church, 22 from Wonju Sahmyook Middle and High School Church, and two from other churches. They followed God’s calling in 2 Timothy 4:2: “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage— with great patience and careful instruction.”

They gave an oath and dedicated their lives to God as missionaries by raising their hands. On Sabbath, April 28, Han, Suk Hee, Northern-Asia Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands Coordinator, was invited to speak, and shared precious words regarding the great mission assigned by God. He appealed to the missionaries by saying, “Let us share God by using things around us. Through these channels, we can share Jesus as the most significant means for life.” Emphasis was made on the fact that we should share the message by the example of our lives.

It is expected that there will be more voluntary mission work among the church members in the Wonju areas after taking this moment as a meaningful step.

1000MM dispatched 35 missionaries to mission fields in Korea on two separate occasions; on April 30, and May 30, 2012. They are all from the Philippines and will be used as God’s tools by teaching English and Bible in Korea. Those missionaries already completed six weeks of missionary training and also finished 10 months of their service term at a mission field in the Philippines. While they served the church and local people by direct evangelistic activities and medical service in the Philippines, they will meet the needs of students and deliver gospel messages in Korea.

Foreign missionaries in Korea usually teach English to children, women, and others in the local community. When students become familiar with the church through the English class, it is a good opportunity to introduce God. Although it is a different type of missionary work, missionaries will do their best to please God.

We hope they can complete their mission with great joy by God’s presence and guidance.
Letter from Mission field of 1000MM: “Little Missionary Training”

A s a 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionary, I served at Tuy Batangas, Philippines, which is one and a half hours from the 1000MM Campus. When my partner and I discussed a program for evangelism, we came up with “Little Missionary Training.” We had never heard of it and there was no specific system, but we outlined the plan recalling training we had gone through at the campus. To prepare for this training, we made detailed plans through at the campus. To prepare a specific system, but we outlined the plan recalling training we had gone through at the campus. To prepare a specific system, but we outlined the plan recalling training we had gone through at the campus. To prepare a specific system, but we outlined the plan recalling training we had gone through at the campus.

We prepared this training to train children, but it was time for us to be trained and grow as missionaries. As we taught the children, we were reminded of our mission spirit and we tried to be an exemplary missionary. It was a really meaningful experience to have little missionary partners. Above all, we give thanks to God for giving us this honorable time.

There was a dedication service for 19 Korean 1000MM missionaries at the Sahmyook University Church on May 4, 2012. Many guests including, Pastor SukHee Han, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Communication Director (and a 1st Batch missionary), Pastor HoYoung Choi, Korean Union Conference (KUC) Youth Ministries Director (and a 1st Batch missionary), Pastor BeomSeok Oh, West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) Youth Ministries Director, and Pastor YangHo Sohn, Sahmyook University Church pastor, attended the service to give honor and glory to God.

Quoting 1 Corinthians 9:19, Pastor Han, President of 1000MM Alumni Association, encouraged the missionaries, saying, “Like Apostle Paul, missionaries are those who make themselves a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible, though they are free and belong to no man. Although environment and situation in the mission field is not easy and very inferior, God will empower you and be with you to win the victory, because He is the one who called you.”

Following the dedication, the first training session was held at Sahmyook University. Senior 1000MM missionaries came and shared their precious testimonies, and useful information with the applicants.

In many cases in the Bible, the number “40” means a preparation period for a significant event. For example, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses at Mt. Horeb, while he was fasting for 40 days. Twelve spies investigated Canaan for 40 days, and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Also, Jesus started His public life, after a fast of 40 days, and He went back to heaven 40 days after His resurrection.

We hope many dying people who do not know the gospel can meet Jesus and become part of a heavenly family through faithful dedication, and effort of the 40th batch of the 1000MM missionaries.
The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) PMM coordinator hosted a PMM meeting in the Unorganized Territory (UT) from May 14 to 16, 2012. It was a good time to pray together and to renew our mission spirit through blessed messages and to discuss more efficient mission strategies.

On the day of the re-launch of the PMM Pizza Project, which had trouble because of a fire, the PMM missionaries gathered to celebrate. Dr. Lee also gave a congratulatory message and prayer for blessing so that the project can take its powerful first step.

The week of April 8 to 14 an evangelistic series was held at the Banqiao Happiness Church near Taipei, Taiwan. The church lived up to its name and there were smiles all around on each face. Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM), Pastor JaeHyung Lee, had prepared very well for the meetings. Volunteer pastoral assistant, SuhYoung Shin, watched over details and filled the church with prayer.

The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for the Ministerial Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor David Ripley, and Pastor Lynn Ripley, preached the Adventist message. There were two sessions each day. Pastor Lynn preached each morning, and Pastor David preached each evening. The morning session was a Korean Language class that also heard truths from the Bible. There were about 25-30 in attendance each day. The evening session was attended by people invited to the church for the series and grew each evening until almost 60 were in attendance. In the small church all the seats were filled!

The Golden Angels sang at each meeting, morning and evening, and spent many hours visiting with the people in attendance. This was very valuable since most of those at both meeting times were young college students and professionals.

At the end of the series we had a baptism with three new members for the Banqiao Happiness Church. We are grateful for the wonderful new souls that God has given to our church family. Many more said they wanted to study the Bible. We know that God will bless with more growth for this church in the future.
The Golden Angels (GA) second mission trip to Japan on May 16-June 4, 2012, was a very moving experience.

Once we departed for our trips, everyday became a mission day. We met people, did house visitation, visited a home for the aged, shared conversations, distributed tracts, and participated in an evangelistic meeting and concert, inside and outside.

Through our prayers God always gives us strength, and the right spirit to overcome every challenge in His battlefield.

After we landed in Japan on May 17, we had a concert in Kofudai Saniko Elementary School. We taught the children action songs, sang some easy Japanese songs, and of course our GA gospel songs. It was great to be with the children, and we enjoyed our time together in fellowship with God.

The next stop was at Gakuin Saniku University to join their Gospel Week’s final program on Friday to offer them gospel songs. The students were so talkative and kind to us that it made us happy to serve them.

The second week of our trip, we flew to the Fukui Church, which is led by Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Pastor Jae Jin Lee, to support an evangelistic meeting there. Early every morning, the Golden Angels members were blessed by his morning devotionals. It was so touching and encouraging for us to be faithful and sincere in God’s work.

Every day we performed a one hour concert. Five minutes before we were to start, no one had arrived.

But after we finished our opening prayer people were coming one-by-one or family-by-family. Every day we saw new faces, and we felt it was so amazing.

After the wonderful experiences in Fukui, we flew back to the Tachikawa Tokyo Church to support the Chinese Mission Church there. In cooperation with Pastor Yu Chang Fu, and Pastor Wong, the evangelism went so well. From our hearts we sang for them for four days. Unfortunately, we were not able to finish our mission there because of our tight schedule. But praise the Lord for the two precious souls that were saved!

As our last mission in Japan, we flew to the southern part of the country, to the Okinawa Naha Church. Pastor Tomihama’s family accommodated us wonderfully. We joined the Okinawa Union Conference’s Sabbath fellowship. All in all over 600 church members gathered including the Okinawa International SDA Church.

In the afternoon, for their special mission program, the members of the Golden Angels Group 9 (GA9) offered some songs for them. Time was so precious there.

We had three concerts in two days. So just after we finished our program there, we moved to the Okinawa Saniku Junior High School.

In the morning of the last full day in Japan, we had a gospel concert at the school and in the evening we went to the Naha Church for a gospel songs concert.

Actually, beside that church there was a big hotel. We could not make our sound system as loud as we wanted, but thank God that the Japanese like lower sound. So as we praised the Lord through our songs, God moved their hearts.

After our last concert in Japan, we felt God had worked through us to touch His people and call His people through this Gospel channel.

The GA9 members are always happy and ready to serve the Lord no matter what happens, and wherever they are. May God continually bless each one of us.

The Golden Angels visits Chinese Mission Church, Japan

Golden Angels has a concert at Okinawa Saniku Junior High School

Golden Angels' Mission Trip in Japan

Golden Angels visits Fukui Church, Japan
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