To celebrate a 10th anniversary of the Golden Angels, the thanksgiving concert was held by NSD at the Sahmyook University Church, Seoul, Korea.
A few weeks ago, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the ministry of the Golden Angels in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Each year, eight young people serve as volunteer missionaries using their musical talents. They travel to many countries within the NSD territories and support 20 evangelistic meeting series every year. They also visit colleges/universities, academies, campmeetings and church institutions, especially to support youth ministries.

Hundreds and thousands of people are touched by their music, and many of the listeners give their hearts to Jesus. People appreciate the Golden Angels ministry, not just because of their outstanding musical performances but also because of their mission spirit, which is reflected in their music and activities.

In the last ten years, 79 young people have joined the Golden Angels ministry. The Golden Angels dedicate one year of their lives to the gospel ministry as full-time voluntary singing missionaries. In order to give one year to the Golden Angels ministry, some have stopped working on their university education for a year; some have postponed their marriage for a year; some have quit their jobs for a year. They are volunteer singing missionaries! Their volunteer spirit is an example to many other young people.

Jesus said, “Do you not say, Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest” (John 4:35). There are so many people around us whom we need to reach with the everlasting gospel. “Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field’” (Matthew 9:37-38). More workers are needed in God’s harvest field. The mission fields are waiting for more volunteer missionaries. In fact, the pen of inspiration wrote about the absolute need of lay involvement in the gospel ministry: “The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers” (Gospel Workers 352).

Modern society is becoming more mammon-oriented. They say, “Time is money.” “You work, and you will be paid. I work, and I should be paid.” This is also becoming true within the church. Workers on the church payroll are working because they are paid by the church. Church members think that pastors should do everything in the church since they are paying tithe to the church for the pastors’ remuneration. Volunteerism is seriously lacking in the church. Fewer and fewer people are involved in volunteer service. Even while participating in volunteer service, many expect to receive a significant stipend. It makes people more interested in money rather than volunteer service.

Christ “desires only voluntary service” (Desire of Ages 487). “Christ is calling for volunteers to enlist under His standard, and bear the banner of the cross before the world” (Messages to Young People 24-25).

Volunteerism is possible only when we give our top priority to God and the gospel work. We need to foster the volunteer spirit in the church especially among our young people.

Thank you, Golden Angels, for your voluntary service, which strengthens the mission of the church. Many people will be brought to the kingdom of heaven as a result of your sacrificing voluntary service. Maranatha!
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To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Golden Angels, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a thanksgiving concert. The concert was held at the Sahmyook University Church on January 11, 2014. More than 800 people, including families, youth members and church members, gathered to enjoy this beautiful time.

With the theme “The Singing Missionary,” the first half of the program was filled with grace as the Golden Angels sang songs loved by all. The president of Korean Union Conference and other conference presidents sent their congratulations via webcam. There was a special presentation on the singing missionaries during the past 10 years (Korean: 65, International: 22, Total: 87) and their efforts, their tears, their joys, and testimonies, and the five DVDs and eleven CDs they have produced. Also the founder of the Golden Angels, NSD president Jaeryong Lee thanked and encouraged the missionaries for their help with the mission work of the Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries through their music. He also thanked God for working through the singing missionaries for the past ten years. The audience welcomed the new 11th group singing missionaries who would carry out the work of the Holy Spirit for the next year.

The second part of the concert gave the audience time to think about our mission and hope for Jesus’ advent with songs titled “Only by His Calling,” “Fishers of Men,” “On That Day,” “One Voice, One Mission” and more. Everyone continued to give praise and glory to God.

Because the NSD covers a population of 1.6 billion people, which is a quarter of the world’s population, there are always challenges. In addition to the praise worship mission team, the Golden Angels, different types of mission work should be initiated to hasten the advent of Jesus. Therefore, the activity of the only praise worship mission team exclusive to a division must have a clear purpose as they continue God’s mission. It is a fact that divisions and conferences around the globe are calling for the need of the Golden Angels. We pray that there will be more mission teams like the Golden Angels so that they may be at the forefront of the work of the Lord.

10th Anniversary Concert: “The Singing Missionary”

By NakHyung Kim - NSD Youth Director
Through the Golden Angels, I learned about the “3 H’s” – the head, heart and hands. However, all these had a very different meaning for me.

First, the head is for thinking. Last year’s experience gave me a chance to change my attitude toward mission and the church. Previously, I had felt that there was a lack of passion in our church. However, those thoughts have completely changed for me. Last year I had the opportunity to meet many Pioneer Mission Movement pastors. Also during the International Mission Congress in Jeju, we could feel the burning passion of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and its church members. For God’s mission, there was no one too young or too old.

Second is the heart, and I realized that God is still in our hearts. This year I experienced a deeper connection with Jesus. When I was in my mission field, I saw Jesus answering our prayers. In hearing the stories of pastors’ experiences, I could see that God was never late to answer their prayers. When we were in Japan, I looked up at the sky and realized that there was no doubt in my heart that the stars were still up there. No matter how bright the day was or how cloudy the sky may be, the stars are always in their right place. That night, I felt the warmth of our Father and knew that He was always waiting for the best time and place for us. Now I can testify with confidence and say, “I know that You are still there.”

The last “H” is our hands. I realized that God can also use my hands. I was never the perfect person. I was not brought up well. Although I know that I am still weak, through the Golden Angels training, I was taught to be a young missionary for God. My hands were very useful in helping others. When I saw the happiness and joy of the congregation as they listened to us sing, I thanked God for calling me to be a Golden Angel.

The year of 2013 totally changed my life. We often say “Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary,” but I never truly understood its meaning. Now I do. I know that my real mission work begins when I go back home. I have a dream now that God will continually work in my life as I remember the “3 H’s.”
10th batch Golden Angels members praise God during the 10th Anniversary Concert

The Sahmyook University church was packed with people. The audience enjoyed the beautiful music of the Golden Angels.

Pastor Kun Chun Park, NSD Golden Angels Coordinator

Golden Angels male singers
Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, speaks to the concert audience

Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director

10th batch Golden Angels members received appreciation plaque

YohHan Ko, GA 10th member, receives plaque from Dr. Lee

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, speaks to the concert audience

Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director

NSD Leaders and Golden Angels members pose for a group picture after the concert.
The General Conference (GC) Communication Department (Director: Williams Costa, Jr.) held its 10th Global Adventist Internet Network (GAiN) Forum at Maritime Training Center in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, from February 12 to 16, 2014. About 300 attendees, including Ted Wilson, GC president, and Robert Lemon, GC treasurer, gathered for the forum with its theme of “Building the Future Online.”

On Sabbath, February 15, GC president Ted Wilson presented the NET Award to Dr. Milton Soldani Alfonso for his dedication to Internet and media ministry. Alfonso graduated from a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) university and is now the president of a successful insurance and financial company in South America. He was given the award for his financial support of media ministry in SDA churches around the world. GC president Ted Wilson emphasized the importance of media ministry, saying, “This is the Net Age represented by the Internet. The Internet is active these days so that we can cast the Gospel net to the world to save souls.”

GC treasurer Robert Lemon preached a sermon on the topic of “Noah and his carpenters” for the Sabbath service. He spoke on Genesis chapter 6 and said, “The carpenters put their efforts into building the ark, but they did not enter it.” He appealed to the attendees to stand firm in their faith, saying, “If we devote ourselves to media ministry and such work as building a great network and cannot go to heaven, it would be such a shame.”

Williams Costa, Jr., GC communication director, said in his welcome speech, “There have been many difficulties in holding the GAiN forum every year. I am grateful to God and the communication department officers in all the divisions for their full cooperation to have the 10th GAiN Forum.” He also said, “This 10th forum is an opportunity to make a new leap forward. I hope that our mission work to save souls all over the world could be accelerated by obtaining the latest technology, networking with other attendees, and sharing information through this forum.”

**Useful Tools for Gospel Work**

At the first evening meeting, John Gratz, director of the GC International Religious Liberty Association, shared the story of Pastor Monteiro. Last year, Pastor Monteiro was sentenced to life imprisonment due to false accusations but was recently released from the prison in Togo with the help of Seventh-day Adventists around the world. He especially thanked the Communication Department at the GC and other divisions worldwide for carrying out various campaigns to help him get released, such as having a signature drive for a petition, sending Christmas cards, and setting a fast day on Sabbath.
Pardon Mwansa, GC general vice president, gave a message based on Daniel 2, saying “The vision and power of Daniel granted from God was so superior that those of other magicians or enchanters or astrologers could not compare.” He also said, “As we are living in a chaotic world, where people are enthralled by numerous kinds of new digital media, everyone involved in communication and media in the SDA church should make good use of various media tools and contents to deliver the Gospel in creative and evangelistic ways.”

**Various Topics and Lively Interests**

Gerson P. Santos, director of GC Global Mission Urban Center, under the subject of “Big Cities, Big Opportunities,” emphasized mission work in big cities. He suggested “5 Successful Outreach Principles”: Christ-centered message, Jesus’ method, strategic planning, innovation and creativity, and the city-mission field.

During the conference, “Bible Heroes,” the tablet-based game designed to deliver the Gospel to young people, was of great interest to the attendees. In addition, there were sessions dealing with various topics, such as social media evangelism, successful content marketing, Internet in China and mobile app development. In a debate on the Creation Project, which was worked on worldwide by the GC, Pastor Han SukHee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) communication director, reported on the progress of this project in the Korean Union Conference, Chinese Union Mission and Japan Union Conference.

**New, Innovative and Creative Ways of Mission**

This year’s GAiN Forum, which was held from February 12 to 16, including a special service on Sabbath, was held with earnest and enthusiastic responses from attendees in spite of its tight schedule. It allowed attendees to come up with new, innovative and creative ways of mission work through the Internet and media. The 11th GAiN Forum is scheduled to be held in Cote d’Ivoire, Abidjan, located in Western Africa in 2015.
Global Adventist Internet Network was organized in 2004 as an initiative of the Council on Evangelism & Witness of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists. 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 Seventh-day Adventist world church, in cooperation with the church’s world divisions and lay initiatives. Since 2004, GAIN expanded internationally with several regional events in Asia, Africa and Europe.

Past Forum Meeting Sites:
- 2013: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2012: Hong Kong, China
- 2011: Montego Bay, Jamaica
- 2009: Orlando, Florida, USA
- 2008: Denver, Colorado, USA
- 2007: Newbold College, England
- 2006: San Diego, California, USA
- 2005: Bangkok, Thailand
- 2004: Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

There was a GC Communication Advisory Meeting on February 11, 2014, the day before the beginning of the GAiN Forum, in Baltimore, Maryland. All communication directors and media-related leaders participated in the meeting. Williams Costa, Jr., GC communication director, gave a message based on Acts 2:42-47, stating that reading the Bible, praying, and spiritual sharing are more important than agendas and items in any meeting. He said, “We usually tend to focus on administrative decisions. On top of those decisions, however, we first need to consider our spiritual intimacy and relationship with God.” The meeting agenda was on various projects being carried out by the GC: How we will deliver news and how to operate the press room in the 2015 GC Session in San Antonio, Texas, expansion and future developments for Adventist.org, the Creation Project, communication and evangelism in big cities, the production and distribution of the Record Keeper, etc. Above all, producing and reporting news at the 2015 GC Session was a major part of the meeting. Attendees devoted a great deal of time in discussing how each division will participate in news reporting through video and radio and news delivery through social networking during the GC session. Also, there was time to review the report on the Creation Project and its progress in each division. Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, drew positive responses for his report on the progress of the Creation Project in each union conference as well as various projects using communication media.

Before the 2014 GAiN Forum, there was the Global Membership Software Meeting under the auspice of the GC secretariat department from February 10 to 11, 2014, in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA. Speakers, including Sherri Ingram-Hudgins, the director of GC Membership Software, Tiago Moises, and Rodrigo Pacheco, demonstrated newly updated software, such as ACMS (Adventist Church Management System). It is possible to use ACMS via www.membership.adventist.org. Secretariat Ivanette Osborn and IT technician Paul Kim attended the meeting as NSD representatives.
We believe that Seventh-day Adventists are the last people of God who are to carry out God’s mission to spread the Gospel until the end of the world. God wants the entire church to get involved in reaching people of all walks of life with the Gospel message (Review and Herald, January 17, 1893). An effective way to complete this great task and God’s Great Commission is to spread the Gospel by ministering through the literature that is published in our publishing houses, guided by God’s grace. E. G. White wrote, “Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan’s apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds” (The Colporteur Evangelist, 21).

The motto of the Publishing Ministries Department is to “Bring Hope into Every Home”! To enhance important ministries and to plan strategies to accomplish this motto in the division territory, the Publishing Policy Review Committee and the Division Publishing Strategy Committee convened at the division office from January 20 to 23, 2014. Twelve delegates from the unions (Korean Union Conference, Japan Union Conference, and Chinese Union Mission) and the division-attached conference and mission (Taiwan Union Conference and Mongolian Mission) as well as the Korean Publishing House, Japan Publishing House, and Signs of the Times Publishing Association gathered together. Guided by Elder
Howard G. Faigao, director of the General Conference Publishing Ministries Department, Pastor Teru Fukui, director of Publishing at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), presided over the committees. The recommendations that were made by these committees regarding the correction of the NSD Publishing Policy were submitted to the Division Publishing Committee to check the legitimacy of all recommendations. The Division Publishing Committee was chaired by Dr. Akeri Suzuki, executive secretary of NSD, and assisted by the presence of Dr. Joo MinHo, assistant to NSD president, Mr. Lyu DongJin, vice-treasurer, and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, director of Adventist Mission.

As all delegates and division directors reviewed the publishing policies and discussed strategy, it was a great learning experience and an opportunity to enhance our ministries. Everyone studied the policies and discussed how to make them more applicable and practical to support our ministries in each Union Conference. Also, since 2014 was designated as the Year of Literature Evangelism, the Publishing Ministries Departments within the NSD territory have decided to emphasize the importance of literature evangelism and literature evangelists. Also, they want to encourage all of our church members to take part in special initiatives, such as Global Leaves, through which 1 billion copies of our literature containing the Gospel message were distributed.

God’s message should be proclaimed within our last generation of this earth. And according to prophecy, our literature must take the important role of this mission given to us. Publishing Ministries within the NSD is ready to take this role and go for God’s mission.

Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, “What can I do to proclaim the third angel’s message?” How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time.

Papers and books are the Lord’s means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone. The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister. - Chapter 13—“Ministry of the Printed Page”, Christian Service
The Korean Institute on Alcohol Problems (KIAP), a research center affiliated with Sahmyook University under the directorship of Dr. Sungsoo Chun, PhD, carried out the very first “Alcohol Alarmees” alcohol education and training program from January 2 to 5, 2014, at the Vision Dream Center on the university campus. Organized by KIAP’s managing director, Miriam Sunmee Yun-Welch and with associate director, Michael E. Welch, its purpose was to create youth leaders who would be trained to conduct anti-alcoholism campaigns as well as projects for educating both peers and the public against the harms that are brought on by alcohol usage.

The program focused on educating students on the social problems and damages that are caused by adolescents’ partaking of alcohol and how to prevent further personal and social harm. The participants listened to lectures and watched documentaries on how important it is for adolescents to promote anti-alcoholism, the effects of alcohol, the damage caused by alcohol, and the usefulness of the twelve-step program for alcohol recovery.

One of the activities during the training program was dividing into groups according to the different areas in Korea and dividing into teams of three from the seven SDA high schools to plan for school temperance “Total Abstainers’ Club” activities during the 2014 school year.

On Sabbath afternoon the students practiced with group activities and anti-alcohol slogans and campaigns. Students who participated said they were shocked that the third cause of death for adolescents was alcohol and that they realized the seriousness of drinking. The participating students were also eager to go to their friends and neighbors so that they could create community outreach programs that could help educate people about the dangers of alcohol.

The Korean Institute on Alcohol Problems has plans to create a network with organizations in Korea and throughout the world to develop a greater awareness and provide a depth of education on alcohol and the harm it brings to the individual, the family and to society.

According to the General Conference statistics and research department, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the fastest growing Christian denomination in the world. By the end of September 2013, the Adventist Church had baptized more than 18 million souls. Approximately 25 to 30 million people worship each Sabbath. Last year, on average, 2,052 people joined the church each day, 127 people each hour and two people each minute.

According to David Trim, the chief director of the statistics and research department, “Most religions around the world have stopped growing. However, it is a miracle that our church continues to grow. We face challenges, such as oppression by the government, religious persecution, secularism and materialism. However our work continues to grow our church because we focus on the hope of Jesus’ advent and keeping our body and soul healthy.”
The Return of “Adventist Head Coach” Arthur Bernardes

He was once called “the Hiddink of Jeju” and was loved by many soccer fans. The Brazilian Adventist coach Arthur Bernardes has now returned to Korea. He coached Jeju United five years ago and has returned to Korea to coach Gangwon FC. The team will soon begin their winter training. While he coached Jeju United, on the days when he did not have games, Coach Bernardes spent his Sabbaths at Seogwipo Church or the Jeju SDA Language Institute Church. The coach shared his testimony at the Institute Church. He also practiced his faith by praying regardless of the outcome of the games and taking his Bible with him to read at the stadium.

Coach Bernardes began his career in 1987 as the coach for Madureira EC in Brazil. Later on, he coached for the Fluminense and the Flamengo, a well-known soccer team in Brazil. After the year 2000, he led multiple soccer teams in Peru, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Angola and more. Coach Bernardes lives with Psalms chapter 91 in his heart and said in one of his interviews in 2008 that his desires do not become God’s desires, but that God’s desires become his desires. “I simply leave everything up to the Lord.” The K-League is eager to see what kind of “Samba Magic” the new coach will demonstrate this year.

A Special Revival Meeting for “Seekers of Truth”

On December 14, 2013, the “Seekers of Truth” participated in their second annual special revival meeting and seminar. More than 650 church members gathered for this special meeting, showing their growing interest as “Seekers of Truth.” The meeting was such a success that some people had to sit in the aisles due to lack of seats. The main speaker, Pastor Nam DaeGeuk, spoke on the topic of “What is Truth?” He described the meaning and value of the Advent message and emphasized the mission and the absolute value of the remnants as they defend the truth.

After the meeting, there was a baptismal service for a Presbyterian pastor and his wife. After discovering the Truth, the pastor had resigned as a pastor, and the couple had kept the Sabbath holy alone in their home. They had been surviving financially by delivering milk and doing odds and ends until the Korean Union Conference Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) and “Seekers of Truth” began providing support while the couple worked on pioneering churches.

The “Seekers of Truth,” with the help of the Local Missions Association, published 70,000 books and distributed them to all the Protestant pastors in Korea. They also hold regular Bible studies with Protestant pastors. More than 300 people are members of “Seekers of Truth.” Their donations are used to sponsor the new mission work of pastors who have left their work in other Protestant churches.
The world population is swiftly growing in big cities. One hundred thirty per minute, 200,000 per day, 70 million people a year are migrating to the cities. As of 2008, which was six years ago, half the world’s population lived in cities, and it is predicted that by the year 2050, seventy percent of the population will live there. Just as a fisherman goes where the fish are, a fisher of men should work in the cities to seek those who are lost. At an annual meeting, the General Conference (GC) voted to promote Mission to the Cities and began emphasizing and stressing its importance. In June 2013, the GC conducted an evangelistic series in New York City to initiate the Mission to the Cities project. The thirteen divisions were to also select one large city within each territory for Mission to the Cities evangelism, and in 2014, 130 Union Conferences will select a large city to carry out their Mission to the Cities evangelistic meeting. With the upcoming 60th GC Session in 2015, 500 local conferences and missions are planning to do the same and as a result, evangelistic meetings will be held in 650 large cities throughout the world.

Tokyo13

After the NY13 GC evangelism in New York, it was time for Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) to host the Mission to the Cities evangelistic meetings. There were lengthy discussions about which city to select. If a city in Korea or China had been selected, there would have been many baptisms. However, Tokyo is one of the largest cities in the world and the most difficult place to do mission work. Seoul, Korea, has a population of ten million with 121 Adventist churches, 158 pastors and 45,000 members. In comparison, 37 million people populate Tokyo metropolis and 13 million people occupy the city of Tokyo itself with only 17 churches, 14 pastors and 2,900 Adventists. The NSD sent Pastor Hong Kwang-Eui to lead revival meetings and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng to prepare for the evangelistic meetings. Japan Union Conference (JUC) gathered and met with the alumni of Tokyo Hiroshima Adventist High School, Signs of the Times subscribers, and previous Unification church members. The Sabbath school department received a list of those who used to attend church and invited them to come.

In planning Tokyo13, the NSD looked at past statistics. In 2011, 46 people were baptized, and in 2012, there were 64 people who received baptism. Except for one year, 2012 had the most baptisms since 2006. As part of Tokyo13, a total of 11 evangelistic meetings were held from the end of September 2013 to early October. Pastor Dwight Nelson, born in Japan and the senior pastor of Andrews University Church, Pastor Hong Kwang-Eui and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng from NSD, Pastor Daniel Jiao and Liang Chuanshan from Chinese Union Mission, and Pastor Joe Orbe from the Philippines participated as speakers. From Japan, Pastor Shimada, the president of Japan Union Conference, and five Japanese pastors also participated as speakers.
There is more to urban mission than simply carrying out evangelistic meetings. From September 27 to October 1, 2013, the GC invited the thirteen Division officers and Adventist Mission directors for a historical meeting that would set the strategy of urban mission. (It’s Time: Refocusing Urban Mission for the 21st Century Conference). During the conference, its members confirmed that there were 500 major cities that have more than one million people residing. Inside the NSD, there is one city in Mongolia and one in North Korea, six in Taiwan, 11 in South Korea, 18 in Japan, and 88 in China (total: 125). Even though the population in larger cities is increasing, there are more churches and gatherings in small cities and in the countryside. Among the major cities with a population of more than one million, 45 cities have less than 10 Adventists and 43 countries do not have a single Adventist church. Therefore, churches in the urban cities must grow and become stronger so that urban mission can be a success. Also because we live in a materialistic, secular, and postmodern world, we must be trained in carefully planned ways to help people understand and come closer to Jesus. For this to happen we must build a “Center of Influence.” Jesus’ command was for us to be witnesses in the urban city Jerusalem and then carry the Gospel throughout Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Urban cities are the right place for mission; evangelism and the call to witnesses begin.

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Cities with a Population of More Than One Million

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**2014 KUC Mission Objective**

This year’s goals for the Adventist Church in Korea has been set. Korean Union Conference president Pastor Kim Dae Sung announced, “This year our goal is to baptize 7,500 souls, build 9 churches, and reach 63 billion won in tithe.” He also said, “For the next two years of my term, the Korean Adventist Church must accomplish three tasks. First, through the ‘New Power 2015 Project,’ we must lay the foundation for children’s ministries for children are the future of our church. Second, we must come up with an innovative strategy for our youth, the pillars of our church. Third, we must establish a system so that individual church members, churches, and organizations can do their best to evangelize.” He pointed out, “Our church must revive spiritually through the Holy Spirit and latter rain. We must receive new power and hope for a second revival of the Korean Adventist Church.” Pastor Kim also thanked God for His grace as the churches in Korea continue to grow during these hard times. He also thanked all the church members for continuing to serve God as they hold on to the hope of Jesus’ second coming.

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**A Visit with a CLAP Member on Green Mountain, Taiwan**

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women’s/Children’s/Family Ministries

On November 12, Mrs. Paula Shen, Children’s/Women’s/Family Ministries director of Taiwan Adventist Conference brought Dr. Sally Phoon on a visit to Green Mountain where they met with a CLAP (Communication & Leadership Advancement Program) graduate, Rachel Wu, who is serving as a pastor in the rural area of Southern Taiwan. She leads an established church of more than one hundred members who have a clear focus on children’s ministries. The children and young people are very much a part of the vibrant life of the church, serving every Sabbath in many capacities. Rachel was very much encouraged by the visit and promised, “I will keep improving my English and pray for you and the CLAP members.”
A newly compiled hymnal is now available to Chinese Adventists worldwide. The new hymnal is the fruit of painstaking work by many people over the course of seven years. Their efforts included, but were not limited to, the careful selection of hymns, the re-translation of some lyrics, and the addition of numbered music notation to the conventional staff notation.

A taskforce comprised of nearly two dozen extraordinary Chinese Adventists who are gifted in music, language, ministry and theology was organized by the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) to undertake this massive project. Its objective was to update the old hymnal to make it more user-friendly and content-rich for Chinese Adventists today.

The old hymnal was first published 48 years ago. It contains many hymns that are rarely sung these days by any congregation. In the meantime, there are many popular, spiritually uplifting and lively new hymns that are loved by Chinese Adventists but have not been officially adopted. The CHUM taskforce decisively took out the unpopular hymns and included new ones.

The translators made sure that the newly translated lyrics rhyme and that they are accurate and easy to understand. The discrepancies in the number of stanzas in some songs between the old Chinese hymnal and the English hymnal were also reconciled, which makes it easier for bilingual Chinese congregations overseas to use both hymnals at the same time.

CHUM hopes that the new hymnal will be a great blessing to the spiritual lives of all Chinese Adventists worldwide.

KUC Education Department Hosts the Adventist Education Administration Council

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) Education Department held the Adventist Education Administration Council on January 12-14 to set goals for the new semester of 2014. School administrators from 27 Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and universities gathered to talk about ways to develop each school. They especially took the time to reevaluate their roles as missionaries to the students. The KUC education director Pastor Yoon Jong Tae stated, “The education department is emphasizing mission goals, such as recovering spirituality, reforming life, and mission revival. Since last year, the mission atmosphere of our Adventist schools in Korea has changed for the better.” He continued by saying that department projects will continue this year and that administrators will work hard to, not only improve knowledge, but to develop campus ministry.

Also, during the council meeting, a special presentation was given of select schools that encouraged character growth through spiritual education and service. The council also discussed ways to bring parents closer to Jesus through the district church, youth church, Sabbath activities and more.
Overflowing Applicants for Sahmyook University and Sahmyook Health University College

At Sahmyook University, a total of 2,233 students applied, of which 446 were accepted for this school year, a ratio of about 5:1. The most competitive major was communication design as 400 students applied for 21 openings. The competition rate for the department of arts content was 17.24 and 11.37 for the department of physical education.

At Sahmyook Health University College, 3,783 students applied for admission, which set a record for the school. As the college-age young adult population in Korea continues to decrease each year, it is very encouraging that the application rate is going up. This shows the status and quality of the education our Adventist Church is providing in Korea.

Mission Day of Three Adventist Institutions in Taiwan

Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations mean we are near the end of a year. In this fast-changing world, no matter how people are being affected we can only thank God for His guidance and protection. Although we are living in an unstable generation, we can still feel God’s amazing grace. Mission Day is a good opportunity for the church to share God’s love in action.

Mission Day was a joint effort of Taiwan Adventist College, Taiwan Adventist Academy, and Puli Seventh-day Adventist Church. Together a Christmas Special program was presented at 6 p.m. on December 18, 2013, at Ren Ai Park in Puli town. Taiwan Adventist College faculty, staff members and college students met at Yuchih Adventist Church at 2 p.m. Canny Tay, assistant pastor of Yuchih Adventist Church, gave a briefing for the whole event. A group picture was taken in front of the church, and a prayer was offered before leaving the school campus. Upon arriving at Puli town, the teams went to their assigned locations and distributed flyers inviting people to the evening program. Owing to the fact that the majority of the residents are non-Christians, the faculty, staff members and students had mixed feelings while handing out the flyers. However, as the Bible says, “Do not be afraid,” came as a timely comfort and the distribution was successfully completed within less than two hours.

Although it was drizzling, the task was efficiently done because the good news of Jesus’ birth was spread through Puli town. The rain stopped just before the program started. Someone shouted, “God heard our prayers!” The empty chairs began to fill, and although it was chilly everyone’s hearts were on fire. The program participants and other helpers kept in mind what Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations…” This is a call to spread the gospel to the entire world.

On the following evening, students and teachers from Taiwan Adventist Academy distributed flyers in Yuchih town under cold rain. An invitation was sent to Yuchih residents to attend the special Sabbath morning Special Christmas music worship on December 21 with campus teachers and students. Mission Day is significant because God knows our good works and our willingness to sow seeds and win souls. We pray and hope that each day is a Mission Day. Amen!
According to the national scholastic assessment of 2013, Daejeon Sahmyook Middle School is now among the top 0.3% nationwide. Also, according to the scholastic assessment announced on February 2 of this year, Daejeon Sahmyook Middle School ranked 12th among 3,225 schools nationwide. The school’s vision is to “foster globally creative and outstanding students” through proper Adventist education, character development, and academic growth. Above all, Daejeon Sahmyook Middle School promotes knowledge, ethics and physical development based on the verse “love your neighbors as yourself.” The educational environment of the school is another one of its outstanding traits. For example, to create an atmosphere of comfort and happiness where students can feel at home, the school designed the classrooms and hallways like a house. Students can sit or lie down to read books and play during recess. Since 2010, schools around the country have begun promoting “schools without violence”; however, this is a motto for other schools. While other schools install CCTVs and use artificial ways to prevent school bullying and violence, Daejeon Sahmyook Middle School has been focusing on educating students on the matters of fundamental sanctity of life, building upright character, love and humanity.

Daejeon Sahmyook Middle School is determined to continue to grow so that they can be the “head” of the world. Principal Kim JoonSup made it clear that “our school will do its best to teach with passion and love to guide students to be active and creative through all the right sources. We will continue to carry out the image of humbleness and service.”

The current director of the 1000 Missionary Movement in the Philippines, Pastor Park Kwang Soo, has been appointed to be the new president of the Korean Publishing House. The decision was made by the Korean Publishing House council on January 7 since President Choi Byun Keun was scheduled to retire in February. The newly appointed president responded by saying, “I pray and hope that the One who called me will continue to put His confidence in me” and “I will do my best by trusting that those around me will be helpful and understanding of my shortcomings. I sincerely ask for the prayers of our church members.”
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Elder Lee Jaiyoup, who currently attends Sung-Joo Church in the Southeast Korean Conference, received a commendation from the Korean president during the “2013 National Volunteer Contest.” For the past 15 years, Elder Lee has provided dental care to elderly people who cannot easily move about. Since 1998, he has served as a medical missionary in China, Cambodia, the Philippines and more. He works as the director of a dental office during the morning and works as a volunteer in the afternoon. Elder Lee also donated chairs for dental care to sanitariums and continues to help in any way he can. The sponsoring body described Elder Lee as “someone who has more passion in helping those in need than making money through his talents. He carries out his services as if he lives with them.” Elder Lee responded, “I am embarrassed because there are people out there that do more good than I do. I will accept this commendation as a way of encouragement for me to continue my volunteer work. I give the glory and honor to God.”

Hong Kong gives HK$3 Million to ADRA China for Philippine Typhoon Relief

The Hong Kong government Disaster Relief Fund has given a grant of HK$3 million to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency China (ADRA China) to provide food relief to survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

In collaboration with ADRA Philippines, food packages will be distributed to more than 12,000 households in eleven municipalities in the province of Capiz. The project commenced on Christmas Eve in 2013 and is expected to come to completion by the end of February 2014.

ADRA China was one of six recipients of the grant among other NGOs, such as World Vision, Save the Children and CEDAR Fund.

Tokyo Korean Church Evangelistic Meeting Helped by the Dandelion Mission Team

The Dandelion Mission Team of West Central Korean Conference Women’s Ministries (Director: Lee Jung Hwa) helped out with the Tokyo Korean Church evangelistic meetings (Pastor Sung Seon Jae) from September 22 to 28, 2013. This meeting was held as part of the Big City Mission Plan “Tokyo13.”

The speakers were Pastor Kwon Johng Haeng and Elder Lee Yong Hak. Pastor Lee Jung Hwa worked as a Bible teacher for those who were interested in studying the Bible.

Throughout the program, we were assured that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him.” In the midst of the difficult challenges facing mission in Japan, the Holy Spirit was leading.

There were thirteen members who participated in this outreach program. A group of Ephphatha medical mission volunteers were there to serve, and the Dandelion members offered foot massage. This was followed by
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Children Missionary Movement Goes on a Mission to the Philippines

The Children Missionary Movement (CMM) supervised by the Korean Union Conference Children’s Department (Director Ahn JaeSoon) went on a mission trip to the Philippines where the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) campus is located. The “little missionaries” worked very hard to plant the seeds of the Gospel in the Philippines. CMM participated in the mission trip from January 6 to 15, 2014 with a total of 56 people (43 children, 13 supervisors) from the East Central, West Central, and the Southwest Korean Conferences. After the children arrived at the 1000MM campus, they trained with the 43rd batch missionaries for two days. On the morning of January 8, the children divided into three groups and carried out their mission work in three districts, including Batangas.

These children trained for a year through CMM. They also saved their own money to be a part of this missionary movement. Everyday these young missionaries exercised their faith, body and skills. They personally prepared health cooking classes and arts and crafts for the children and the townspeople of the Philippines.

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Children are being trained so that they, too, can be missionaries. From January 6 to 8, 2014 the children’s department at Middlewest Korean Conference opened a “Three Angels’ Children’s Evangelism School.” The training program took only three days. However, through topic discussion and practical exercises, the program was truly beneficial to the children. The main activity during this time period was memorizing Bible verses, enabling the children to later remember and explain the verses when necessary. While most children cannot explain why we go to church on Saturday and why we don’t eat certain foods, the children who attended this program are now confident in answering their friends’ questions. According to the director of the children’s department, Pastor Cho Myung Hwan, “Children need to learn how to express their faith and how to share their faith. If this training does not happen at an early age, it will be harder for them to change as they grow older. I am proud to see children participating.”

Professional Hospice Care
“Share Life Association” Founded

The “Share Life Association” was founded to share eternal life with those who are barely holding on to life. The association provides education for hospice professionals and volunteers and leads out in community services. As they base their activities at Sahmyook University and Sahmyook Seoul Hospital, 40 people, including professionals and elders of Adventist churches, have joined the association. CEO Nam DaeGeuk made the purpose of the association clear by referring to Luke chapter 23: “The thief on the cross was promised his salvation right before his death. Till our dying breath, we must do our best to share the Gospel of eternal life.” Sahmyook Seoul Hospital Director Choi MyungSup mentioned in his opening remarks, “Introducing eternal life to those who are dying is a job one cannot do alone.” He also asked churches around the country and their members to help the association. The Share Life Association plans to make sure that our Adventist friends and family can receive hospice care in our own community and hospital. The association also plans to share the love of Christ so that people can receive the hope of Jesus’ second coming as they come to their life’s end.
In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), a benefit concert to support 1000MM missionaries was held at Sahmyook Central Church on December 14, 2013. The concert was organized to support the 1000MM with love and prayer. Many guests including Pastor Park KwangSoo, 1000MM director, Mr. Lee DongWon, 1000MM Supporters Association president, 1000MM missionaries serving in Korea, and other church members enjoyed many different types of music, including instrumental performances, vocal music, ensemble and choir music. The 1000MM promotional message and the touching testimonies by the returned 1000MM missionaries warmed everyone’s heart.

The event was especially meaningful as the 1000MM Supporters Association announced that they were donating a 12-passenger van and 45 million won. Pastor Park KwangSoo thanked all the supporters, saying, “The 1000MM will continue its active mission strategy to reach the whole world thanks to the volume of thoughtful support from Adventist members.” Mr. Lee DongWon stated, “The 1000MM is a movement that lets young Adventists shine their light in this time of darkness. I really appreciate all who support the 1000MM through the 1000MM Supporters Association, which was initiated this year. I hope that this concert will not be just a one-time event, but a catalyst for various supporting activities.” May God continuously bless the 1000MM Supporters Association for its wholehearted support so that more Adventist young people can go to new mission fields.
AAA Accreditation Visits to Hong Kong Adventist College and Taiwan Adventist College

(AAA: Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities)

Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) visiting team made regular accreditation visits to Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) and Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) from November 5 to 7, 2013, and November 10 to 12, 2013, respectively. These are the only two colleges in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) offering bilingual programs in Chinese and English.

The members of the AAA visiting committee that visited TAC were Dr. Mike Lekic, GC associate education director, chair; Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD education director, secretary; Dr. Lyn Bartlett, Andrews University (AU) director of off-campus programs; Dr. Jang Byung Ho, dean of Sahmyook University (SU) School of Theology; Dr. David Ripley, NSD ministerial secretary; and Ms. Sophia Pan, NSD assistant treasurer. TAC not only runs program within its campus, but it has extension programs in other locations such as in Malaysia and ‘Unorganized Territory’ (UT) In collaboration with Griggs University, it also offers graduate programs in Taiwan and UT The Bachelor of Ministry program was also recently accredited by the Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA).

The members of the AAA visiting committee for HKAC were as follows: Dr. Mike Lekic, GC associate education director, chair; Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD education director, secretary; Dr. Lyn Bartlett, AU director of off-campus programs; Dr. Alice Chen-Magarang, TAC president; Dr. Barbara Choi, NSD health director; Dr. Ha Hong Pal, dean of SGC theology Department; Dr. Shin Sung Rae, SU professor of nursing; Dr. Johnny Wong, Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) treasurer; and Dr. Robert Wong, CHUM Chinese Ministries director. HKAC is affiliated with Andrews University and offers three degrees from AU: BA in Religion, BS in Health and Fitness and BS in Psychology. In conjunction with an affiliation with Griggs University, it offers the BS in Business Management and in collaboration with the CHUM Chinese Adventist Seminary, it offers the Bachelor of Ministry (BMin), a two-year diploma in Religion and a one-year certificate in Religion.

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NSD Education Director
The Global Leadership Summit sponsored by the General Conference (GC) was held in Avondale College, Australia, from January 27 to 30, 2014. Some 40 leaders from the 13 divisions and a few academic institutions gathered to discuss leadership development and curriculum, reporting division activities, presenting academic perspectives on leadership, and dealing with current issues of leadership.

The Global Leadership Summit, which is held annually and is hosted by a different division each year, aims to reinforce leader spirituality, resulting in the revival and reformation of the worldwide remnant church. This year the South Pacific Division hosted the Global Leadership Summit at Avondale College, the place of inspiration. Prompted by the Holy Spirit in her dreams, Ellen G. White gave church leaders counsel to buy some 500 acres near Cooranbong, and this later became the site of Avondale College.

The presence of three GC officers at the meetings tells the significance of this meeting. In the opening address, Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, the GC president, placed great emphasis on the spirituality of leaders and their exemplary lives. The leader plays the keynote role to steer the direction of the church or institution according to his or her decision and will. Unless leaders try their best to bring revival and reformation to the congregation, the church will remain lukewarm as the Laodicean church.

From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Dr. Jairyong Lee, division president, and Dr. MinHo Joo attended this meeting as representatives. When it was time for the division report, Dr. MinHo Joo reported what NSD had done last year in terms of leadership training. He presented the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) program, which was mainly for providing English training for potential leaders. At present, 34 pastors and institution leaders are under training as the 3rd batch of the CLAP program.

The NSD Leadership Training Center, which is under construction in Jeju Island, Korea, is another project the NSD has planned for leaders in the NSD territories, especially Japan and China. An outstanding project the NSD has planned is theological seminaries in four regions in China.

Before wrapping up the Global Leadership Summit, Dr. Michael Ryan, a vice president at the GC, evaluated the advanced progress of leadership training and curriculum in each division and institution and encouraged everyone to continually develop and carry out effective training programs for leaders. Next year, the 8th Global Leadership Summit will be held in the Middle East and North African territories.

Before the Global Leadership Summit was over, the participants toured Sunnyside, the home of Ellen G. White from 1896 to 1900. This is the historic place where The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan was written. Looking around and seeing Ellen G. White’s home, they remembered the faithful and exemplary leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
KUC

Annual Meeting for Newly Appointed Elders

At an annual meeting was held for this year’s new elders. Within the Korean Union Conference (KUC), there were 33 elders from the East Central Korean Conference, 23 from the West Central Korean Conference, 30 from Southeast Korean Conference, 7 from Middlewest Korean Conference, and 9 from Southwest Korean Conference, for a total of 102 elders. These new church leaders were trained in the areas of church organization, the qualifications and the calling of elders, leadership in the church, etc. KUC president Pastor Kim, Dae Sung reminded the elders of their duties as he said, “Before we are elders, we are foremost Christians.” He also said, “Above the basic conscience and knowledge of a human being, we must live a Christian life. And after that, we must live up to our title as elders.” The participants expressed that they would often just stand by as other elders of their church did the work. However, through this meeting, they felt that they had learned how to work with pastors and how to serve the church as leaders.

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) students and their families participated in the “Family Sharing Happiness Camp,” hosted by SHUC. SHUC prepared special programs that encouraged “resting in nature, healing of the heart, and making unforgettable memories” as students and their parents live in this busy world. Three specialists were invited as guest speakers. They spoke on the topics of speech techniques, the five languages of love, and conversation techniques for families. Special activities, such as family musical programs, team activities, table talk and drawing, were held as well. One of the fathers who participated in the camp said, “This was a time for me to realize again how important family is. I thank the school for preparing this camp.” SHUC hopes that through this camp, families will come closer by fellowship and conversation. They plan to hold this camp each year.
KUC

East Central Korean Conference Pastoral Spouses “Eun Ga Bi” Holds Evangelistic Series

November 25-29, 2013, East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) Pastoral Spouses Group “Eun Ga Bi” presented an evangelistic series at the Senior Medical Center at Dong Hae City. Pastoral spouse, Yoo Kyung Seo was the speaker presenting messages titled “From Dusk to Eternity.”

Most attendees had health related illnesses such as dementia, that made their movement difficult. However, many of them were deeply moved by the messages. Seven people made their decision to be baptized.

It was an amazing evangelistic series. Also, some of the staff became interested in the messages and promised to continue to study the Bible. This made the evangelistic series much more meaningful. We, Eun Ga Bi, will continue to pray and work for souls who did not make a decision to be baptized due to family objections and health concerns.

KUC

The 43rd 1000 Missionary Movement Dispatch; Sahmyook Health University College Baptismal Ceremony

On December 7, 2013, the 43rd 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) dispatch and baptismal ceremony were held in the main auditorium of Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC). Four students decided to dedicate one year of their lives to serve the Lord. Their testimonies touched the hearts of teachers, family members and friends as they said, “We will return safe and sound.” Every year SHUC holds a “1000 Missionary Movement Week” to promote the 1000MM. Of all the Adventist organizations in Korea, SHUC always maintains their record for sending the most missionaries each year. So far they have dispatched a total of 104 missionaries.

On December 6 and 7, SHUC held their last baptismal ceremony for the year 2013 as 22 students received baptism. A total of 167 SHUC students received baptism during the year 2013. SHUC continues to strengthen its programs, helping students find stability in their local churches and encouraging them to participate in mission work so that they can lead others to Jesus.

CHUM

Hong Kong-Macao Conference Re-elects Its Leadership

Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) held its 12th delegation session from December 14 to 15, 2013. The session went so well that the official business was concluded within two days, which was one day ahead of schedule.

The nominating committee headed by Pastor Bob Folkenberg, Jr., president of Chinese Union Mission, re-elected Pastor Chiloe Fan as president, Pastor Heywood Cham as executive secretary, and Dr. Wee Hock Kee as treasurer.

Pastor Folkenberg offered his prayers for the HKMC leadership as they join hands to lead ministries in HKMC for the next three years.
AIIAS Celebrates Week of Spiritual Emphasis

The Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines held a Week of Spiritual Emphasis from February 8 to 15, 2014. AIIAS is a higher learning educational institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Its faculty/staff and students are from about 80 different countries, literally from all 13 division territories of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. The week of spiritual emphasis was organized by the AIIAS Student Association.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, as the invited speaker, gave 13 presentations on the general theme of “I Do Believe; Help My Unbelief!” Dr. Lee emphasized the importance of faith in Christian life and encouraged the audience to trust in the Lord in all circumstances. He presented practical examples from Scripture, Spirit of Prophecy and testimonies from the lives of pioneers and contemporary faithful witnesses.

The messages were relevant for an academic community and mission-driven school like AIIAS. Even children could relate to the practical presentations and stories given by the speaker. Dr. Lee also had personal consultations, prayer and fellowship with students from different parts of the world who are studying at AIIAS.

Dr. Stephen Guptill, president of AIIAS, mentioned the rich spiritual blessings received throughout the week and expressed special thanks to the speaker. The AIIAS community truly enjoyed the special messages each morning and evening and spent quality time with God in prayer. It was indeed a blessed week.
Revival, Reformation, Discipleship, and Evangelism from Desire of Ages chapter

“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled”

by Ellen White

▪ Revival

Looking upon His disciples with divine love and with the tenderest sympathy… the Saviour [spoke] words to them [that] were full of hope. He knew that they were to be assailed by the enemy, and that Satan’s craft is most successful against those who are depressed by difficulties. Therefore He pointed them away from “the things which are seen,” to “the things which are not seen” (2 Corinthians 4:18). From earthly exile He turned their thoughts to the heavenly home.

After the Lord’s ascension, the disciples realized the fulfillment of His promise. The scenes of the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ were a living reality to them. They saw that the prophecies had been literally fulfilled. They searched the Scriptures, and accepted their teaching with a faith and assurance unknown before. They knew that the divine Teacher was all that He had claimed to be. As they told their experience, and exalted the love of God, men’s hearts were melted and subdued, and multitudes believed on Jesus.

▪ Discipleship & Evangelism

The Saviour’s promise to His disciples is a promise to His church to the end of time. God did not design that His wonderful plan to redeem men should achieve only insignificant results. All who will go to work, trusting not in what they themselves can do, but in what God can do for and through them, will certainly realize the fulfillment of His promise. “Greater works than these shall ye do,” He declares: “because I go unto My Father.” He explained that the secret of their success would be in asking for strength and grace in His Name.

▪ Reformation & Discipleship

He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them. He has a use for them, and He is well pleased when they make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises. But to pray in Christ’s name means much. It means that we are to accept His character, manifest His spirit, and work His works.

As Christ lived the law in humanity, so we may do if we will take hold of the Strong for strength… The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will teach somebody else. If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength. Power for obedience, for service, will be imparted to them, as Christ has promised… He encouraged them with the promise that in every trial He would be with them.

At all times and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith… Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer… The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that Christ could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people.

▪ Evangelism

The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train… I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit…” Christ said to His disciples. Though He was about to be removed from them, their spiritual union with Him was to be unchanged… By faith in Him as a personal Saviour the union is formed. The sinner unites his weakness to Christ’s strength, his emptiness to Christ’s fullness, his frailty to Christ’s enduring might. Then he has the mind of Christ… Through them [His disciples – each of us --] the Sun of Righteousness will shine in undimmed luster to the world.

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NSD Shepherdess Coordinator

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Homecoming Celebration of the 41st Batch Missionaries

After fulfilling their promise to the Lord by serving as missionaries for a year in their respective mission fields, the 41st batch missionaries returned for the closing ceremony on January 25. Seventy-five missionaries (Korea: 25, China: 3, Mongolia: 1, Taiwan: 1, Philippines: 45) gathered together for this special Homecoming Celebration. Through the service of the 41st batch, 629 souls received baptism, 1,140 lost sheep came back to the fold, and six chapels and four churches were constructed. The 41st batch pledged before God and before those who were present, including former missionaries, new missionaries, and church members, that they would forever be missionaries. As these missionaries go back to their home countries, we pray that God will work through them and that they will follow His calling.

Training of the 43rd Batch Missionaries

On December 22, 2013, 21 Korean missionaries of the 43rd batch arrived safely in the Philippines and entered the training campus. As the new missionaries began their English training the following day, they awoke at dawn singing hymns and shouting their chant. At the end of their English training, which included English classes and studying the Word of God, from January 20 to 24 they participated in mountain climbing, marine, and spiritual drills. Under the leadership of assistant director Pastor Oh Chang Gyu, the Mindoro training was successfully carried out as the missionaries became one in spirit and truth. Glorifying God for their successful training, they graduated from their English training on the evening of January 23. After a congratulation speech by the 1000 Missionary Movement director, Pastor Park Kwang Soo, the missionaries shared what they had learned.

Now, as the missionaries begin their missionary training, there are a total of 59 missionaries (Philippines: 31, Korea: 21, Chinese: 3, Tahiti: 1, Uganda: 1, USA: 1). Through the training program, we hope and pray that these volunteers will learn how to be effective missionaries and will be born again as God uses them as His instruments. We hope to hear good news during their journey as they become the salt and light of the world through the power of God.
On November 10, 2013, the General Conference (GC) president, Ted N. C. Wilson, and his wife visited the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) campus. Pastor Wilson has always shown an interest and provided special care for the 1000MM. As he toured the campus, he said, “The 1000MM is a powerful movement that carries out the Gospel throughout the world. It also strengthens the faith of our youth and helps keep the church strong.” He also sincerely thanked the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, the Korean Union Conference, the 1000MM training center, and all the missionaries around the world for their dedication. As the GC president visited the 1000MM Missions Memorial Hall, he was touched by the effort and the testimonies of more than 6,000 missionaries who have worked hard to carry out the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The current director of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), Pastor Park, KwangSoo, has been called to be the new president of the Korea Publishing House starting this February. To take his place, Pastor Shin DongHee, senior pastor of Milpitas SDA Church of the Central California Conference (CCC), has been selected to be the new 1000MM director. His work will begin on March 1. Pastor Shin remarks, “When the 1000MM began about twenty years ago, Asia was attracting many international missionaries. Now Asia is a place where, through the 1000MM, the revolution of God’s mission is taking place, and it is the greatest honor for me to be a part of it. Through the hard work and vision of past directors, there are twelve 1000MM branches in eight divisions with more than 600 missionaries serving the Lord. I ask that all our church members pray that the 1000MM can hasten the return of our Lord.”

After serving as the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Youth/Music Missions Director for nine years (2002-2010), Pastor Shin attended Andrews University and graduated on August 5, 2012, with a doctorate in ministries (majoring in leadership). He is first Asian to be hired by the CCC. As the 14th senior pastor of Milpitas Church, he divided church administration into three categories: nurture, mission and worship. Also by focusing on educating leaders, he made sure that each administrative department could work as an individual entity but at the same time, could work together as one. Pastor Shin also contributed to the significant growth experienced by the kindergarten (100 children) and elementary school (130 students) which the church operates.

Pastor Shin was born in 1962 and graduated from Sahmyook University with a degree in theology. He then attended AIIAS (Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies) and Adventist University of the Philippines and graduated with degrees in pastoral theology, public health and systematic theology. He began his ministries as the pastor of Jungdong Central Church in the West Central Korean Conference. Pastor Shin is married to Hong SungHee, and they have two children, DongGyu and SeoYung. Pastor Shin has always had a special interest and love toward the 1000MM, and we pray that through his dedication and service, the Gospel will spread throughout the world and that the faith of Adventist youth will be strengthened.
2014 Pioneer Mission Movement Mission Training

The 2014 Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Mission Training began with the slogan, “We are not special, but God makes us special.” The first training session took place at Deer Mountain last year from December 9 to 12, lasting 100 hours. The training was conducted by the General Conference World Mission Institute Director Dr. Cheryl D. Doss using case studies through which missionaries gained understanding and practical experiences of other cultures. The second training session took place at the Sahmyook University Vision-Dream Center from January 13 to 16, and various experts were invited to share mission strategies for mission and church development. The prospective PMM missionaries gained a better understanding of their mission and the responsibilities they must carry as well as the direction of the mission in Korea and the world. The third training session took place February 10-12, 2014.

In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) region, where only 3 percent of 1.6 billion people are Adventists, PMM missionaries are working hard to take the Gospel into barren lands by building churches and cultivating church leaders. Presently, in 15 countries, 47 missionaries are doing their best to expand the kingdom of heaven. May heavenly power and bountiful wisdom through prayer be with the six new PMM missionary families as they enter into service in 2014.

Taiwan PMM Church Evangelism

Currently, eleven missionaries are on active duty in Taiwan, where Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) mission outreach is very active. It is not an easy task to spread the Gospel in places where the people’s sacrificial rites have long been a long tradition in the midst of Buddhism and other local religions. However, by the grace of God, as the cold currents began moving south, PMM mission activities, such as the Korean language school, Korean cooking classes, Korean music and other programs, began expanding the mission outreach effort. Wherever there is a PMM pastor, the church conducts evangelism twice a year gathering many souls.

Recently, Thai Dong Church (Pastor Jeon Jae Song) carried out a successful evangelistic campaign with Pastor Kim Si Young as the speaker. On the last day, twenty souls were baptized. Surely it was God’s amazing work to have twenty baptisms in a place where it is difficult to get even one baptism in a year. Furthermore, Baytoon Church (Pastor Jang Lim Chul), Thari Church (Pastor Yoon Sung Chul) and Sheenteeahn Church (Pastor Kim Seok Woo) invited Pastor Han SukHee to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings, which strengthened the PMM churches and reached many people with the Gospel truth. PMM churches have also become fully established within the community as mission churches.

The beautiful praise worship at the PMM churches was led by the Golden Angels, who played an important role during the evangelistic meetings, drawing many people to the churches. Their music was like an early sunrise on a calm morning delicately touching souls and directing them to see the righteous Son of God. Doesn’t the saying go like this, “As the night deepens, doesn’t the dawn draw closer?” The Gospel is going forward in desolate lands through the dedication and sacrifice of these PMM missionaries. Our hearts tremble with great expectation as we look forward to the work God is going to carry out in the year 2014.
On January 4, 2014, PMM Pastor Kim Tae Hyoung, who is assigned in Sakhalin, Russia, received sacred ordination. Pastor Romanov, president of the Russian Far Eastern Union, preached during the ordination service, and NSD vice-director Choi Young Il offered prayer. All the Sakhalin churches joined the service making it a grand ordination. Pastor Kim Tae Hyoung is a loving and sacrificing shepherd who loves souls. It is wonderful to see how he works from dawn to night seeking the lost. He is a man of prayer. Members of the Sakhalin Church stated that due to Pastor Kim Tae Hyoung, they have learned the importance of prayer. The Sakhalin Church was facing many problems; however, through the leadership of Pastor Kim Tae Hyoung, the church found peace and has become the largest church in the Sakhalin area.

Church attendance has increased especially with the children’s Pathfinder Club activities and with the youth whose faith has been firmly established as they serve as teachers. With the children’s attendance came the parents’ attendance, and the church also offered them Bible studies. What is more, with a positive relationship with other denominational churches, they are able to perform difficult tasks successfully whether the events are big or small. The Gospel blossom is blooming in the largest nation in the world.

As we see the mission in Sakhalin, we are optimistic about the future of the Gospel of Jesus Christ reaching the rest of Russia. The ordained Pastor Kim Tae Hyoung confesses that “All is done by the grace of God and I lack much.” He is determined to follow God, saying, “Since I am ordained, I will completely surrender myself for the kingdom of heaven.” Pastor Kim Tae Hyoung and his wife, Lee Soon Hee, have two children, Heaven and Hope.
Foot Massage and Health Evangelistic Meetings at Beitun Church, Taiwan

Beitun Church in Taiwan invited Elder Nam Seon Gyu and five foot-massage therapists to hold health evangelistic meetings and to run a foot-massage certificate course on October 21-26. During the meetings, a health-based cooking class and free foot-massage service were provided in the afternoons while the foot-massage certificate course was held during the evenings. Newcomers and church members who participated in the meetings experienced healing and touch. A woman who had set foot in the church for the first time said her eyesight improved because of the foot massage. An old man in his eighties said that as the result of the treatment he was able to walk and exercise. In order to continue the community outreach service, 12 church members completed the foot-massage certificate course, and they will serve the church and the local community on Sabbath afternoons. They are planning to visit nursing homes and those in need after they become more experienced. The wife of one of the Taiwan Conference officers also participated in the course, and it is hoped that this outreach program will be effectively used in cooperation with the conference. It was also really generous of Elder Nam and the five volunteers to donate five foot-massage beds and charcoal packs worth $1500 USD.

Taiwan Beitun Church Devotes Members to Evangelism Through HisHands Mission Movement

Ever since Beitun Church was organized in the center of Taizhong City, with support from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, on March 30, 2013, Taiwan HisHands Mission Movement empowers the church's mission activities. The church understood the spiritual needs of the local community and responded with five evangelistic meetings in 2013: the Golden Angels’ evangelistic meetings led by Dr. Kim SiYoung in April, Sahmyook Health University College mission team’s meetings led by Pastor Lee JaeGyun in June, DongHae Sahmyook Academy mission team’s meetings led by Pastor Kim HoKyu in July, foot-massage health meetings led by Elder Nam, SeonGyu in October, and HisHands meetings led by Pastor Han SukHee in December. The church has directed all of its strength to continue the mission training and to find seekers. About 20 people on average attend the church on Sabbath as it is a newborn church, less than a year old. However, it provides programs for the local community, including a Korean language class, an English class, foot-massage service, and a certificate course. The church trains all foot-massage therapists to be HisHands missionaries so that they can regularly serve people across Taiwan as well as in their own church. Now the church is planning to operate a mission training center.
Beitun Church invited a HisHands missionary team from East Central Korean Conference and Pastor Han SukHee, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division HisHands coordinator, for evangelistic meetings from December 16 to 21, 2013. During the mornings and the afternoons, they visited house-to-house in pairs with Taiwan church members. Various programs, including a Korean language class and a healthy cooking class, were offered, and all attendees including church members and newcomers were touched by the well-prepared Gospel message. “Even though I was in an unfamiliar environment, I enjoyed amazing experiences when I boldly started to seek souls with the HisHands spirit. I experienced for myself the truth that God has already prepared souls when I earnestly pray and go out with the Gospel,” said Miss Choi MinJeong, a HisHands missionary.

As a result of the meetings, five people decided to study the Bible and to be baptized. Sister Laijian Yu, who has been attending the church for eight years, finally decided to get baptized and accept Jesus as her personal Savior. Taizhong Church and Taiwan Conference as well as Beitun Church congratulated her on her baptism. Sister Yu, a recently retired high school teacher, revealed her hopes to serve the church as a HisHands missionary.

This year’s first HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) ceremony was held on January 25 at Mokhaeng Church located in Chungju. A total of 33 missionaries (30 adults and 3 children) dedicated their lives to serve God. The ceremony was held during the main worship service as Pastor Cho Myung Hwan of Middlewest Korean Conference called each missionary by name. The missionaries then took their oath and received their certificates of appointment. The 33 missionaries became one as they shouted the HHMM slogan, “Through His Spirit, By His Power, As His Hands!” Pastor Han SukHee, director of HHMM, encouraged the missionaries with a joyful plea, “Send us workers to harvest in this land for there is much to harvest.” Through the ceremony, the church members and missionaries of Mokhaeng Church became determined once again to spread the Gospel throughout Chungju City.
Winter Vacation Bible School at Ansan Adventist Multicultural Family Service Center

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The Ansan Adventist Multicultural Family Service Center (Director: Kim Young Soo) held a Winter Vacation Bible School (WVBS) for multicultural children from December 23 to 28, 2013. The WVBS was held for the growing number of children since the center started a “Mother and Child Establishment” and opened a kindergarten so that it would be easier to spread the Gospel. Thirty multicultural children attended WVBS, and Kim Young Soo, the senior pastor, shared many Bible stories with them. They wrote letters to Jesus, learned new songs, had interesting recreational games and more. On the 29th, the Russian school and kindergarten held a festival. They prepared interesting plays, dances and action songs. The WVBS gave the children a good chance to learn about Jesus and to enjoy many activities in faith. The service center will continue to educate and love these children as Christ would. The service center is planning to develop Sabbath school programs and Pathfinders for the children and the church.

From January 14 to 23, the children at the center went to the Happiness Etiquette Education Center in Ansan City to learn the Korean traditional New Year’s bow and to experience the traditional ways of drinking teas and to play traditional games. They had lots of fun playing the traditional game yut and learned to wear a hanbok as they practiced their New Year’s bow. As Korea continues to grow as a multicultural society, the center is taking steps to put more effort into educating the second generation of our international friends.
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Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM)
The PMM is a mission movement that plant a new church in the area where there is no Adventist church at all, and that nurtures a church with no growth which has few members. The ultimate purpose of this movement is to send as many missionaries as the fields are calling, who have prepared themselves and who are full of the mission spirit. These missionaries will nurture weak churches without pastors to prepare them for the second coming of Christ through the three angels’ messages. At the same time, they will proclaim the gospel message to those who have never heard of Jesus Christ that they may have eternal life.

His Hands Mission Movement (HHMM)
The HisHands Mission Movement follows Jesus’ method of evangelism. He gathered people; trained them; and sent them into every village in pairs. Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized by God to accomplish the purpose of preaching the everlasting gospel in these last days. Members of this church, therefore, are called to be missionaries. The HisHands Mission Movement helps its members to be His Hands and preach the message of salvation and hope to countless neighbors who struggle with hopelessness.

Golden Angels (GA)
The Golden Angels ministry was established in 2004 to support the Pioneer Mission Movement, to provide powerful praises and to render missionary service in various mission fields of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. The Golden Angels is a music missionary group which composed of 8 young people who dedicate one year of their lives to serve God through their musical talent and become His Music missionaries wherever the gospel is needed.

Communication & Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP)
Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) was launched in 2008 as a focused effort to polish up the English language and leadership skills of our upcoming leaders in the Division. Participants concentrate on developing their proficiency in four intensive two-week sessions over a period of 2 years, with lots of assignment in between.

Global Mission
The Global Mission began in 1990 in order to spread the Gospel swiftly to those who have not heard about God. This movement is a project where church members find people who speak and share their native language and culture and preach the Gospel and finally, pioneer churches. More than 650 church members have been caring out this movement for more than 2 years.

Mission Day
Mission Day is a day set by denominational organizations to emphasize mission and evangelism among the faculties and staff members and help all the workers to renew their mission/evangelism spirit and provide them opportunities to participate in mission/evangelism activities. Mission Day was first started in 2004 by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.