

The early days of autumn in Mongolia, with blue skies and crisp fresh air, are a wonderful time to leave the city and travel to the countryside. That is what more than 200 women did when they gathered at the Suut Resort of the Adventist Church, located 57 km from Ulaanbataar, to worship, receive training, and fellowship together from August 22 to 25, 2019. Many members invited and brought their non-member friends to the congress.

Women's Ministries director of Mongolia Mission (MM), Pastor Ooyo, and her team planned and led out in the women's congress to encourage and disciple the women of Mongolia as they continue to contribute to the world church's goal of Total Member Involvement.

Speakers for the weekend included Lisa Clouzet, Women's Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD); Angelina Pagarigan MM treasurer; Cleidi Kuhn, former MM Women's Ministries director; and Enkhbayar Mishigdor, MM Health Ministries director. Seminars and workshops throughout the congress covered topics in each of the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

Besides seminars and workshops, the congress participants had the opportunity to wake up early and participate in morning prayer walks, attend a special Bible forum, and hear inspirational testimonies from some of their peers. The women also enjoyed healthy vegetarian food while visiting about their lives and ministries during mealtimes.

Sabbath, August 24, was a special day worldwide when our church once again recognized the **enditnow**[®] Emphasis Day. This day has been part of our worldwide church calendar since 2002, when it was known as "Abuse Prevention Day." Since 2010, it has been called **enditnow**[®] Emphasis Day. It is a day many General Conference (GC) departments support to help bring the issue of abuse to the front of consciousness in our church. This year's theme focused on the topic of "resilience," an important aspect of the healing process when dealing with abuse, and was also the topic of the congress' Sabbath worship hour presentation.

Two other highlights of the weekend included a Women's Ministries scholarship given to Usanbolor Oyunchimeg toward her university tuition and special recognition, in the form of a Mongolian/English Bible, given to the 13 female pastors who were in attendance.

As the women of Mongolia continue to be faithful pillars of the church, let us continue to lift them up in prayer and support. Philippians 1:9-11 reminds us to pray that their "love may abound still more and more" and that they will be "filled with the fruits of righteousness."

Mongolia Mission Women's Ministries Holds Congress and Supports **enditnow**[®] Emphasis Day

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