Adventists Involved Community

John Cheang, Adventist Community Services

It started off with a Tai Chi demonstration followed by an aerobic exercise and a 1.4 metre walk around the Thomson neighbourhood. This was the Community Health Day on September 2, 2007. The San Yu Adventist School, the Singapore Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Church (SCC), the Adventist Community Services (ACS) and the Moulmein Citizen Consultative Committee put their heads together for the very first time to organize this event.

Some 300 people came early in the morning with their walking gears. SATA provided health screening and X-ray services. Informative health talks in English and Mandarin were presented by Dr Dicky Ng and Dr Andy Ng. We were priviledged to have Mr Arthur Lee, Chairman of Moulmein Citizen Consultative Committee, as our Guest of Honour and several grassroot leaders. Samuel Kan, a lay member, provided free physiotherapy services. There were also back and neck massages to relieve muscle aches. ACS put up Newstart panel display and conducted Health Age assessment. This was done by using a portable health and lifestyle assessment software system developed for quick, accurate, and informative screening of risk factors.

For a $5 registration fee, participants got more than they bargained for - a $16.90 Crocodile T shirt, a goodie bag, lucky draw and a sumptuous vegetarian lunch by Genesis Health Food Restaurant. We want to express appreciation to the volunteers from the San Yu Adventist School and from our local churches for helping out in the logistics and making this event a success.

A donation of $2,000 was made to the Moulmein Community Centre for their needy students bursary fund. We count it a blessing to share and do our part for our community.

Let the trees of the forest rustle

with praise . . .

1 Chronicles 16:33
(New Living Translation)
It proved quite a challenge to find a replacement after Philip Ko left the chaplaincy at the San Yu Adventist School in March this year. Finally it came in the person of Peter Foo. Peter comes to us from Malaysia. He had just completed his Master of Ministry degree at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies. Peter had been working for more than ten years in the Church in Malaysia as well as in Taiwan as church pastor, Pathfinder director and Youth director. He enjoys playing the guitar, the piano and the flute. His wife, Betty, from Taiwan will be completing her Masters in Education at the Taiwan Adventist College in October 2007. We welcome Peter and Betty.

Trailblazing

It is one of the strategic plans as voted at the last triennial session to reach out to migrant ethnic groups in the city. The person for this trailblazing task was found in Paulraj Masillamo-ny. Paulraj joins us with a DMin degree from Andrews University. Prior to coming here from the North Tamil Conference in India, he had pastored various churches for 14 years and was also the director of Youth and Family Ministries Department for three years.

His work experience includes being an itinerary preacher in Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and the USA and a guest lecturer at the Mission College, Thailand. With him is his wife, Maria Jeeva, and their children, Beniel and Betty. Maria, with her teaching experience, is already helping out in worship service and Bible studies. Ben and Betty, right now are enjoying their long vacation until the 2008 school year begins at the San Yu Adventist School. Paulraj is on the job exploring the numerous possibilities of reaching the thousands of Indians who have flocked in to Singapore. He says that nothing thrills him more than introducing Jesus to others and he does this through personal friendly contacts, Bible study with the interests, seminars and informal fellowships. He is assured that the Holy Spirit will enrich this effort with novel methods as barriers are crossed to win some more for the Kingdom. Literature evangelism will be one of the effective ways to reach the community. He is convinced that God will open ways and requests the earnest prayer support of fellow believers as efforts are made to reach the unreached and unchurched.

We welcome Paulraj and his family.

Nathaniel Tan

We welcome Nathaniel Tan. Nat is no stranger to many in the Church as he attended the Jurong English Church from a very young age. After completing a BA in Applied Theology at Mission College (MC), Thailand, he returned to work in his home Mission and is now serving as an intern pastor.

At MC Nat was actively involved with worship leading, conducting guitar and worship-leader workshops. He also organized events and served as the yearbook officer for 2005-2006 and as the president of the International Student body. It was there that he met Doca, his fiancee.

He enjoys soccer, basketball, playing his guitar, riding bikes, driving cars, cycling and anything that offers relaxation and an adrenaline rush.

When asked about his plans Nat responded, “I look forward to serving the youth in the Singapore Mission and to work hand-in-hand with the youth committee to expand our numbers. By God’s grace, we will together ignite a flame for evangelism that will not be put out.”

Trailblazing
August 25, 2007 saw the completion of the final part of Level One Women’s Ministries (WM) Leadership Certification. Thirty-three WM church leaders and lay women from six local churches attended the one-day training.

It began with a worship service during which Bill Townend, president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, spoke on “The Influence of a Woman.” A string quartet with organ accompaniment from the Balestier Church provided the special music. Techniques on communication skills and effective public speaking was shared by Jacqueline Fabien, director of Women’s Ministries, Southeast Asia Union Mission. Johnny Kan, secretary of the Singapore Mission, imparted the Principles of Effective Leadership.

A concert was organized on July 7, 2007 at the Rock Auditorium, Suntec City to raise funds for the Adventist Home for the Elders (AHE), the Adventist Community Services (ACS), and the Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre (ARC), all voluntary welfare organizations.

The “Rhythm of Life” concert featured Sal Malaki, a professional tenor from the Los Angeles Opera and Master Chorale who had appeared in over 60 opera productions, as the guest artiste. Also featured was an 8-member chorale calling themselves “Golden Angels” from Korea. Prior to coming here the chorale had dedicated a year of their lives in ministering in prisons, in hospitals, and in many schools with their songs of comfort, joy and hope.

The Guest of Honour was Mrs Yu Foo Yee Shoon, the Minister of State for Community Development, Youth and Sports. The Philippines Ambassador, Her Excellency (Mrs) Belen Fule Anota and Dr Lim Wee Kiak, Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC, graced the occasion as Special Guests. Some 800 people attended the concert and went away fully satisfied and spiritually energized.

An amount of over $61,000 was raised. The organizing committee, from the AHE, the ACS, the ARC, the Adventist Services and Laymen Industries and Hope 107, wishes to express appreciation to all who have contributed and supported this concert. All glory and praise be to God for leading and guiding throughout the many months of planning and work for this event.
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