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SAM Camp 2008

Nestled among 800 acres of lush natural surroundings the Sofitel Palm Resort in Johore became an oasis of empowerment for some 300 in their journey to the promise land. The weekend from June 6 to 8, 2008 was packed session after session with excellent musical renditions from participants and thrilling experiences shared by His Excellency Bien V Tejano, Philippine Ambassador to New Zealand. This modern-day Daniel and Joseph proved how someone committed to God can be a living testimony to His power even among nobility and royalty.

Pastor Tejano testified that his priority and calling is to be an ambassador for Christ and to stand firm in his beliefs. Throughout every session he held his listeners spellbound. He often had them in stitches with his amazing and humorous true-life experiences of how God has led and used him in his position. His firm dietary practices has even led a real king to personally cook

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The Adventist church operates world-wide 7,200 schools, colleges and universities, with a total enrollment of more than 1,400,000 students and approximately 75,000 teachers. It operates one of the largest church-supported educational systems in the world. In the United States it operates the largest Protestant educational system. The Adventist educational program is comprehensive, encompassing “mental, physical, social, and spiritual health” with “intellectual growth and service to humanity” its goal.

April 26, 2008 was designated as Christian Education Emphasis Day. In preparation for this, Mr. Tang Swee Keng, the principal of the San Yu Adventist School shares this experience: “God works in amazing ways! As I was discussing the program for Balestier Church with my class, one of my students suggested presenting the skit on Jonah that Sec 4/2 did for our chapel program. When I asked my students whether they would like to do it except for one. Even a non-Christian father of one student did not object to her going to church on Sabbath for the presentation.”

Then I asked Ben Masillmony, a Sec 4 Adventist student, what he was going to preach to find out how his sermon would tie in with the skit. You would not believe this, but he said ‘Jonah’. God must have it all planned! Ben himself said that God must have inspired him to come up with this sermon topic.”

Yes, many students in our school are proud of the fact that Christian education, for that matter, Adventist education ranks high in their choice of studying at the San Yu Adventist School.
Adventist Community Services with the Jurong Seventh-day Adventist English and the Chinese Churches collaborated for the first time with the Yuhua Zones 1 and 7 Residents Committee to organise a blood donation drive on May 4, 2008. Some 77 people donated. Altogether, 61 bags of blood were collected by the Singapore Blood Bank. As a follow up, those who donated blood that day were given a coupon that entitled them to a free health screening on May 25, 2008. There were also a game stall for the children to enjoy, a booth serving fruit smoothies, and a stall promoting grains, nuts, Sanitarium products and wholesome sandwiches provided by Revelation Pte Ltd.

This was a blood donation drive with a difference and we are glad to have hosted this jointly with the grassroot organisations. A word of appreciation to all our blood donors as well as the volunteers from the Jurong English and the Chinese Churches for their enthusiasm and time.

John Cheang, Adventist Community Services

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Happenings @ Chuan Hoe Church

- Pastor and youth dialoguing on national service issues
- 19 Pathfinders at Pulau Ubin working on their progressive honors
- Campcraft taught by Thian Boon Cheow
- Shawn learns how to build a fire
- Hydon & Ji Long tandem cycling to study weather
- Youngest camper, Caleb, enjoying his camping experience
a special dish just for him! Once when the celebration of his country's national
day fell on the Sabbath he had the celebration postponed to the following day.

Befitting the theme for the weekend, Pastor Erickson Fabien composed
and scored the song, “Ambassadors for Christ” which was sung wholehearted-
dly during each session. The highlight of the Sabbath celebration was the
baptism of Mohan by Pastor Paulraj Masillamony from the Indian Group.

Campers, from the children to the oldies, enjoyed the good meals, relax-
ation and spiritual nourishment. Unlike the aftertaste of a tiring weekend camp
this one left everyone refreshed and encouraged. The God of Joseph and Dan-
iel is indeed great or Pastor Tejano is only an excellent story teller and a liar!

Lucy Ho, SDA Community Church

The Chinese-speaking campers were no less abundantly blessed with
Pastor Norman Tu from Taiwan as their speaker. His unassuming manner and
a great sense of humour bonded him to his audience very quickly. Using nu-
merous video clips and stories to illustrate his talks kept his listeners enthralled.

He emphasized that every child of God is equipped to be an am-
bassador for Him. Using his own experience in working with schools, in
health seminars and with other social groups, he shared practical tips
on how each one can also reach out more effectively to the secular mind.

The last session culminated with a challenge to his listeners to boldly
share the message of Christ regardless of their station in life. Sharing examples
of the sacrificial lives of missionaries in Africa he touched many hearts. There
was not a dry eye as he led his listeners to renew their commitment to Christ.

The memories of this camp will linger in the hearts of many for
a long time as they left fully recharged to be ambassadors for Christ.

Charlie Oh, Jurong East Chinese Church

ACS Participates in Public Health Exhibition

Seizing the offer by Ezyhealth Singapore Pte Ltd, the Adventist Community Services took up a free booth
in the Qualities of Life Health Exhibition at Suntec Exhibition and Convention Centre on March 28 to 30,
2008. It was an opportunity to touch lives and share our health message and lifestyle. Some 600 peo-
ple took part in the health age survey, a computerised survey that generate their health age on the spot
based on their response to some lifestyle questions. Also sharing our booth was Revelation Pte Ltd
which promoted its health books and products. Dr C C Lai and Pastor Mark Chan also presented health insights.

We thank Ezyhealth for the free booth. Many thanks to our volunteers from the various lo-
cal churches for their dedication in this ministry to the community. What better way to get to know peo-
ple at the ground and listen to their health challenges and offer results-proven solutions to them.

John Cheang, Adventist Community Services