Adventist Community Services together with the Indian Ministry and the Ministry for Migrant Workers (MwM) organised a free health screening on April 20, 2008 at the Westlite Dormitory at Jurong. Some 300 migrant workers turned up. They were tested for Body Mass Index (BMI), Blood Pressure, Body Fat and Blood Glucose Tolerance. Health counselling and recommended lifestyle changes for better health were also offered.

Presentation of interesting and interactive health talk further helped the migrant workers understand the value of keeping healthy.

About thirty volunteers assisted non-stop from 9:00 a.m. and within four hours all three hundred migrant workers were screened.

A big thank you to our volunteers for their dedication and professionalism and for sacrificing their Sunday morning for the community.

John Cheang
Adventist Community Services
hose of us acquainted with Matthew Yuen know that he is a man of many hats. Among other responsibilities, he is the chairman of the Adventist Home for the Elders. In fact, the Home was established by him and a group of Seventh-day Adventist Chinese church members in 1980 to provide sheltered housing to the aged needy.

Matthew Yuen’s service to the Home will not be easily forgotten. Notwithstanding his busy pastoral schedule he has never failed to assist the Home, whether in its administrative work, fund-raising, or even as driver and delivery man.

Before he left to take up the new challenge of pastoring the Loma Linda Chinese Church in the US the Home residents gathered for a dinner on July 3, 2008 in appreciation of his sterling contributions all these years. We thank Matthew Yuen for his faithful service to the Home and wish him Godspeed.

The Home appointed Wan Kwong Weng as the chairman with effect from July 1, 2008. Kwong Weng regularly attends the Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Church where he also helps to translate during its services. His experience as a lawyer especially in the area of corporate governance will be a real asset to the Home. We seek God’s continued blessings for the new leadership.

Irene Tan
Adventist Home for the Elders

SYAS Assisted by AUP in Week of Prayer

San Yu Adventist School saw a ready response in the hearts of many of its students during the week of prayer held from June 23 to 27, 2008. Each day of the week the Adventist University of the Philippines Indonesian Chorale presented beautiful songs and pantomimes that delivered some inspiring message. Professor Dante Oblimar, the speaker, explained what is sin, confession, submission and salvation answering the big questions “Who am I?”, “What am I here for?” and “Where am I going?”.

Pantomimes related to each of his talk held the students in rapt attention as the pianist played to the every move of the actors on stage. A man came up to the stage with his heart in his hand, unsure of whether or not to give it away to someone else. He eventually gives it away and gets hurt, his heart crushed, not just once but a couple of times. He walks away in sorrow, avoiding people in fear of experiencing another heart break after all the suffering he’s experienced. Along come two Christians who, like others have, beg him to give them his heart. The man declines sharply and is suspicious of them. The pair relentlessly ask him for his heart, pointing to the bible and it’s ‘healing properties’. The man finally gives in – his heart has been broken too many times and he feels that if it really does break again this time, it wouldn’t really matter anymore. He gives his heart to Jesus. The result is unexpected as well as amazing – his heart springs back to life and he finds a joy and peace that he cannot explain!

God has touched the heart of this man through His word. Jesus wants you to know Him so that He can heal you in preparation to live with Him in heaven!

“Do you want to be in heaven when Jesus comes back?” was the question posed to the students by Professor Dante. In response scores of students streamed up to the stage some with wet eyes. God was in the house.

Nathaniel Tan
San Yu Adventist School
Youth Meet to Discuss Issues

In an attempt to touch base with one another seventy-five youth from the local Adventist Churches met on June 28, 2008 and shared experiences and discussed issues vital to their church and secular life. An on-the-spot survey on Sabbath observance was conducted using a held-held audience-response system device. In between these survey questions personal views and thoughts were freely shared. Attendees were then organized into groups such as lower secondary school youth, upper secondary school youth, youth studying in tertiary education institution, national servicemen and working young adults. The discussion centered on whether Sabbath has become too busy for them serving in their church. Opinions ranged from a can‘t-help-it to a depend-on-your-relationship-with-God attitude.

Wrapping up the forum Johnny Kan shared four principles about the Sabbath and addressed some of the issues deliberated earlier.

Charlie Oh
Youth Ministry, SANSO

Long-Serving Pastor Leaves

The Singapore Mission will miss one of its long-serv ing pastors with the departure of Matthew Yuen for the US. There he will pastor the Loma Linda Chinese Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After obtaining his B. Th degree from the Southeast China Union College in Hong Kong, Matthew Yuen entered denominational work with the then West Malaysia-Singapore Mission in 1974. He began as the pastor of the Singapore Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Church and has since been its pastor till he left. As the pastor of the church sitting next to the San Yu Adventist School his contribution as a School board member was invaluable.

For many years, he spearheaded the annual jumble sale to raise funds for various needy projects of the local churches and the church entities. In 1980 he founded the Adventist Home for the Elders in concert with his church members.

In the early 90s he assumed the presidency of the Singapore Mission for a little over three years at a time when a suitable candidate for the Mission leadership was hard to come by. Indeed, the vacant positions he had left behind would be difficult to fill by a single individual as he did. The Singapore Mission appreciates his untiring service and wishes him all the best in his new endeavor.
With great anticipation 85 students met at the Kota Tinggi Waterfall Resort, Malaysia. Excited at the prospect of spending the next four days by the waterfall they had come for the San Yu Adventist School annual gospel camp. Setting another first for the school was the concept for the camp with its theme “love is a beautiful thing.”

The camp was so planned that both the English and the Mandarin-speaking students could enjoy the best of both worlds. Pastor Bayu Margihon and Pastor Wong Tat Ying sent out the message that the love of God is something too beautiful to miss out. Pastor Wong thrilled his listeners with his tales of travel and experiences of wonderful miracles. Sharing his life stories of how he experienced God’s perfecting love, Pastor Bayu held his audience captive. Breaking into groups, campers shared their experiences, testimonies, wishes and prayed for one another.

There were also less serious periods during which each group performed a skit and sang a song based on the camp theme. The winning group presented a hilarious and entertaining act which centered around two golfers, one a professional and one a ‘noob’ (beginner). A caddie struck down by the noob’s golf ball is rushed unconscious to the “Sure Die” hospital where an argument erupted between the family and the golfers. The skit ended on a lovely note of forgiveness and love to all - and the miraculous recovery of the caddie much to the enjoyment of the audience!

As Pastor Nathaniel Tan assisted by Mr. Fam Saw Ching as translator brought the event to a close on the final day, some sixty students accepted the challenge to experience God’s love first hand. The camp committee appreciates the help of many volunteers like Ming Sheng, Thomas, Hong Qi, Linus, Wei Hong and Jia Yi. Pastor Charlie Oh, Estelle Shu Yi and Michelle.

Nathaniel Tan
San Yu Adventist School