The Adventurers proudly displayed their talents during the Adventurer Day Celebration at the Singapore Chinese Adventist Church. The younger ones from the Falcon Adventurer Club put up an entertaining puppet show, script written and choreographed by themselves with minimal adult help. With amazing dexterity members of the Orion and the Eduro Clubs presented a song by sign language. Just as entertaining were members from the Zuriel and the Chrysolite Clubs who performed with their colorful hand bells. Parents and officers watched with pride and joy to see our youths do so much for the Lord.

Some two weeks later at the Pathfinders Day, the Pathfinders creatively came up with great ideas to make it equally unforgettable. The Zuriel Club officers presented a Nature Trivia from the Bible which was both captivating and astounding. The Eduro Club cleverly came up with a video presentation on water conservation.

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A series of eight seminars with the theme of Health, Wealth and Beyond were presented at the Seventh-day Adventist Community Church between October and December 2008 by various laypersons. The series were intended as an evangelistic outreach. Topics dealt with were: “Cancer: is it a Death Sentence?”, “Risks and Rewards of Financial Market Investment”, “Your Money or Your Teeth?”, “Money: will it Secure my Future?”, “A Look at Man and his Madness”, “Your Children, Your Future”, “Why Buy a Kidney when You Can Have Your Own?”, and “Beyond Tomorrow: What’s in Your Future?”.

Attendance at the meetings ranged from 60 to over 120 with about 20 percent of non-Adventists. Feedbacks from the audience were favorable with requests that such seminars be repeated. We give the Lord the honor and praise for his guidance and wisdom during these seminars.

**Erickson Fabien**

Seventh-day Adventist Community Church

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**Five Pebbles Defeated the Foe**

Joyful singing to mark the day’s celebration must have sounded a bit odd to the several visitors who were invited to join in the Indian Group’s happy occasion on November 23, 2008. The tiny flock of fifty-five both young and old eagerly waited to witness the solemn rite of baptism: dying to the sinful past and being born again to new life in Christ. We were moved as did the Acts 2 church.

Wednesday’s deep devotional moments led by Chandrasekar in Kaki Bhukit, Thursday’s “Eat n Chat” sessions entertained by Kasi near Westlite Dormitory and Friday’s Family fellowships at Nithya Rajan’s residence in Jurong have nurtured and ministered to the precious FIVE. Working as technicians and skilled workers Singapore, these have chosen to embrace Christianity and cherish the Word of God.

The confessions and testimonies shared by the FIVE are worth pondering: Karuppih Mani, who comes from a staunch Hindu family, remarked that this day marked his shifting from “One House to the Other” i.e. from Hinduism to Christianity. What a remarkable “Paradigm Shift” in his life journey! Prabu, recalling his past horrible experience likened to the shadow of death, testified that the Lord had preserved him to this date for the very purpose of listening to the Advent Message and to be part of the Remnant. Saveri confessed that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only church that could clarify the mystery of Daniel and Revelation. Chellamuthu attested that the gospel has renewed him and brought him closer to his family members. Magimaidas testified to the goodness of God who safeguarded him without any obstacles so he could be baptized.

All FIVE readily responded to the call for a commitment to Jesus. They are quiet convinced that now they have a “Message” for those around them.

Yes, the Lord of the harvest eagerly desires that some more laborers be sent in to the world “for the harvest truly is plenteous” (Matthew 9: 37,38).

**Paulraj Masillamony**

Indian Group

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**Chellamuthu with Pastor Paulraj**

Born again in the Lord Jesus (L to R): Saveri, Magimaidas, with Pastor Paulraj, Karuppih Mani, Chellamuthu and Prabu.
Follow the Bible to New Heights of Spirituality

To the singing of “Onward Christian Soldiers” led by Pastor Erickson Fabien the procession of the Pathfinder Guards of Honor followed by the Pathfinder flag bearers and the participating ministers marched down the aisle on to the stage. Nathaniel Tan led the procession carrying a Bible approximately 18 inches long and 12 inches wide somewhat like the large Bible Ellen White held above her head in vision. It consists of nearly 1,500 pages in 66 languages bound with a padded leather cover. This march signaled the start of the “Follow the Bible” rally at the Balestier Adventist Church.

“Follow the Bible” is an initiative to stimulate a deeper interest in reading the Bible. It features a multi-language Bible traveling to countries around the world and large international gatherings to recommit to a study of God’s word. The procession

The Voice of Hope

The procession

The Indian Group presenting a lively song

Handing over the Bible

Prayer of recommitment

Testimony from Dr. Jeayaleela

Testimony from Matthew Chua

Testimony from Orielle Lin

The Bible was finally handed by the SSD president to the president of the Southern Asia Division to continue its journey.

The major objective is to inspire millions of Seventh-day Adventists to study the Bible. Recent surveys indicate that less than 50 percent of the church membership is regularly studying the Bible. “Follow the Bible” has the possibility of reigniting the desire to study God’s word. It has the possibility of lifting the average church member to new heights of spirituality through God’s word, discovering Jesus personally in His word and having a new vital experience with our Lord. Then God would pour out His Spirit in abundance and we would see an explosion of witnessing and evangelism like the church has never seen.
Deepavali Visit

Deepavali, the festival of lights, fell on November 27 this year and is celebrated by Hindus in Singapore.

In the midst of the festive celebration, four members comprising Pastor Berson Simbolon, Josephine Loh, Goh Kiem Sian and Eddie Ko, representing the Maranatha Adventist Church paid a visit to President S R Nathan and his wife.

This was not the first visit to His Excellency’s Ceylon Road residence located in the vicinity of the church. The previous visit was in 2005. It has since become a tradition for the church to send delegates to visit the president during Deepavali.

The visit afforded us the occasion to update the president about our myriads of programs and activities providing him valuable insights as to who and what Seventh-day Adventist Christians really are.

We are thankful for the opportunity to cultivate a positive rapport with His Excellency.

Natasha Turambi
Maranatha Adventist Church

Camaraderie

Sunday, September 21, 2008 was a fine day for exercise. The Youth Ministry Department arranged the use of four badminton court at the Yio Chu Kang Sport Complex for the youths.

Thirty-one youths from our different local churches turned up. They enjoyed getting acquainted with one another through playing together. There was much fun and laughter. It was felt that this should be done more often to foster meaningful communication, cohesiveness and healthy camaraderie. Despite their differences they felt a sense of unity knowing that they are part of one big Church family.

After a physically revitalizing time on the court the youth had an appetizing lunch together at a nearby restaurant.

Charlie Oh
Youth

Why Bad Things Happen to Good People?

This question often stumped most people including adults. However, the 58 youths who were at a combined youth meeting found some solutions to this baffling question.

Six possible answers were communicated through several brief video and Power Point presentations. A skit was also prepared by Pastor Charlie Oh from the Jurong East Chinese Adventist Church and Faith Toh from the Jurong English Church.

Most of the youth felt satisfied knowing that now they have a better understanding regarding suffering through a Christian point of view. There were even some wet eyes during one of the video presentations that touch on something they could relate with in their own experience.

A dinner together wrapped things up and they are looking forward to the next combined youth meeting.

Charlie Oh
Youth

26 October 2008

Pastor & Mrs Berson
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Dear Pastor & Mrs Berson

I wish to thank you and Members of Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church for your good wishes for Deepavali and the floral presentations that came with it.

Mrs Nathan and I appreciate your kind thoughts behind the giving.

Yours sincerely,

S R NATHAN

Willie’s expression says it all

Support from the sides

Some music is always welcome

All eyes on the shuttle