No Business Like God’s Business

They lugged their trolley bags containing blood pressure measuring instruments and body fat weighing scales. They go from door to door in the Yuhua Constituency in the western part of Singapore. No, they are not peddling any products. Rather they are the volunteers, 28 of them, from the various local Adventist churches. They are passionate and committed to serving the community.

On that one Sunday afternoon they provided free health screening for some 65 residents and enrolled 28 of them for the free health correspondence course.

This is the beginning of the pilot project which will see health screening provided for a total of 1,000 units in the 16 blocks of flats under the Yuhua Zone 7 Residents’ Committees (RCs). These seven RCs organized zonal and constituency projects and activities to meet the social, educational and recreational needs of the residents. This project is jointly organised by the Adventist Community Services in collaboration with the Jurong English and the Chinese Adventist Churches, the Yuhua Citizens’ Consultative Committee and the Yuhua RCs.

The residents of Yuhua are very receptive to our services and many even look forward to our visit. More visits have been scheduled for April 4, April 19, May 17, June 7 and June 21, 2009. You are invited to join us for this exciting experience. There’s no business like God’s business which guarantees a return of 100% satisfaction.

John Cheang
Adventist Community Services
VRP

VRP stands for Volunteer Recruitment Program. It attracted some 70 members from the various local churches. This program was organised by the Adventist Community Services.

Sharing the report as published in The Straits Times of January 12, 2009, Pastor Danson Ng in his welcoming remarks touched on the importance of health screening.

The Straits Times reported an alarming statistics of 38% of those who responded to the Health Promotion Board Health Screening found out for the first time they had either diabetes or high blood pressure or both.

As pointed by John Cheang the opportunity to minister in the community was God-provided.

Ms Karen Seng, a member of the Balestier Adventist Church encouraged the participants by sharing her own experience going door to door rendering blood pressure screening during the June holidays.

Dr. Tan Pik Yee provided key information on hypertension to equip participants with a better understanding of the disease.

There was ample opportunity for everyone to learn how to take blood pressure and measure body fats. At the end of the session many volunteers felt confident enough to sign up for actual health screening events to take place soon.

One of such events was the March 22, 2009 door-to-door health screening in the Yuhua constituency. The other one will be held in connection with the Mark Finley’s evangelistic meetings from April 24 to May 3, 2009.

We solicit your prayers for these projects and extend an invitation to you to join this ministry.

John Cheang
Adventist Community Services

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Other events are in the pipeline to follow up on these individuals. We need to point them to Jesus as the only true source of hope, joy and peace in this world.

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One hundred twelve youths from our local churches seeking Better Roots rendezvous at the Singapore Botanical Garden. This was their annual combined youth meeting. After an energetic singing session, Pastors Charlie Oh, Nataniel Tan and Bayu Kaumpungan engaged everyone with exciting ice-breakers. The heady enthusiasm of youth was none the worst in the sudden heavy downpour that greeted them.

Throughout the rest of the time there was never a dull moment as local church youth leaders helped to present various aspects of the Adventist Church. Thomas Ang, Ming Shen, Karen Seng and Lerie Grace disseminated information on the functions of local church board. An eye-opening introduction to our Church organizational structure from the General Conference level to the Local Mission level was illustrated with interesting charts by Frank Lim and Andrew Phua.

Tamar Gerber and Shaun Ramdas walked everyone through an absorbing history of the Adventist work in Singapore. More information on the use of tithe in our Mission was shared by Yeah Hooi and Shaun Lai.

Wrapping up the agenda Pastor Charlie Oh elaborated on the doctrines that make the Adventist Church distinctive.

It is the aim of this program to provide our youths with a better understanding not only of our Adventist roots and the operations in our local Mission but also how the Adventist churches operate around the world. Armed with such basic knowledge it is hoped that our Adventist youths will make a difference to their local church where they contribute and serve.

Charlie Oh
Youth