Introducing HOPE to Our Migrant Workers

Over 850 Indian and Bangladeshi migrant workers gathered at the Woodlands Christ Church School football field. They had come to celebrate the National Day of Singapore. The day’s events staging cultural dances, devotional music and gospel message followed by delicious dinner and gifts were coordinated by Mr Samuel Sim with his Migrant Workers Ministry team.

Gospel music sung in Tamil, Hindi, Bangla and English quenched the thirst of the thronging multitude. The message of the love of Jesus by Mr Samuel Sim (translated by Pr Paulraj and Mr Joeb) fed the hungry crowd. Jesus was lifted up as the hope of all ages.

More than 350 responded to the altar call and many received Jesus for the very first time. It was a thrilling experience when they surged toward the stage for special prayer desiring spiritual healing.

The Indian Ministry team, from Beatty Road and Jurong East, took the opportunity to advertise the radio stations BE 107FM and the Tamil “Ungal Aatham Nanban” (Your Dear Loving Friend). Many were contacted for friendship, fellowship and invitation for worship. It was a great opportunity for the few Adventists to witness their faith.

The hard working migrant workers are to be recognized as one of the key contributors to the development of Singapore. They toil long hours in rain and shine cleaning and construction (assuring safety and security). Their...
Garnering support and enrollees for a Lay Bible Instructors’ Training proved to be more encouraging than expected. The enrollment kept increasing until a total of 185 signed up for the Seminar.

The seminar in September 2009 was planned to equip anyone who was willing, available, teachable and had a passion for winning others to Jesus. It was to provide confidence to help those who were unsure and even fearful to study the Bible with others.

Mrs Teenie Finley and Ms Diane conducted the training. Their excellent presentations kept the enthusiasm for learning sustained for the whole six days. In the words of those who attended the training was, “so inspiring, relevant, practical and very helpful.”

It is the hope that those equipped would find opportunities to use the acquired knowledge as soon as they can to keep their tools sharpened and experience the joy and excitement of soul winning.

Berson Simbolon
Personal Ministry

God Surprised Us

Has God ever thrilled or surprised you by giving you more than you asked for? Last November the Adventist Home for the Elders started a search for replacement of a foreign nurse. Lailanee Mejia Masaoy joined us. Lailanee is married with one daughter. She is diligent in her work. Gradually she became interested in the truth. She was instrumental in encouraging the Home residents to attend the Sabbath services at the Thomson Chinese Church.

When Pastor Finley was in town, Lailanee attended his nightly meetings. She was given bible study by Tan Jia Hong and was baptised by Pastor Peter Foo on August 29, 2009.

Praise be unto ‘Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask of think (Ephesians 3:20!}

Irene Tan
Executive Director
Adventist Home for the Elders

Newstart 2nd Run

Thirty-six participants registered for the 2nd run of the Newstart program jointly organised by the Adventist Community Services and the Youngberg Wellness Centre.

An Indonesian lady was so convinced of its benefits that she flew in 12 of her family members and friends for the November program. This was because her husband, who could not walk due to his failing health, experienced a miraculous healing after attending a Newstart program in the States earlier.

Dr Clarence and May Ing also gave two nights of health talks to some business associates of a church member.

Following the positive feedback from participants we are planning a series of cooking classes.

John Cheang
Adventist Community Services
Missionary Experience in Kunming

The objective of this exercise was to enable the youths at the Thomson Chinese Church to experience firsthand the difficulties Adventists in China faced when they spread the gospel. The group of young and old, led by Fam Saw Ching, saw how little the locals Adventists had in terms of material possessions with their simple standard of living. It was heartening to notice that what they lacked materially they more than make up spiritually. They shared many stirring testimonies of how God used their willingness and the little they had to work miracles for His work in Kunming. The group also realised how they have taken for granted the freedom of worship at home.

There were opportunities to organize and participate in a wide variety of activities such as children’s programs, games, gospel-sharing sessions and firewood collection together with the locals. In exchange for learning Chinese songs the group taught the locals English songs. Classes were also conducted during which they were taught different skills such as playing the piano, the guitar, massage, singing and games. They participated wholeheartedly in all our programs. They were able to draw many spiritual lessons from the activities, showing us just how important God was in their lives. We shared with them what we had and they were always grateful for the gifts no matter how small.

Eleven days flew by quickly and we had to leave. The goodbyes were teary especially when we realised that we might not see most of them ever again on this earth. But after knowing how things are like in Kunming and what they need most, we are already making plans for future missionary trips to China.

Christmas Outreach

At Christmas it would be more relaxing just to stay home and enjoy the holiday season with the family. However, the members of the Jurong East Chinese Church thought otherwise. They had planned instead to reach out by inviting friends and others to a Christmas program. The two-hour program started with a delightful dinner which brought everyone early. The 190 who turned up enjoyed the evening of entertaining drama and testimonies sharing. Of course, a Christmas gathering would not be complete without without singing Christmas songs. The program concluded with sharing gifts with the visitors.

Charlie Oh
Jurong East Chinese Church
meagre earnings are are greatly impacted by today's sweeping economic crisis. The glamor and attractions of the city life all around pose great temptations. Those who are trapped have been stripped of what little they have and lose their sense of self worth.

There is a dire need for them in their brief stay in Singapore to learn to embrace good values worth cherishing. If they were to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus, they will acquire a treasure that would not only free them from the clutches of this sinful world but also assure them hope and eternal life.

Paulraj Masillamony
Indian Group

One + Four
When Padma celebrated her birthday four others joined her to celebrate their spiritual rebirth. It was a joyful occasion when some 65 gathered at the Jurong church premises for a baptism-cum-revival meeting. All were blessed by the worship, the testimony shared and the gospel message. There were skit, games and a fellowship dinner.

Continuing the celebration everyone participated in a mass outreach at Woodlands which stretched till 10:00 pm. Though it was a long day the the baptism earlier in the day sustained the enthusiasm to share. The four who attested to the saving grace of God continued to witness to the goodness of the Lord.

Reflecting on his encounter with the gospel truth, Thambikannu remarked it had such a compelling pull that he could not escape. Daniel affirmed that it was so refreshing to learn of things that he had not heard before. Leon confessed that his new found faith in Jesus has given him courage to stand firm in the face of resistance from his non-believing family members. Kanagara touched upon the love he found in his new church family which helped him experienced peace that passes all understanding.

Great things happened when believers joined hands together. Nithy and Vasanthy in Jurong East are to be appreciated for their zealous evangelistic spirit. We praise the Lord for the strenuous soul winning efforts of Ravi and his friends exhibiting their burden for souls. That is how these precious four could be part of the family of God celebrating their spiritual birth day.

My friends, what if we would decide to celebrate our next birth day with another spiritual new born? Wouldn’t that be a birth day worth celebrating?

Paulraj Masillamony
Indian Group

Graduation and Appreciation
Finally after hours of attending the Women’s Ministries Leadership Certification lectures over a three-year period 33 women were awarded certificates of completion at a Graduation and Appreciation ceremony held in October 2009. Nine of them received certificates for completing all three levels and sixteen for completing one to two levels. Also honored were those who had assisted in conducting the lectures. Mrs Jacqueline Fabien, Woman's Ministries Director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission and Pastor Danson Ng, President of the Singapore Mission presented the certificates. Mrs. Jacqueline Fabien challenged the women to use the skills learned as they serve the church and the community. One participant was inspired to organize a team to help out in an evangelistic effort in neighboring Malaysia next year.

A sumptuous buffet lunch and some fellowship games led out by Sisters Lilian Lim and Charmaine Fong brought the event to a close.

Jacqueline Fabien & Danson Ng

A group pose with their motto