The Adventist Community Services together with the Maranatha Seventh-Adventist Church organised a health screening at the Katong Mall on March 7, 2010.

Despite news of the mall closure for redevelopment in a couple of weeks some 100 people turned up for the free health screening. This happened because of the groundwork done two weeks before. The Maranatha Church members went out to the neighbourhood to distribute flyers on two consecutive Sabbath afternoons.

Visitors were screened for high blood pressure, body fat, blood glucose and body mass index (BMI). They were very appreciative of the services and almost all signed up for the free health correspondence courses.

The Maranatha church members turned out in full force to volunteer during this event and did a fantastic job.

We praise God for the enthusiastic support from everyone. We hope they will be an inspiration for the other local churches to be involved in a ministry that most everyone can participate.

John Cheang
Adventist Community Services
Thank God for KID

It was an eye-opener for me and I felt the program came at such an opportune time as I was looking to find what more we could do to help our children build a strong relationship with God.

The Kid In Discipleship (KID) University was conducted by Mrs Kathy Goddard from the KI Centre, Tennessee, USA in July 2009.

I felt that if our children do not have a strong relationship with God than they would mostly likely leave the church when they are older. KID was the answer. It discipled parents and in turn parents discipled their children.

It is two-fold. When we returned to our church, we embarked on this exciting program. We began speaking to prospective parents and launch the first lesson Footprints for Parents on August 29, 2009 — two weeks ahead of our initial launch date.

Parents were eager to learn how to disciple their children. As I led KID, I felt that my spiritual life was strengthened when I prepared the lessons, prayed for the families that attend and encouraged the families to apply what they have learned in their homes.

We completed Footprints for Parents program on November 14, 2009 and celebrated the completion on Nov. 21, 2009. Another series of the Footprints for Kids was conducted in January with 12 Parents and 14 kids meeting every Sabbath afternoon.

It was a blessing for me to be able to share and see lives transformed. The following are two testimonies from parents:

Ivan & Maisy Huan

When the church initially intro-

Alma Nichol

I am happy to share with you that after a few weeks into the program, we had a few people coming to us telling how good the program was. After some thought we felt that we needed it since we have two boys (11 & 13 years), which can be challenging at times.

We learned the importance of family worship in connecting our children with Jesus. We felt motivated to make family worship a priority in our home. We were challenged to think, for example, that if we were spending a lot of time planning for church activities and Sabbath school lesson, should we not also plan for our family worship?

If we had not attended this program, we might still continue having family worship only once a week and that in a haphazard way.

With proper planning our worship becomes a regular feature in our home; our children learned to pray and we are seeing the fruits of our effort.

Debbie Chan

Balestier Church

Elpizo Updates

The General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists is releasing its first iPhone application and we are on it! You can hear our voices and listen to our productions of Daily CQ (a reading of the quarterly CQ Bible Study Guide on Be107FM).

Also, starting April 2010, Studio Elpizo will be recognized on the homepage of CQBibleStudy. org for our work on Daily CQ.

Thanks to our ministry partners Integrity Media Asia, Bob Fitts will be headlining our annual “Worship with Be107Fm” concert. All gifts received during the event will be used to further the work of Be107FM in broadcasting Christian programs to Batam, Malaysia and Singapore.
The long awaited ordination of Pastors Erickson Fabien, Peter Foo and Charlie Oh finally took place on February 27, 2010 at the Balestier Church. By 3:00 p.m. the church was already packed as the officiating ministers made their way down the aisle to the stage with their spouses. They were followed by the ordinands with their spouses. The three ordinands were then presented by three ordained pastors: Erickson Fabien by Pastor Mark Chan, Peter Foo by Pastor Paulraj Masillamony and Charlie Oh by Pastor Johnny Kan.

In his sermon, Pastor Bill Townend, president of the South-East Asia Union Mission (SAUM) emphasized the “role, status and the spiritual traits of a pastor.”

The highlight of the event was the symbolic laying of hands on the ordinands signifying the public approval and recognition for their calling and gifting to perform the specific task for which they have been chosen. Pastor Danson Ng offered the prayer of consecration.

After Pastor Samuel Saw, ministerial secretary of the SAUM, read the ordination charge, Mrs. Helen Gulfan, director of Shepherdess International at the Asia-Pacific Division, welcomed the minister’s wives into the family of the Shepherdess. Pastor Fabien responded to the ordination charge on behalf of the newly ordained ministers. A special hymn of response was sung by all the shepherdesses. Rolando Hernawati, Mission director of Shepherdess, coordinated the presentation of gifts and tokens of welcome. Elders representing the respective churches presented congratulatory gifts to the newly ordained ministers.

A brisk march out, firm handshakes, warm hugs, photographs, gifts, and light refreshments brought the day’s event to a close.

Paulraj Masillamony
Ministerial Secretary
Sixty-four youth from our local churches gathered at the San Yu Adventist School basketball court for the Annual Combined Youth Sports Day on March 14, 2010. This event is organised annually to promote interaction through games and sports. It’s a time when these youth engaged in activities that will challenge their strength, agility, team work skills, and accuracy.

The smaller attendance this year was more than made up by better and more enthusiastic participation and involvement of the youth. Already they are looking forward to the 2011 Combined Youth Sports Day and hoping that the warmth of friendship and an exuberant spirit will be created there once again.

Since its inception in August 2007 as a Global Mission project the Indian Ministry has strenuously reached out to the Indian community in various ways. Regular weekend evangelistic meetings, over-night Bible studies coupled with warm moments of fellowship fed those hungering for truth. In God’s time many were won resulting in the recognition of the Indian Group as Company on November 1, 2009.

Yet another milestone was reached on February 7, 2010. Mr. Anandan Nithyaranjan, Mr. Ravichandran and Mr. Samuel Edison were identified and authoritatively commissioned to perform the leadership functions in ministries among the flock.

Mr. Anand and his wife, Justine Sovundary, pioneered a ministry to the Tamils during the early years at the Balestier church premises. Mr. Ravichandran was actively instrumental in introducing the Good News to his friends and relatives. Mr. Edison used his knowledge of the scripture to nurture the spiritual infants.

They committed themselves to partner with their pastor in leading the Indian Ministry by responding to accept the elders charge read to them. Then Pastors Paulraj Masillamony, Danson Ng, and Johnny Kan placed their hands on them in a prayer dedicating them for ministry. It was a solemn moment, during the service, when the whole congregation bowed in prayer pleading for spiritual empowerment upon the candidates.

This memorable event concluded with a simple refreshment to socialise and celebrate the occasion.