Some 40 children gathered at the Ginger Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens on a lovely September afternoon for the Adventurer Team Nature Trail. This event was organised by the combined effort of different Adventurer Clubs. The aim was to get the children to know one another and have fun at the same time.

The children were divided into four colour-coded teams each with a team leader assigned and provided with the necessary clues. One station was the scavenger hunt where the teams had to find things like a feather, an aluminium can, and snap photos of a person walking with a dog, etc. At another station, the groups were tested on teamwork and memory skills. They had to remember 16 different items and arranged them in the correct order.

The children finished their trail and made their way to the finishing point—the Eco Garden. Kudos to their perseverance and all the team leaders who helped make it a fun day.

Thank God for His goodness, too. The weather seemed threatening at first but the rain clouds held at bay so that the day’s activities were not hampered.

Siew Wee Leng
Adventurer Club
I Found the Tools!

It’s not easy to acknowledge and accept the fact that your spiritual walk with God is stagnant. Yet it is essential because without embracing that fact, you never move out of the rut. I had reached that point.

I Rediscovered Joy

in my own life feeling an uncomfortable spiritual malnourishment. In fact, I’ve heard countless times that similar to our need to consume physical food, we must also feed ourselves spiritually. Though I accepted my condition, I did not know how to eat my spiritual food.

Studying the Word is an Essential

One of the many buzz sessions

there because He knew I needed it. Just three days at camp and I found the tools I was searching for — how to truly hold onto the word of God in hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and applying. Just like how we would make an effort to spend time with our loved ones, how much more important it is for us to spend our days with God and meditate on His words by tuning our hearts to the message of each verse, understanding what it says and listening to what God wants us to do. It has been quite a challenge to change old routines in order to revive spiritual growth, but it is a real blessing to finally get back on the track of knowing for myself exactly who God is.

When you think you’ve reached a roadblock, think again. After all, we’re not even walking alone. He’s with us every step of the way. Sometimes though, He’ll do it through the most surprising methods in rather unexpected times, but in the end it’ll be one of the best things that has happened to you.

Chari T
Youth Ministry

Youth Training

One hundred and five attended the first ever Singapore Youth Training Camp at Austin Hill, Johore Bahru in June 2010. The camp aimed to: 1. Provide practical youth ministry focused training and resources, 2. Provide training in personal spiritual development, 3. Provide proper and practical guidelines for daily Christian walk, 4. Remind and confirm the Adventist identity in our youth, and 5. Encourage continual faithful service in our youth.

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James Tham
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At the Balestier Church the implementation of this program resulted in five children deciding to take their stand for Jesus on August 14, 2010.

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What made this event special was that this was one of the several firsts since the inception of the Footprints for Kids program. Our Mission is the first to initiate such a program in the South-east Asia Union Mission territory. We are thankful for completing the first of many such sessions with gratifying results.

A total of eight families comprising 12 adults and 10 children went through the course. Two more older children are deciding to be baptized.

Aviela with Pastor Mark Chan

Parents and children interaction

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Participants were awarded tokens of the course completion. A potluck dinner followed in the evening hosted by Mark and Debbie Chan in their home. In a special prayer commitment each family determined to meet bi-monthly for support and fellowship.

Debbie Chan
Balestier Church

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Surrounded by the Malaysian fauna and flora sits the Pulai Springs Resort. Here in the serenity of the foothills of Mount Pulai the Mission-wide Family Camp was held. Nearly one hundred campers listened eagerly and learned from the guest speakers from the US, Dr. Willie Oliver, a Family Ministries director, and his wife Elaine Oliver, a Marriage and Family consultant. Together they presented an eight-segment thought-provoking and innovative series on the theme Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families. In each of the eight segments the Olivers captured the attention of children, teenagers, and youth. Special activities were planned for the children.

The Power of a Family Mission Statement segment was particularly enjoyable. Each family was given time to work on its own Family Mission Statement. Everyone—adults, youth, teenagers, and children had the opportunity to take part. The Saturday night social proved to be especially entertaining. The activities provided lots of fun and opportunities for family bonding. Campers found the presentations biblically-sound and easy to follow. The three fun-filled days were well spent.

Sherine Perera
Family Ministry

Effective & happy families are the building blocks of our Church

Festivities and celebrations are part of a normal life—but not so for some. Bound to work all seven days, without any opportunity to rest, relax and celebrate, migrant workers eagerly look forward to such times of relief. The colors and sounds of the Chinese festive season when the greeting “Gong Xi Fa Cai” is popular, the migrant Indian workers, far from their families, seek to fill their inner vacuum. A Chinese New Year celebration especially planned for the migrant workers earlier this year met such a need. Sincere thanks to the Jurong English Church for hosting the two-day celebration. The Indian Ministry team presented Jesus as The Supreme “Hong Bao” to some 400 eager listeners. The vibrant praise and worship, heart-touching testimonies and inspiring messages enthralled the audience. Eighty-three accepted Jesus as their unique God and Savior. All praise and glory to the Lord of the harvest.

Elaine & Willie Oliver

Taking their stand for Jesus

Paulraj Masillamony
Indian Ministry

Parents getting in on the fun

Filling the seats to fill a need

Creative juice flowing