Youth. That awkward period of time between childhood and adulthood, when everything is confusing and your personality has not yet quite settled down. It is the period of time where your mind is fresh with creativity and your body is healthy. This being said, youths hold a lot of potential, especially when they are the leaders of tomorrow (according to the camp speaker John Tan, who works with Youths at Risk, youths aren’t the leaders of tomorrow, they are also the leaders of the present). Yet, many are distracted by the ways of the world and end up dissatisfied and insatiable.

On March 10 and 11, some 41 youth leaders from all the Seventh-day Adventist churches met up at 7:00 a.m. to catch a ferry to Batam for a conference-wide youth leaders training. The theme of the camp: Connection. John Tan brought all the youths together to share his wisdom about leadership, religion and self-introspection.

The youths had the opportunity to assess their own leadership qualities, and then have them checked by a close friend. They also learnt about the Big Five theory of putting together a leadership development plan, the importance and necessity of discipleship, and the ARCS (Attention, Relevance, Confidence, Satisfaction) learning model. Even though the camp only lasted for two days, it gave the youth leaders the opportunity to meet up, plan, learn and support one another. At the end of it, everyone in the camp got to know everyone else, a great feat considering the number of people.

Special thanks to the organizers and John Tan, the speaker.
A Walking Miracle

Sunny Lai

“A walking miracle has just walked in,” Elder Bob Teo made this surprise announce-

ment when David Tan, accompanied by his wife, Linda, walked into his home church, Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, just minutes before the church service be-
gan on the Sabbath of December 31, 2011. Members of this active church, one of the seven churches of Singa-
por Adventist Conference, praised God for His intervention in David Tan’s life.

On the evening of November 24, 2011, Linda Tan informed church members via sms to pray for her hus-
band, David. Earlier that day, David could not defecate, resulting in tremen-
dous pressure on his brain blood ves-
sels. He later developed speech speech.

It was discovered during an interview by his doctor that David could neither recall his name nor his identity card number. Shortly, a CT scan revealed the presence of a bleeding on his left-

On the next 72 hours were critical for David. While under intensive observation at the Changi General Hospital Acute Stroke Unit, strictly un-
der doctors’ orders, he was subjected to medical treatment without surgery. Meanwhile, church members across the Singapore Adventist Conference prayed earnestly for him, that if it was God’s will, David would be able to pull through.

In early December 2011, doc-

ors assessed David’s physical condition and concluded that he could not return to normal life as prevailing bad memo-
does. They were then assigned to do clean-

ing hall at the Thomson Chinese Church.

The concept of the game is sim-
ple. Three teams (red, green and yellow) each had the same goal: to steal the opponent’s flag over to their ter-

itary, at the same time keeping their own flag safe. Each team consisted of twenty to thirty people, split into at-
tackers and defenders. When their team colours were yanked from their arms, they were considered tempor-
arily ‘dead’ and had to wait a minute be-

Dedicated God as her sustainer and strength.

The youth were notified of this event the previous day, but the Sabbath day with Pr. Costello, associate secretary–treasurer of the Singapore Seventh-day Adventist Church and four other workshop speakers presented mes-

sages that inspired and encouraged the attendees to become better and better in the wholistic development of their body, mind and soul through the power of the indwelling Christ.

One of the highlights of the Congress was the involvement of the youths in Community Service. On the second day the youths gathered at the Toa Payoh East CC at 2:00 p.m. They were then assigned to do clean-

ing for 30 rental flats for the aged and needy residents of Toa Payoh East.

Mr Zainudin Nordin, MP for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC responsible for Toa Payoh East, was the guest of honour. He gladly participated in this activity. This is a community project that is being held in partnership with the Adventist Home for the Elders and the Toa Payoh East grassroots.

We give thanks to God for His protection and care. Above all, we praise God for the decisions made by the youth, many of them committing their lives to a lifelong service for God, regard-

Volunteering is fun

Forming teams

Receiving instructions

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Chinese Youth Congress 2011

Fann Saw Ching

The 9th Bi-Mission Chinese Youth Congress was held at the Singapore Seventh-day Adventist Church from December 1 to 4, 2011. There was a total of 216 members, from all over the region including Singapore, who attended. The theme for the Congress was “REVIVE! which means “To Be Better,” Pastor Wong Tat Ying, the speaker, from the Pen-
insula Malaysia Kulai Seventh-day Adventist Church and four other workshop speakers presented mes-

sages that inspired and encouraged the attendees to become better and better, according to their physical condition.

Wonders of wonders, David’s condition improved. Prior to his discharge from hospital on Friday, December 30, 2011, another CT scan revealed that the area of bleeding has reduced. His memory has gradually improved and he could recognize his friends by their names. David’s case is a real-

life example that God has interest in the affairs of His beloved children!

Linda Tan trusted and acknowled-
ged God as her sustainer and strength. Proverbs 3:5-6 has this promise: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.”

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Sabbath of third March. Some 80 Adventurer’s from the 105 year old San Yu Adventist School trooped into the sanctuary with their counsellors and instructors. Most of these children, parents and guardians are from non-Adventist background. It was therefore a welcoming sight as parents and guardians of these children sat through the worship service at the Thomson Chinese Church (TCC). By God’s grace and providence, 2012 saw the 1st pioneer batch of Adventurer’s approved under the school’s co-curricular activities. They are from Primary one to Primary 4.

Members of TCC had the privilege to listen to the Adventurer’s sing a song during the worship service. Resounding appreciation went to a mother and son team. The 7-year-old, Primary One son, Li Shutong skillfully and gracefully played the erhu accompanied by his mother on the piano.

In the afternoon, the Adventurers were inducted into the Adventurer Club. With much pride, anxious parents, guardians, teachers, counsellors and instructors watched the simple and meaningful ceremony. Cut-out paper candles, made by each child, were used instead of real candles to minimize any fire hazard in the sanctuary. As each name was called, the child walked up to their director on the stage to have his candle ‘lit’. After the induction ceremony was over, a photograph session ended the joyous occasion.

bubbling enthusiasm was contagious. Sixty-five dedicated and committed Adventurer and Pathfinder leaders had gathered in the lecture theatre of the San Yu Adventist School. Everyone was greeted with warm-spirited handshakes and smiles from our lecturers. Orion Pathfinder Club leaders led a brief song service. The evening before had seen leaders rushing from their work to attend this course specially tailored for our new Singapore Adventist Conference (SAC). Lasting more than 10 hours, stretched over 2 days, lecturers and participants were infused with an exuberant spirit of pathfinder-ing, training and knowledge.

At the close of the training a pewter plaque was presented by the SAC pathfinder director to the Costello family in appreciation of their contribution. Participants, who went through the training, received a certificate of completion and an AST (Adventurer Staff Training) or a PST (Pathfinder Staff Training) pin from Pr. Costello.

Indeed, we praise and thank the Lord for the talented leaders who guide our children and youth of our generation.