The Singapore Conference recently recognized Christ’s call to Isagani Valencia and ordained him to the gospel ministry on March 24, 2012. Isagani is an associate pastor in the Filipino Ministry in Singapore since January 1, 2010. Previous to this he had served as a district pastor in the Philippines for more than six years. He is married to Merizza Joy Garcia.

In his ordination sermon, Simon Siew, Union ministerial secretary, highlighted “the roll, status and the spiritual traits of a pastor.” Others assisting in the ordination were ordained ministers from the local churches; Johnny Kan, Conference president; Eric Teo, Conference secretary; and Roger Wong, Conference treasurer.
For two consecutive years, the Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA) has been the adopted charity of the Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist Church (BRSDAC). HWA is a voluntary welfare organisation serving the needs of people with physical disabilities in Singapore. As a self-funding organisation and not a beneficiary of the Community Chest, the Association has to raise its own funds to finance the various programs and services.

As in the previous year, BRSDAC is planning to participate in the HWA Annual Wheel, Walk or Jog event, which will be held on July 22, 2012. All who are taking part in the leisurely walk will donate $10.00 to HWA. This year the venue will be at the Japanese Garden. HWA has also introduced a non-competitive 10km run. Participants in this category will donate $50.00 to HWA, and they will be given a chance to win attractive lucky draw prizes.

BRSDAC will be sending about 60 members to support this event. The church will also sponsor five bannerettes ($500.00 each) and $500.00 worth of food to support this event. One bannerette will be attached to one wheelchair to promote the sponsoring organization.

Besides members of BRSDAC, other sister churches will be joining under the banner of the Adventist Community Services. The Pathfinders will also be helping to direct traffic during the event.

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Aspiring mentors

Encouraging youth presence

Something for all interested

Listening to the guru

Seventy-nine adult members responded to appeals for mentors made by youth leaders to our congregations in April 2012. This response is definitely encouraging.

A follow-up training session was conducted by John Tan, honorary youth director of the Singapore Conference, on May 12, 2012, at the Thomson Chinese Church. The session served as a preliminary briefing for all prospective mentors.

The trainees enjoyed John’s usual humorous but frank explanations. He pointed out that the mentorship program is not going to be an easy path for anyone. Being a mentor demands a heavy sacrifice of time, energy and emotional strength. There will be discouraging moments. At times the mentoring matches may experience hiccups.

Mentoring, however, is a very effective way to help youths develop spiritually. By providing guidance and love, mentors can demonstrate to their mentees the wonderful love of God and show that the Church does care for youths. Let us pray that the LORD will bless all participating in this program.
Four candidates, Deonete Diesto, Shiela Pulmones, Mar-day J Ravillo, and Jon Amiel C Dagum were accepted as master guide trainees in an induction ceremony on April 21, 2012. This special event was a historic milestone as it was the first time that master guide trainees were inducted in the Singapore Adventist Conference. The Union Director of Youth Ministries, Pastor Gration Perera, and the Conference Pathfinder Director, MG Tsen Thau Ming together with the pastor of the Balestier Church, Mark Chan conducted the induction ceremony.

After running the Zuriel Pathfinder Club for more than six years, the Club leaders had a common vision of a Master Guide Club where members can be trained to be leaders to serve the Church in the pathfinder ministry.

About two years ago, two church members expressed their interests to join the Master Guide Club. Since then memberships had grown to seven including two club leaders.

We trust that God will grant every Club member the strength to live up to the high ideals and let their light shine before others in the Spirit of Pathfindering.
Earlier this year the Adventist Community Services jointly planned with local churches to connect with the community via health programs. Maranatha Church set the ball rolling in February 2012 by holding a health screening for their members to prepare them before sharing with the community. Two months later a public health screening program was conducted at 112 Katong (the revamped Katong Mall). Some 400 shoppers participated. This was followed up by three health talks at the Geylang Serai Community Club.

Chuan Hoe Church reached out to its community when it distributed flyers and organized a health screening program in May 2012 for some 30 residents. The health talks, by Dr Eric Teo, that followed provided further opportunities for interactions between its members and the community.

The Indian Ministry conducted health screening in June 2012 at the Westlite Dormitory for some 300 migrant workers. Health talks by Dr Amy Ng on two nights were complemented by weekly visits to interests by the pastor.

At all the health screenings the Filipino Ministry was involved with the various local churches.

Upcoming Community Services Events

- July 22 Handicap Welfare Association Wheel, Walk and Jog event.
- July 29 Pay It Forward 2012 at Jurong SDA Church and Blood Donation.
- Aug 5 Pay It Forward 2012 at Thomson Chinese Church.
- Aug 18 Shoe Box donation project by Maranatha Children’s Ministry.
- Aug 26 One Community Walk with Geylang Serai Community Club.