Twenty-eight youth leaders from the local churches attended the 2nd Youth Leader Camp at Sembawang in July 2012. This is the continuation from the first leadership camp held in March 2012 at Batam.

Despite the camp venue being named Terror Sea Scout Camp, the atmosphere of the camp was far from a terror. The youth leaders bonded well throughout the whole program due to the family group system implemented in the camp. Each family group was essentially a small group comprising leaders from the various churches. These leaders participate in the various activities aimed at getting everyone together.

Cause & effect

The conference youth director, John Tan, inspired the campers with his presentations that examined selected Biblical accounts of God’s seemingly mysterious miracles. He pointed out that there was always a cause-and-effect chain of circumstances behind each miracle. The consequence was dependent too on the choice that we as God’s servants make in each situation.

Stronger bond

The final night of the camp culminated in two events that served to further strengthen bonding. Each family group presented an item at the Talent Showcase, amply displaying the rich depth and diversity of talent and creativity among our youth leaders. Following the Tal-
ent Showcase, the whole camp engaged in a clandestine “Who is the Spy?” game that succeeded in cementing ties of relationships among everyone.

**Partnership**

The camp ended on Sunday morning with youth leaders reporting that they have developed a higher level of understanding of one another. The camp also helped them to view their peer youth leaders as partners in a combined effort to proclaim the message of a soon-coming Saviour to the world and to prepare people for that greatest of events.

**Towards a target**

During the closing moments the youth leaders were challenged to be involved in outreach to the students at the San Yu Adventist School. This combined approach to evangelism and discipleship will mark the initial steps for the launch of the Urban Youth project helmed by the conference.

Thanks to the hard working camp organizing committee. We appreciate Yew Hong Qi, Thomas Ang, Yeang Ming Sheng, Theresa Ang, Lorenzo Yap, Shauna Ng, and Kion Chuen Rong for their invaluable contributions.

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**Introducing...**

Tan Jia Hong graduated in June 2012 from the Taiwan Adventist College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. He begun serving the Singapore Adventist Conference from September 2012 as an assistant pastor in both the Balestier Road Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the Singapore Seventh-Day Adventist Chinese Church.

As a first generation Adventist from a Buddhist family, Jia Hong came to the church through participating in a mission trip to Sarawak, Malaysia organized by the Balestier Church in December 2005. During this trip he helped build a church and witnessed firsthand a glimpse of God’s providence in the endeavors of the trip. After the mission trip he started attending church regularly and various Bible camps. He began developing an interest in the prophecies and truths of the Bible. He was baptized on February 2, 2008, and ever since he has decided to follow God’s bidding.

**Operation Andrews**

We face great challenge here in Singapore to win secular city folks to the Adventist faith and community. There are times we seem to have made some progress. There are endeavors that have failed. But that should never deter us for attempting to win this city for Jesus.

We are called to be the salt of the earth and to be a beacon of light in this world of darkness. As a church, our mission is clear. Empowered and charged by the great commission in Matthew 28, we are to be the herald of the gospel to go and make disciples for Jesus. We are to personify the love of Jesus in every kindred, tongue and people. We may have different gifts and talents but we must win one for Jesus.

The disciple, Andrew, is mentioned only three times in the gospels. First, Andrew found the Messiah and he urged his brother Peter to follow Jesus. Second, he found the little boy with the five loaves and two fish after a lengthy sermon by Jesus when the crowd of 5000 had no food to eat. Finally, one day the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus as he was resting from his laborious work. Philip, another disciple, was hesitant and did not know what to do but he approached Andrew and together they brought the Greeks to Jesus. Every time Andrew is mentioned, he is bringing someone to Jesus. That’s the focus to be an Andrew.

You may not cross the ocean to be a missionary or an evangelist. You may not sing like angels or preach like Paul. But you can tell the love of Jesus to your neighbor and friends. You can say he died for all and is coming back to bring you home. You can be an Andrew. Join us in Operation Andrews.

Singapore Adventist Conference solicits your prayers and commitment to saturate the Advent message to every household. The battle belongs to the Lord. We just need to be faithful in all areas of our lives.

We face financial constraints for 2013 and we solicit your faithful tithes and offerings to support our churches and city-evangelistic approaches to win the people for Jesus.
July and August 2012 were indeed months of community outreach and service. Members from the local churches supported the Handicap Welfare Association Wheel, Walk and Jog event and donated some five thousand dollars.

Pay It Forward

Premised on the movie, Pay It Forward, Jurong Church sponsored a Pay It Forward event on the grounds of the church later in the month. They invited 200 needy families who were treated to lunch and given a goodie bag each.

Continuing with this event they launched the PIF PLUS project where our volunteers will visit thirty some families on a monthly basis for six months during which they will share healthy living tips and render befriending services.

Contagious is good

The following week Thomson Chinese Church members as well as students from the San Yu Adventist School took 90 residents out shopping in the NTUC supermarket at Nex mall. This was followed by a lunch reception and goodie bag gifts as well as performances by the San Yu students.

Maranatha Church also gave away some 100 goodie bags to needy residents at Geylang Serai under its Shoe box projects in collaboration with ACS and the Children’s Ministry.
An early morning in August a white and orange 120-passenger ferry slipped out of Marina South Bay. It headed south-west and 5.6km to a small idyllic island devoid of human inhabitation. In it 74 pathfinders were cradled as it crossed the South China Sea. Subar Darat or small Sister’s island would soon be home for the pathfinders in the next four days and three nights. Forty minutes of rhythmic rocking and cutting across white crested jade green waters soon came to an end. This was the 4th Singapore Adventist Conference pathfinder camporee.

Scrambling eagerly the noisy boisterous group made their way to a floating pontoon. They pounded up the wooden ramp towards the jetty. Soon tents, bags, kitchen utensils, pots, pans and boxes upon boxes of food bobbed up and down the human chain of the eager helpers. Amongst the sea of equipment, a large blue gas tank was ensured a safe passage as it was the only source of energy to cook food that would feed all the hungry mouths.

Pr. Gration and his team led in the opening ceremony. ‘Walking with Jesus’ was our theme for the daily morning and evening devotions. The theme song ‘Walking in the light of God’ with its rhythm and catchy tune got everyone into enthusiastic singing and action.

The cooking team, led by Willie Yuen and his crew, did a great job satisfying every stomach. No one had an empty stomach or even thought they were at camp until they had to zip or unzip their tent doors and lay on the tent floor.

God gave us excellent weather throughout the time we spent there. Every morning and evening the beautiful rising and setting of the sun testified of His glory and majesty. There were some unexpected but exciting visitors: Two monkeys, a couple of snakes, some kingfishers and some rats. At night the constellations Scorpius and Orion gazed from their lofty heights as we praised God for His love, care, mercy and grace.