A HISTORIC DAY FOR BAYU & LERIE

Pastoral ordination of Bayu on January 10, 2015

Church leaders and spouses
Pastoral wives leading praise
A good turnout

Balestier Road Church choir
Maranatha Church youth
Johnny Kan sharing the Word
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Ordination prayer by Danson Ng

Gift from the Chuan Hoe Church

Gift from the Balestier Church

Gift from the Maranatha Church

Gift from the Jurong Churches

Gift from the SDA Community Church

Gift from the Filipino Church

Gift from the Indian Church

Chuan Hoe Church

Balestier Road Church

Maranatha Church

Various churches

Filipino Church

Jurong Churches

Singapore Adventist Conference
1st August, 2014 was a day to remember for students of San Yu Adventist School (SYAS) – a day for them to show care for our environment as well as the needy in our society. What better way to do that than through our students’ creativity and talents.

CanArt competition allowed our students to maximise the use of their creative juices by creating art pieces using aluminium cans. Ingenuity was the order of the day. The students’ interesting art pieces displayed on the basketball court created much excitement. A formula one car was the crowd’s favourite, so too a helicopter and Jacob’s well!

The highlight of the day was the costume-design competition which allowed the students to showcase their ‘haute couture’ designs using newspapers, magazines and recyclable materials. The audience was awed by the unique designs. Nobody would think that such beautiful designs could be made environmentally friendly from newspapers! Among all the ladies, a young man who called himself Earth Man wowed the crowd with the winning design.

Besides care for the environment, students had a part to play in being good Samaritans. A food drive was organised where canned and packaged food items were collected and donated to ‘Food Bank’, a voluntary organisation which distributes them to beneficiaries like homes and family service centres. The food drive helps students become aware of food wastage, as close-to-expiry unopened food items that can be eaten (which would otherwise be thrown away), were collected.

It was a day well-spent – doing a part for our environment, contributing to a good cause besides recognising the effort, talents and creativity of SYAS students.

Margaret Tan,
San Yu Adventist School

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February 14, when husbands and boyfriends lavished pricey flowers and gifts on their beloved - but for the Filipino Church members it was a timely reminder to reflect on God’s love to families, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. The greatest of gift was God sacrificing His only begotten son for the world. There is no other love greater than this.

What better way to rejoice than having a good meal together. Some 15 couples met at the Astons Restaurant. We were so blessed to be able to have an exclusive place to ourselves. The food was great and so were the fun and laughter.

At the close of the evening couples joined hands in pray that their love will continue to grow and spill over to the community.

Lawrence Balacy,
Filipino Church

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The children are not left out
Demonstrating love begins with the pastor
Not flowers nor gifts but the food that binds
Unless deliberate effort is made we risk leaving the parent-child relationship to chance. Developing this bond is the responsibility of parents, not the least, of Adventist families.

The Conference Children & Family Ministries took it seriously enough to invite Ms Joanne Ng from Gardens with a Purpose to conduct a workshop. Gardens with a Purpose is a company that attempts to bring a slice of gardening and beauty of nature into the lives of cosmopolitan Singapore. They conduct a range of gardening workshops for individuals and families. Using this expertise an opportunity was created for parent and child to have fun working together on a project.

Twelve pairs of parent and children participated. They learned how the ecosystem works within a terrarium (a glass container, wholly enclosed, for growing and displaying plants). On seeing the samples of different types of terrariums the children were very excited to start working on their own terrariums with their parents. Besides experiencing the joys of making their own terrarium and bringing some nature into the home these are also suitable as gifts. The children were thrilled that they could make them for their friends, too.

Together, the parents and children worked on layering the pebbles, sand, compost and the colored stones in their bottles. After completing two terrariums, they had more than enough materials to make another one at home.

Mimi (mother to Jeanelle, 11 and Kyle, 9) said, “My children really enjoyed the workshop and look forward to making terrariums at home by themselves. Thanks for organising.”

Debbie Chan, Children & Family Ministries, Singapore Adventist Conference

The Pathfinder Club aims to teach youth specific skills and hobbies; to discover their God-given potential and use them to help others.

The Pathfinder Class program has been set up with this in mind. These classes, therefore, are very important for guiding the Pathfinder into this program of self-improvement. Regular induction exercise introduces children to the Pathfinder Club and investiture ceremony recognises their achievements.

A combination of these was held by the Zuriel Pathfinder Club at the Bales-tier Church recently. The welcome greeting was done with semaphore flag signalling. There was also a demonstration of the sign language. Both the semaphore flag signalling and the sign language are part of more than 300 honors or courses of study that introduce subjects of practical value and enhance the lifestyle of a Pathfinder.

At the ceremony were forty Pathfinders, counsellors, parents and the youth director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, Simon Siew.

Alicia Chow, Balestier Road Church