

Updates for 2nd World Conference on Youth and Community Service

Time is racing towards this great event which will take place within a few months from now. We are receiving a lot of excitement from every corner of the globe. The challenge to all of us youth leaders is to turn this excitement into reality. Many of us are just doing that.

Kindly note the following reminders in regards to the upcoming World Conference:

- ✓ Have you sent in your hostel deadline fees? We thank those who have taken advantage of this offer. You still have a few more days to send in your hostel deposit for the Youth Hostel Jian Tan.
- ✓ For other hotels and hostels do not call for deadline; your delegates can still register for these.
- ✓ World Conference accommodation is only for those who have registered first with USD 150.00
- ✓ Some churches have not heard about this event. Keep on promoting it in your church papers and in your correspondences.
- ✓ Remember the deadline for registration is October 30th, 2007.
- ✓ Ensure that the information about Service Projects reach all your delegates. Some delegates are writing us enquiring about them. Be reminded that every group planning to participate in the projects will raise funds and take it along with them to the project venue.
- ✓ Continue to pray for the success of this great event for our youth and that many youth will be able to attend and make a difference in the lives of the people of Taiwan.
- ✓ Each division will get 20 minutes in the program entitled "100 years around the world" to share with the rest of the world the most important events that have taken place in your territory. We recommend that you prepare a DVD of 15 minute-length.
- ✓ Remember to send us the USD150.00 for the registration fee.



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“But ...Why Take My Youth To Taiwan?”

What do you say when a pastor, church elder, parent or fellow colleague ask you, “Why do you take your youth to Taiwan to do Service Projects?” I would suggest that you respond to the question with one of the following comments:

- To join God in His mission to restore the world...
- To love people in accord with the Great Commandment...
- To heal brokenness, hurt, pain, confusion, and doubt
- To clothe the unclothed...
- To bless the exploited
- To care for the sick
- To be Jesus[like]
- To give Jesus a special Christmas gift by spending time, money and energy to the Taiwan people with the love of God.

Going to this event is more than just taking our young people out of the comfort zone, it is also to impact those they will meet with the love of God. Youth, when given this opportunity, can do more with their lives.

It is the desire of the Youth Ministries Department to instill in the minds of our youth the importance of volunteerism. Volunteerism should be taught as a life style rather than a generational phenomenon, this is the reason why the church is providing such an opportunity to our youth with their leaders by planning World Conference on Youth and Community Services in every quinquennium.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church wants to instill in the youth a sense of mission and through it to train and equip them with leadership skills. Young people who obey Jesus command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick, can transform even an apathetic group of young people into soldiers in God’s army.

What a joy to be part of those who will be traveling to Taiwan, December 24th, 2007 to January 5th, 2008.

God bless you and see you with your youth in TAIWAN!!!!

by Baraka G. Muganda
World Youth Director



2ND WORLD CONFERENCE ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Where? Taipei, Taiwan
When? December 24, 2007
to January 5, 2008

Registration Fee
US\$150.00
(for Conference only)

Registration Deadline
October 2, 2007

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**You must send the regis-
tration fee along with the
registration.**
USD150.00

Come and join us to build strong relationships with other Adventist youth and to strengthen your relationship with God

Trans-European Division: International Master Guide Camp

The International Master Guide Camp took place at "Oud Zandbergen", in Holland. Master Guides arrived from all over the countries in the Trans European Division (one from Germany) to attend this unique event. On the first day, Jonatan Tejel, General Conference Associate Director, opened the camp with an inspiring message, encouraging Master Guides to not just wear the uniform but to be a true pathfinder in your heart.



On Sabbath, Master Guides got their first chance to share their skills in their respective units. In the evening they gathered to discuss "hot-potatoes" in pathfinding. For this occasion the president of the Netherlands Union,

Reinder Bruinsma, joined in together with the TED Youth Director, Paul Tompkins, World Pathfinder Director, Jonatan Tejel and Netherlands Union Pathfinder Director, Klaas Man. Also, lively discussions on several issues and other interesting workshops took place.

On Sunday all participants were taken on a tour through the historic city of Utrecht. While in the afternoon they shared their final skill within their own unit. In the evening each unit shared their creativity around a bonfire, which turned out to be the highlight of the camp. With sketches and jells from all over Europe, an inspiring talk from Jonatan Tejel and plenty of warm drinks afterwards.

Despite the rainy start of the Monday, the final day of the camp turned out to be an excellent day for the evaluation game. Due to the early departure of the Danes, the camp was closed down a little bit earlier. During the closing remarks a flag with the Master Guide logo on it was handed over to Paul Tompkins. This flag will fly at the next International Master Guide Camp and badges from each camp will be sown onto the flag. With this final act the camp came to a close.

[Source: www.masterguidecamp.eu]



NEWS

from around the world

South Pacific Division: Youth Rally

My visit to Auckland was to attend the New Zealand Union Conference Youth Rally which was held on Sabbath, June 2, 2007. This Rally was attended by more than 3,000 people—young and "young at heart". The program started with a beautiful Prayer meditation exercises led by Pastor Eddie Tupai, North New Zealand Conference President. The main speaker was Pastor Hiskia Missah, the GC Associate Youth Director, expounding the theme of this Youth Rally the "Healthy Relationships," encouraging the youth and Church members that in order for a Christian to be a healthy Christian they must have healthy relationships - with family, God, etc. This Rally was attended by Ambassador Bien Tejano, the Republic of the Philippine Ambassador to New Zealand together with his family. Sabbath day was filled with singing and praises, in the afternoon a



Ambassador Bien Tejano and wife

music concert was held presenting singing groups from different parts of the world, from Chile, Korea, Ghana, Samoa, Australia and the local singing groups.

It was a long weekend for the New Zealanders since on Monday, June 4, was the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II which was celebrated nationwide. Pastor Togamau Tuaoi, the Director for Youth and Family Ministries for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference arranged the North New Zealand Basketball tournament successfully. This tournament was followed by 49 SDA basketball teams from all over the Union Conference. It was a joyful occasion for the youth of New Zealand where all the youth as well as the leaders of the church play together in a Christian spirit of love and joyfulness.

by **Hiskia Missah**
Associate Youth Director



Deal or No Deal

My own personal Preferred Customer Card! It sure made me feel special... they won't have to worry, I am theirs for life. Well, that was years ago, before I received the next twenty stores Preferred Customer cards, some I have since thrown out.

The check-out guy was waiting, giving me his "I have patience, but not the whole day" look, while I rumbled through my purse, unsuccessfully, to find my Preferred Customer card in order to get the good deals of the day. Finally I just emptied my entire purse on the counter. Good—I knew it was in there somewhere. I handed the card to the cashier. He looked at me and smiled, one of those smiles that tells you something is wrong, my heart sank—maybe not so much because I couldn't find my card, as the embarrassment as all eyes in the line were focused on me. Of course I know they are pitying me. Finally I found it, "I told you had it" I said, as I mumbled my apology and then handed him the prized card.

He tried to be nice about it, "Mrs. Dunchie", he said in that semi-scolding tone, "...this card is for another supermarket not for this one." I smiled, "You know me, I try to catch all the deals". What else could I say? I was caught. I had more than one Preferred Customer cards.

As I reflect on that morning, I cannot help but think that is so much like what I do with our lives and God. I am not always loyal. I get caught up in going after all the good "deals". But God requires 100% and no less. Satan does not mind if we give him only 1% of our loyalty, because he knows that God will take no less than 100%. Seems like a tall order, it's something I am not always successful at...I am learning every day that loyalty is not always easy. I have to stop running after all the other "deals" and accept God at His Word. I have to realize that all I need is my "loyalty" card—my life, a living sacrifice to God.

Paul, the apostle, says "that's my reasonable service".

by Maria Dunchie
Editorial Assistant
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I met Trevor Thomas, Youth Director for the North England Conference, in July 2006 during the Trans-European Division Camporee in Denmark, great leader and a very good pastor. During this event, he invited me to be the speaker of the North England Conference Camporee in May 2007. When I formally accepted the invitation, I couldn't imagine the blessings I would get from the event.

I preached ten times in five days, every morning and every evening I met Pathfinders at the marquee, enjoyed their music tremendously, although most songs were new to me, and had the opportunity to study in depth specific Bible stories. They were attentive and I felt God's presence every moment. The theme of the Camporee was "Eagle Wings." I was overwhelmed when some Pathfinders told me "We are your kids now, you are like our father in this Camporee, we know you miss your family, we are your family." The entire program was very interesting with lots of Bible based activities and several other games. The most interesting activity was performed on Sabbath. I had the honor to baptize six children. Six Pathfinders decided to give their lives to Jesus Christ and this ceremony was for me the most important moment of the Camporee.



Let me leave you with this Bible verse: *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* Isaiah

40:30-31. You may encounter challenge, you may grow tired and weary but if you trust in the Lord, everything is possible.

God bless all the leaders in the North England Conference, for your work, and a special blessing for Trevor Thomas, God bless your ministry and family.

by Jonatán Tejel
Associate Youth Director

if you'd like to share your pictures about the 100 years celebration in your area with other youth leaders around the world, send them to: sicalos@gc.adventist.org

Travel Plans for July



- Baraka Muganda:** 2 - 8: Moldova: Youth Congress
- Hiskia Missah:** 1 - 18: Annual Vacation
18 - 22: California, Retreat
24 - 29: Medellin, Youth Congress
- Jonatán Tejel:** 1 - 13: Annual Vacation
15 - 20: Office
23 - 31: Annual Vacation