

Adventist Youth on the Frontline!



Youth Ministry in the Seventh day Adventist church believes that touching communities with the love of God is the driving force behind their evangelistic programs. Over and over again I hear incredible stories of how mission projects are touching the lives of youth who serve and are served.

- There are several benefits in serving others:
- An increased feeling of self worth
- Develop open and honest relationships among themselves
- Increased awareness community needs
- Feeling involved in global Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic movement

When compassion touches lives it generates a response unlike any other. The eyes of those who have been led to the Holy Spirit open wide in wonder and they think, "Someone cares. Someone really cares about me."

Over 1,500 youth worldwide are expected in Taiwan for the World Conference on Youth and Community Service, December 24-January 5, 2008. We can only imagine the impact this group will make, touching lives as they move and work among the Taiwanese.

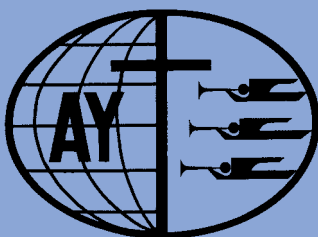
At the end of the service/community projects the young people will gather in Taipei County Hall to enjoy and celebrate what God has done through their lives. During the conference, January 2-5, we will have

- Outstanding guest speakers to charge the youth with the Word of God
- Hands-on seminars that touch solid topics and issues by qualified and experienced youth workers
- Plenary seminars to tackle critical concerns
- Daily afternoon tours
- Centennial Music Concert and celebration

It is worth taking our youth to the frontline of touching lives of the people of Taiwan. Please continue remember us in your prayers as we prepare to take our youth to Taipei, Taiwan.

See you in Taiwan.

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Trans European Division Advisory Focuses on Youth Reclamation



From October 14th to 17th, 2007 the Union Youth Directors of the Trans-European Division met for their annual Youth Advisory at the *Klækken Hotell*, one hour drive from Oslo, Norway.

The Advisory tackled very critical issues facing the youth in that region. Two of the topics discussed were evangelism and reclamation. Youth directors were charged with developing creative ideas to ignite evangelism among the youth of their territories. The discussions on reclamation were lengthy ones, with youth leaders expressing their concerns that the church is losing youth from the church at an alarming rate. The division youth director, Paul Tompkins told those present that, "Youth Ministry must spend its energy and creativity in providing an environment where youth can be reclaimed back into the church. There is no short cut to this huge challenge. We must pray and work for those youth who have left the church or have grown cold."

Following the Advisory was the Youth Matters Convention for youth leaders; this special division-wide meeting for youth leaders on all levels is held every five years. This year about 200 youth leaders met to discuss and lay strategies for youth ministry in their division. Pastor Tompkins said that the aim of the Youth Matters Convention is to inspire youth leaders and young adults through testimonies, presentations, and practical workshops on European Youth Ministry. This year the convention was held in a conference center that was, only a few years ago, the venue where the Palestinian and Israelis met to iron out their road to peace. For TED it was a place to renew the fire for Youth Ministry.

The Centennial celebration was held following the divine service. One hundred special balloons were prepared, representing 100 years of service to the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On each balloon a *Voice of Prophecy* card was attached to

reflect the youth ministry work around the division. "The original Aim, 'The Advent Message to the whole world in my generation' must continue to ring in youth ministry." Pastor Tompkins said, "The reason for sending these balloons with the card is to spread the third angles to the entire world. It was his hope that someone would pick up the balloon and enroll in the school of prophecy."



From Norway I traveled to Britain to attend a Youth Congress hosted by North England Conference, under the leadership of Alan Hush from October 25th to October 27th, 2007. Over 200 youth came to praise God and learn more about His Word. There was great singing and Bible Study. The fellowship was second to none. Again, evangelism was given a top priority before the young people who attended.



Our youth in TED are part of a church membership who worships in 1,360 churches around the division.

**by Baraka G. Muganda
World Youth Director**



CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO BE DONE

BIBLE READER'S CHECKLIST FOR THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR YOUTH BIBLE YEAR PLAN

To help the SDA youth and their leaders continue to grow in faith and understanding, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Youth Ministries Department produced the Bible Reader's Checklist for the Senior and Junior Youth. If followed, this Bible Year Plan will take you through the entire Bible in 365 days.

Why is it so important to read the Bible on a daily basis? Because the Bible is a life-transforming book that make readers strong in faith; knowledgeable and well-informed on the will of God. The Bible also gives guidance and wisdom in making wise decisions.

Some insights from the pen of Mrs. Ellen G White found in her writing, *Christian Education*, pp. 58, 59:

- Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it.
- Fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage, and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in the mind.
- We cannot obtain wisdom without earnest attention and prayerful study.
- Scripture must be compared with scripture. There must be careful research and prayerful reflection. And such study will be richly repaid.
- The words of inspiration, pondered in the heart, will be as streams flowing from the fountain of life.
- Never should the Bible be studied without prayer.

WCYCS – COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

As of November 1, 2007, 13 community service projects have been taken:

- WCYCS-2007-I-001 - Environmental Cleaning and Painting TAKEN BY IAD – Balvin Braham
- WCYCS-2007-I-003 - Painting the Church TAKEN BY EUD – France Youth Group - Corrado Cozzi and Paul Louis Ferranda
- WCYCS-2007-I-005 - Teaching Basketball TAKEN BY SSD – Jobbie Yabut
- WCYCS-2007-I-007 - Teaching English conversation and environmental cleaning TAKEN BY IAD – Balvin Braham
- WCYCS-2007-I-016 - Taipei Adventist American School House painting, fence clearing, Vacation Bible School TAKEN BY NAD – Northern Eastern Conference, New

- York – Manny Cruz and Garnet Morris
- WCYCS-2007-I-021 - Community News Report TAKEN BY NAD – Manny Cruz
- WCYCS-2007-I-024 - House Cleaning Service TAKEN BY IAD – Balvin Braham
- WCYCS-2007-I-030 - Environmental cleaning TAKEN BY NAD – Southern California Conference – Manny Cruz and Bob Wong
- WCYCS-2007-I-034 - Musical and Cultural Performance and Sharing / Health Expo TAKEN BY SPD – The Solomon Island – Nick Kross and Wilfred Liligeto
- WCYCS-2007-I-056 - Teaching English TAKEN BY SSD – Jobbie Yabut
- WCYCS-2007-I-057 - Caring the Sick and the Old Folks TAKEN BY SSD – Jobbie Yabut
- WCYCS-2007-I-058 - Health Expo TAKEN BY SSD – Jobbie Yabut
- WCYCS-2007-I-059 - Youth to Youth TAKEN BY – NAD – Alleghany East Conference – Manny Cruz and Alain Sanon

The deadline for submitting request for a service project is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007.

SDA YOUTH SONG BOOK

There is still time... We want all World Divisions to have their contribution in it.

ELIJAH PROJECT

Strategic Theme #1 of the General Conference Youth Ministries Department is REACHING. The Youth Ministries Department in collaboration with The Center for Global Evangelism, the Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Department and Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) will continue to finance, inspire, involve, and support the youth in the presentation of a full scale, Christ-centered, doctrinal evangelistic series. This highly ambitious program is known as the Elijah Project.

All World Divisions have already received their 2007 Elijah Project's. Reports have come in from many divisions, but some are still outstanding. To make this project an on-going activity and to receive continuous financial support, we need written reports as well as pictures of the crusades and activities done in your territory. Let us know: How many youth evangelistic meetings have been conducted? How many SDA young people were involved? How many people have been baptized?

by Hiskia Missah
Associate Youth Director

Qualifications for **Successful** Master Guide



Consecration

The importance of the task for those who work for young people is beyond comprehension. All that you can do, even if you have the skills to do it properly will be a failure unless the presence of God can be felt in every work and act you do. No one is quicker to detect insincerity than the Junior Youth. Be a sincere example of what you expect from the young people in your group.

Education

The leaders need a well rounded education; a balance of the physical, mental, and spiritual qualities. We need Master Guide leaders whose minds are strong and clear, whose lives reflect the image and character of Christ, whose sense of right and wrong mirrors that of Jesus. We need leaders who are young at heart.

Called of God

Master Guides are workers for boys and girls who know that God has called them to do His work.

Ability to Understand Youth

If you love the adolescent and can understand their viewpoint; if you can be cheerful, kind, and sympathetic in all your relations with them, you will always be surrounded by adolescent who are anxious for your friendship and leadership.

Perseverance

The work has too many starters and not enough finishers. Let me share with you a Bible verse that always helped me whenever I am tempted to stop something before finishing. *Isaiah 40:30-31* "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."

Cooperation

Learning to work with others is a science. A lot of leaders do not participate in projects unless they are leading. They do not know how to cooperate; they have not learned how to follow, they always want to be the head, the visible person. This is wrong. You need to give 100% cooperation on any project that is decided on as a group.

Win Confidence

Socrates said "We cannot learn anything from a man we don't like". To help others we must first win their confidence. May God help you to be a good Master Guide, but first of all a good Child of God.

by **Jonatán Tejel**
Associate Youth Director

TAIPEI CITY TOUR OPCION 1

- Martyrs' Shrine (free)
- Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall (free)
- Presidential Square (free)
- Chinese Temple (free)

TAIPEI CITY TOUR OPCION 2

- National Palace Museum (US\$3.75 approx.)
The National Palace Museum houses the world's largest collection of priceless Chinese art treasures

TAIPEI CITY TOUR OPCION 3

- Taipei 101 Tower (free) *Taipei 101 is the tallest building in the world, with a mass of shops on the lower floors*
- Taipei 101 Observation Deck (US\$9.40 approx)
Soaring 508 meters high, Taipei 101 is the world's tallest building
- Chinese Temple (free) *Lungshan Temple is a famous old temple in Taiwan*

TAIPEI CITY TOUR OPCION 4

- Bitou Cape (free)
- Nanya Rock Formations (free)
- Jioufen Old Street (free)

TAIPEI CITY TOUR OPCION 5

- Yangmingshan National Park (free)
- Beitou Hot Spring Bath (US\$6.25 approx)

TAIPEI CITY TOUR OPCION 6

- Wan Hua District (free)

Travel Plans for November



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6 - (Dec) 6: Annual Leave

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