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Living for Jesus

The third Austral Union Youth Congress was held in the beautiful tourist city of Mar De Plata, Argentina from February 3, to February 4, 2009. More than 1800 young people representing Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina met under the theme "Living for Jesus."

Carlos Gill, the president of the union, emphasized the importance of this youth congress saying: "We have brought these young people here with their leaders to be challenged to participate in evangelism, every youth must be an evangelist." Contests, seminars and many workshops were in place to meet this objective.

Every day the delegates were divided into various groups. Some attended seminars while others went into the city to do service projects. Four elementary schools benefited from these projects. Young people donated blood at the regional Hospital. A group of young dentists from Paraguay visited neighborhoods to offer free services to those who desired to be checked.

Young people from Uruguay participated in a Philatelic Exhibition which was shown in the City Hall entrance. Congress organizers set a special time for fellowship and games.

On Sabbath, 7 young people were baptized and more than two dozen gave their hearts to Jesus Christ for the first time.

There are 115,936 church members worshipping in 567 churches.



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OBJECTIVES

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FOR YOUTH MINISTRY IN LOCAL CHURCH

Doing youth ministry in the Seventh Day Adventist Church is very unique to the overall mission of the church. We have objectives to meet if we are to have a ministry that meets the spiritual needs of our youth. In my Teammate to Teammate today, I would like to share with the reader the objectives that must be given top priority in any given youth program at a local church.

- To keep the challenge of the Aim, the Motto, and the Pledge before society.
- To deepen the devotional life of each AY Society member.
- To integrate the vital AY Society features and group activities into the thinking and life of the AY Society.
- To keep the young people of the church in touch with the AY movement around the world.
- To give an opportunity for each member to obtain an experience in public address and teamwork: praying together, studying together, planning together, and working together.
- To hold before the youth Christian ideals and principles – to help young people find a positive

solution to their problems.

- To study the most effective methods for doing different kinds of Christian service, and to organize the youth for successful witnessing.
- To provide a time when the members of the AY Society may have an opportunity to tell what they have tried to do for the Savior and what success has been theirs, thus strengthening and inspiring one another in their desire to live out the AY Society Pledge.
- To provide pleasant Christian fellowship for the young people of the church.

(Youth Ministry Handbook p12, 13)

When your church embraces the above objectives, your youth group or society will impact the lives of the youth you lead and a positive spiritual influence will be planted in their lives. With that, the youth will stand boldly with Jesus Christ in all they do!

T e a m m a t e 2 T e a m m a t e

what's your accent on **SEXUALITY**

She was crying for mommy, sucking her thumb, and holding her favorite doll". When the moment of birth came, the 11 year old girl was shocked to see that this wet, bloody, wrinkled, crying baby was what had caused her so much pain.

Stories like this one are not unusual in this age of sexual freedom. At a time like this, when the sexuality taboo is lifted and the information/knowledge base expands, we are now challenged to provide our youth--pre-teens, teens and young adults with information that can help them make healthy, moral, and Christian choices.

Many times as parents and leaders we are embarrassed and uncomfortable when addressing the topic of sexuality with our youth. We feel unprepared and somewhat uneducat-

ed on topics like pregnancy, homosexuality, masturbation, and sex. We leave it to the TV and the Internet to educate them. But like it or not, we are in a uniquely powerful position to help influence them on the decisions they will make about their sexuality.

Through skits, drama, articles, and discussions, the upcoming issue of Accent will try to address some of the many facets of human sexuality. It is hoped that these resources will be especially useful the leaders in trying to address this sometimes controversial issue.

So what's your accent on sexuality! Get your copy of Accent today, visit www.gcyouthministries.com and follow the directions to order your Accent, the official resource for Adventist youth leaders.

by Maria Dunchie, Editorial Assistant

Shine for the Lord

by Hiskia Missah, Associate Youth Director



The trip was to take less than a day. But the weather was bad. The planes had to be de-iced. I missed my connecting flight. Two days and two hours later I was just arriving at my destination. The trip that should have taken less than 1 day had dragged on into the next day. ...it had now become a 50-hour trip. But I arrived safe and sound.

The Taiwan Adventist Conference Pathfinder Camporee was held near a beautiful lake named Cheng Qiang Lake in Fong Shan, Kaohsiung. 600 Pathfinders and Adventurers attended this camporee, attended by Youth Directors representing the World Church, Hiskia Missah from the General Conference, Joshua Shin, from Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Daniel Jiao, from the Chinese Union Mission, Noah Lai from Taiwan Conference. The strong support of the youth in Taiwan was evident in the attendance of all the Officers of the Taiwan Conference and all the local church pastors, from the



beginning up to the end of the program.

The Theme for the Camporee was the one chosen by the General Conference Youth Ministries Department, "Shine for the Lord", as the emphasis for the world church during 2009. The Biblical character studied throughout this camporee was Daniel. Every morning before activities began the Pathfinders and the Adventurers studied the Book of Daniel. It was commendable what these young people did and how they conducted themselves.

Dental care and kidney care services were offered to the community by a team from the Taiwan Adventist Hospital. A total of 27 different classes were attended by the delegates. Some of the activities enjoyed by the young people were: various kinds of handicrafts, semaphore; marching drills; music class; nature study; bicycle repair; Bible doctrines, etc.

Congratulations Noah Lai, Taiwan Conference Youth Director, for a job well done!



Please feel free to send us reports from your events. We will be glad to publish them so the rest of the team around the world will know what your Division/Union/Conference is doing.

Stand for Jesus



Bangalore (India), January 2009. This was my first time visiting India. A very attractive country, with many contrasts a country with more than 1,100,000,000 people from which 80% are Hindus, 11% Muslims, and the rest are minorities –Christians, Buddhists, etc.

This is a country without a lot of Adventist presence (compared to other religions), a country where there are big crowds of people (even in remote places), spicy food, and an altogether unique culture. I brought a lot of expectations with me, and I really wanted to meet the people, and spend time with them throughout the Camporee. The traditional greeting is performed by putting your hands together and bowing your head. Something very interesting that caught my attention was that when they agree with something, they move their heads from right to left, like the movement I make to say NO. I struggled with communicating at first until I realized what was going on with the gesture. It was very funny!

The opening and the closing ceremonies under the theme “Stand for Jesus” were excellent, and I enjoyed every minute in between. The Division Youth Director, Lionel Lyngdoh, made me feel at home.

I preached every day for 900 Pathfinders, and Sabbath morning some church members attended, and the number went up to 1000.

During the Camporee I visited the place where the Pathfinders were staying. It was great to see that the leaders and the delegates stayed together. Their uniforms varied according to locale. A few Pathfinders came from local churches, but most of them from schools and colleges.

It was a great experience. I pray every day for our leaders around the world, that they would not take their eyes off the Master, Christ. I know that this is a great passion in India. They want to transmit the Truth, “infect” others with Christ. I commit myself to praying for this wherever I am, so this dream can become a reality.

God bless you all.

by Jonatan Tejel, Associate Youth Director

Travel Plans for MARCH

Baraka: 16 - 20: Travel Moratorium

Hiskia: 16 - 20: Travel Moratorium

Jonatán: 16 - 20: Travel Moratorium

