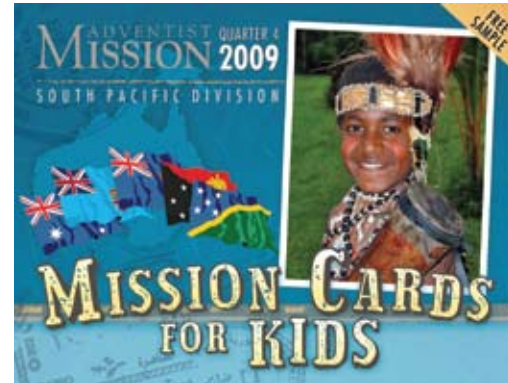


MISSION CARDS FOR KIDS!



It's New! It's coming in October! Look out for the **Mission Cards for Kids** this 4th quarter 2009 that will be highlighting South Pacific Division. GC Children's Ministries has collaborated with GC Adventist Mission to print prayer cards profiling children featured in the

children's mission quarterly. Each card contains a photo, country information and fun facts about a place the mission offerings go each quarter. Children can collect all these 12 cards and hang them on a ring to remind them to pray for the children that they meet each week in *Children's Mission*.

The first set is a sample set and will contain only 6 cards as a free gift to the churches around the world. All division CHM directors will get several hundreds of them. Beginning 2010 the full 12 cards set will be printed. Do encourage all the churches in your territory to order these cards for the children in their Sabbath Schools. We are working on bringing down the prices so they are affordable. We welcome your feedback on this project.

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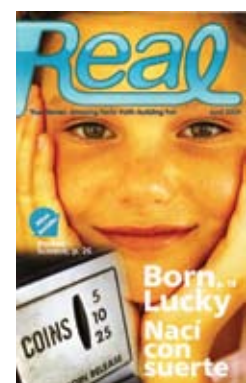


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A new monthly magazine hot off the press from the Review and Herald Publishing Association!

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Entering the WORLD of Kids

According to Karl Bastian, author for the *Kidology* website for children's ministries leaders, if you want to be effective in your ministry with children, it is essential that you make every effort to learn and understand the world of kids. Being interested in kids provides you an opportunity to build a great relationship with them that could impact them when you share life's lessons with them. Knowing their world leads you right into their hearts. You have them and you have fun too! So how do you enter the world of kids? Take these reminders from Bastian:

- 1) You Must Realize That You Are Always a Student** – never stop learning. Never think you know enough to be effective. Remember that what you do know or have learned yesterday is always becoming outdated.
- 2) You Must Be Involved With Kids** – seek time with children outside of church time. It's important to be relational, not merely informational. Notice the children around you, in the hallways, in the parking lot, at the store, in the restaurant, or wherever they cross your path and acknowledge them (something most adults do not do).
- 3) Actively be Involved in Things That Will Help You Get to Know the World of Kids** – this means know what cereal they eat, what television shows they watch, what toys they play with, what popular athletes/stars they admire, or whatever else is important to children. Why? Because if what is important to them is important to you, then the opposite will also be true! What is important to you will then be important to them – namely, Jesus Christ and God's Word.

Bastian suggests some practical ideas that can help you enter the world of kids:

- Never pass a toy store without going in!
- Buy something in that toy store. Ask about the "frequent buyer" discount!
- Carry small toys or gadgets in your pockets. You never know when a kid will cross your path!
- Display toys in your office, car, home, or anywhere else!
- Read kids' books and watch kid's movies/DVDs. Great conversation starters! Then get back to the Book!
- Play with the kids on your block, not just your own kids.
- Check out the latest candy and buy some to give away.
- Check out the kids' section at your Christian book store. Buy some kids' songs to listen to them.

So children's leaders make the effort to learn the world of kids and you will see it **transform** your relationships with the children you minister to! Have you heard about Pokemon? Ask your kids about them. Then talk about how we as Christians prepare ourselves for the battles we face! Start where they are at, and then lead them to where you want them to be. If you fail to start where they are at, you will have a hard time leading them. One great writer once noted, "A general too far ahead of his army is perceived as the enemy." Stick close to your kids and their interests and you will be able to take them to great heights with God!

Taken from Karl Bastian, *Kidology*



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EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION

Tri-African Division Children's Leaders Convention



The first ever Tri-African Division Children's Leaders Convention, organized by Joy Gashaija (ECD), Caroline Chola (SID) and Taiwo Roberts (WAD) was held in Nairobi April 2009. A total of 310 delegates attended this historical occasion.

The convention began with the launching of the Year of the Child with every leader receiving a beautiful T-shirt and a bag that highlighted the theme: Children First. Many children's groups displayed their gifts of music in songs as they welcomed special guests which included Linda Koh, GC CHM Director.

Plenary sessions covered topics on teaching children stewardship, good music, etc. with afternoon workshops covering topics from the Leadership Certification Level II. The Sabbath program was outstanding with children's choirs and child preachers. The final hour was designated for discussion regarding the need to contextualize the GraceLink curriculum for African children. At the end, the three different divisions CHM leaders took an action to recommend to their executive committee to look into this, with the option to first check into the contextualized version produced by South Pacific Division for children of the islands in their territory, such as Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, etc. Every delegate left with great satisfaction for the things they have learned as well the opportunity of networking with other leaders from another division.

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION

Baden Wuerttemberg Conference – Conference-wide Mission Camp

This conference-wide mission camp attracted over two hundred participants and was held in Stuttgart, Germany from June 10 – 14, 2009. Old and young alike were enthusiastic not only in attending workshops, but also in doing outreach mission work in the afternoons. The main concern of these teachers was to learn effective ways of transmitting values to their children and students, and several workshops were conducted for them by Linda Koh, GC CHM director.



The highlight of the Sabbath was the participation of children in the Sabbath School and worship program. In the afternoon about 60 kids gathered on the lawn to launch their balloons for evangelism. Each balloon is tied with a beautiful card with the address of the conference on it. After singing a song and a dedication prayer, the children let off 80-100 balloons into the sky. The kids were praying that many will find some of these balloons and will go to the conference office to receive some free books and gifts so that contact is made to invite them to other church activities.

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION

Korean Union Conference – Union-Wide Children's Leadership Advisory



The Children's Ministries Director, Pastor Park of Korean Union Conference called an advisory of the CHM directors of the five conferences for their annual consultation, June 2 – 4, 2009.

The first day was spent in seminars with concentration on leadership skills such as visioning and planning. Linda Koh, GC CHM Director was present to share ideas of children's ministry around the world divisions. The leaders were eager to try different types of programs for children that have never been tried in their union.

The KUC CHM leadership was keenly interested in synchronizing their plans with that of the GC CHM strategic plans for the next quinquennium. Programs to nurture spiritual growth of children through Kids in Discipleship have been implemented this year but will be in full swing beginning next year. Helping children and teens develop a personal devotional life is another one of their plans by developing prayer calendars and prayer journals.



Mongolia Mission Field – Mission-Wide Children's Leadership Training Seminar

A total of 35 children's leaders from all around the mission territory gathered for the Children's Ministries Leadership Certification Level I training in Ulaanbaatar May 20 – May 24 2009. Almost all of these leaders were young people who were not only young in age, but also young in the Adventist faith. But their desire to work for children was indeed an inspiration. Eleven topics were covered within the tight schedule, but these youthful leaders were eager to learn, and they were very determined to finish this task of completing the certification.

Cleidi Kuhn, CHM Director of this attached mission has done a tremendous job in translating many resources for the children and the leaders to use in their local churches. They translated a series on child sexuality and child abuse, but the largest investment was with the GraceLink Bible Study Guides. Teachers are learning how to teach with this new Bible study guides.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

West Bolivia Mission – First VBS for Indigenous Children



The Children's Ministries director organized the First Vacation Bible School for indigenous children on the Uros islands on Lake Titicaca earlier this year. It was wonderful to get many of these children to attend this historical activity. The children's leaders and children worked very hard to reach these children who lived on some of the 20 islands around Lake Titicaca for they have a passion to bring the love of Jesus to these children. Praise the Lord it was well attended.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

South New Zealand Conference – South Island Camp



Andrew and Christine Gillard coordinated the primary tent at SNZ camp in January. The theme for camp was Scuba and children were encouraged to "go deeper" with God. Children were able

to create lots of wonderful crafts and some of the highlights included a visit by the primary children to the aquarium and the balloon prayer which they released to Jesus.

French Polynesia Mission – Sabbath School Teaching

Kylie Ward recently visited Tahiti where she ran five nights of training on Sabbath School, Children's Commitment Ceremonies, and Kids Preach. She introduced the new children's tithe envelopes, designed for the children to color. Kylie's latest teaching technique is a miniature Sabbath school class. She uses it to demonstrate the weekly theme and dynamic, attendance and birthday device and backdrop.

Tweed Week of Spiritual Emphasis



In February Tweed Valley SDA Primary experienced a week of "My Dad the King" led by Ken and Julie Weslake and supported by chaplain Marty. The children learned about God's love and care and accepted invitations to join God in heaven.

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference – Children's Expo

Participants from around New Zealand and the Pacific gathered at the Children's Expo at Tui Ridge, New Zealand, to help "Raise Up a Generation" for God. The event was organised by the NZPUC Director of Children's Ministries, Pr Kylie Ward and her planning team. It was held because they believe that ministry to children is important and that the people who spend hours working for children are really valuable. Ian McKean the Plenary speaker spoke on how to build connections between the teacher and the child that will nurture healthy spiritual development. He said that God wants children's voices to be heard, and that children can't hear God's voice until they feel safe.

Core Workshops centred on the understanding and application of the faith development dynamics of Grace, Worship, Community and Service. Karin Safoloi and Janese Cameron organised the plenary worship sessions. Dr Lyell Heise and Valmai Hill from the Worship Institute, directed and coached children to be the worship leaders and worship band. Andy Matthes from Avondale College directed and coached children to present worship dramas. Pr Gervais Canguy from Western Australia translated the core workshops into French for the French territories. Penianna Brown organised a prayer room and Keryn McCutcheon an interactive playroom.

SOUTHERN AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION



Indian-Ocean Union Mission – CHM Leadership Training

A total of 200 delegates from all over the Union attended the Children's Ministries Leadership training seminar organized by Sahondra Andrianmalala, IOUM CHM Director on April 28-May 2, 2009, at the union headquar-

ters in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Linda Koh, GC CHM Director and Caroline Chola, SID CHM Director conducted the Leadership Certification Level II for the children's leaders. Delegates came as far as from the surrounding islands like Re-Union, Mauritius, and Seychelles. It was also wonderful to have 150 pastors present at the special opening ceremony when the CHM department launched the publication of God Loves Me 28 Ways in Malagasy language, and one copy of the activity book was given to each pastor. Next we launched the Year of the Child and Follow the Bible for Kids. Children's leaders were given these Bible study guides to be distributed to the children in their conference and mission.

Sabbath meetings were held at the campground of the Union with over 5,000 people. Children's choirs from the churches throughout the island travelled to this event. The children ran the entire Sabbath School, giving mission story, drama, offerings; summarizing the adult Sabbath School lesson, etc. One highlight on Sabbath afternoon was the commitment service for 70 children. Children, ages 6-14, took a stand to accept Jesus as their "Forever Friend", and each was supported by his/her spiritual friend. After the dedication prayer, the pastors of these districts stood to affirm the children's decision and promise to support them and welcome them. It was heartwarming!



Mozambique Union Mission – CHM Workshop
'Helpers for Jesus' was the theme for a Children's Ministries Workshop, the 1st ever taking place in the old Liberdade Church, Maputo on March 21 & 22. It was hosted

by Carolina Libombo, CHM Dir for Mozambique Union and Olga, CHM Dir, South Association. There were 40 CHM directors and teachers that attended from 18 churches. Facilitator, Mozambique Union Volunteer, Rose Stickle, was assisted by 4 Brazilian volunteer teachers, Paula, Fabio, Angelina and Kristy. They provided instruction in the GraceLinks SS lessons and the duties of the church CHM leaders. Highlighting the program was the introduction of the new program, 'Helpers for Jesus', to be used for the children's Sabbath afternoon study time, the second quarter 2009. The participants enjoyed preparing materials to be used for this program. They received their certificates at the close of the workshop, and are now prepared to better serve the children of their church and community.

Southern Africa Union Conference – SAU Children's Congress



A Children's Congress was held at the Peddie East and West Districts in Eastern Cape, March 2009. The theme of the congress was *God's Book: A Light to My Path*. There were about 329 children and 42 CHM Coordinators. The main speakers at this congress were CHM Directors Zodkwa Kunene of SAU and Mark Solomon of the Cape Conference. The topics presented at this congress were about God's book as a valuable tool to guide everyone in prayer, mission, and praises. The children were involved in active songs, creative prayers, interactive lessons, crafts, March and Community services. About 289 children accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and wished to be baptized. Pastor Bomela did an Affirmation prayer for all of them. The children experienced a Children's Congress for the first time and left feeling blessed and important in the church.

Southern Africa Union Conference – Prayer Conference

A Prayer conference held March, 2009 at Universitas. The theme of this conference was Creative Prayers for children; about 20 children and 9 parents attended. The main speaker was SAU CHM Director Zodwa Kunene. The topics presented were, *What is Prayer, Importance of Prayer, and Creative Praying*. Children made their own prayer books, journals, prayer chain; learning the 5 finger prayer and teaspoon prayer. At the end of the conference children expressed their appreciation while giving a report to the church and were eager to go back home and use the skills they had learned.

Zimbabwe Union Conf. - CHM Leadership Certification Seminar



January 2009 Zimbabwe Union Conference CHM began on a very high note with 27 directors, Children ministries leaders and coordinators attending a Children's Ministries Leadership Certification Seminar at the Union office in Bulawayo. Caroline Chola from the SID presented various topics like Vacation Bible School, Understanding GraceLink, Evangelism and many others. New songs also included the Year of the child 2009 theme songs which were learnt.

The Seminar concluded with a church service and graduation ceremony that was held at Pelandaba Seventh-Day Adventist Church which is one of the largest and oldest churches in the city of Bulawayo. More than 50 children gave their lives to Christ and the first Child's Commitment Ceremony in this Union was conducted on the

same day. The Union President also graced the occasion. Participants returned to their home stations with determination to make a difference in their leadership manner.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

South Bengal Section—First Children's Congress for Children of New Converts



The Children's Congress was organized in the Sunderban islands, south of Kolkata. These members are new converts from Hinduism. More than 300 children from about 22 congregations and from 10 islands came on Sabbath and Sunday, March 7 and 8. There were competitions on Bible passage recitations, songs, and skits. Attractive gifts were given to the winning teams as well as to every child who attended. It was a great experience. The children kept asking for another one as they left for their boats. This event has fired the imagination of the leaders there and they are now planning for youth camps and festivals of faith.

SOUTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION

Division-Wide Sabbath School Congress--CHM Training Seminars



A division-wide Sabbath School Congress was organized by SSD, April 2009, at Mountain View College. The CHM Training seminar had over 1,000 children's leaders and teachers every afternoon. It began with the launching of the 2009 Year of the Child celebration with the theme: Children First. The hall vibrated with the singing of the theme song: Children First. Brochures on 55 ideas to celebrate the year of the child were passed out to leaders. Seminars on Leading Children to Jesus, Transmitting Christian Values and others were presented by Linda Koh, GC CHM director.

The highlight of the Sabbath was the launching of the Follow the Bible for Kids. In place of the regular Sabbath School, the Little Trumpets child preachers were on stage to preach while other children sang and played musical instruments. It was amazing to see how talented these child preachers were. They were well trained by a passionate child pastor, Edgard Englis of South Philippines.

Then all the children were given the Follow the Bible for Kids reading guides and were encouraged to study the Bible every day.

Guam Micronesia Mission – CHM Gracelink Training Seminar

In Rota, Pastor Ondap and his wife have been using their retirement years to start a church on Rota. There are now 20-some people meeting weekly in their home. On Sabbath Afternoon at the children's ministries workshop there were demonstrations using the GraceLink Curriculum for children's Sabbath School, complete with new songs, skits and teaching techniques. There was also an illustration that involved the process of making and rebuilding paper people. The activity is intended to demonstrate that after we say mean things to someone else, no matter how hard we try to fix things up later, they are never the same again. There are always scars. CHM Director Mary Lindsay of the Guam Micronesia Mission mentioned that the activities that had been demonstrated were meaningful to the Rota church group. She conducts these workshops to show adults how to teach children, but sometimes the workshop activities can teach lessons the adults can use for their own personal lives.

Guam Micronesia Union - CHM GraceLink Training Seminar

The first CHM meeting on Yap was held April 2009 beginning on Sabbath afternoon. The teachers and leaders were taught how to teach the GraceLink Curriculum through drama and skits and the story of Elijah was used as a demonstration. After the Elijah story people were shown how to make their own Bible skits. Matthew 14:13-21 was used for the demonstration. The more real-to-life you can make Bible stories for kids, the more they will understand the story and they will remember it better too. Everyone enjoyed the Bible skits so much that a second meeting time was planned to concentrate just on skits. There were discussions about many different kinds of skits that included costumes, props, sound effects, comedy, pantomimes, group readings and how to present them.

Peninsular Malaysia Mission – VBS



The VBS in Penang was conducted from May 30 to June 3, 2009. The VBS was held at the Penang Chinese Church and about 70 children were enrolled. At this VBS the children created their own hand work and crafts to fit in the time instead of doing the work books for children. They were all very grateful that God had worked it out for them and the children enjoyed the lessons learned.

Myanmar Union Mission - Mission-Wide Children's Leadership Training Seminar



A total of 60 children's leaders from all around the Myanmar Union territory gathered for the Children's Ministries Leadership Level II training seminar, May 2009. They

were enthusiastic and eager to learn new English songs so that they could teach them to the children. The CHM director, Sohila Shine has been very consistent in translating materials into Burmese for the children and the teachers.

Sri Lanka Mission—Children's Camp



More than 85 children gathered at Lapahana College, Kandy, Sri Lanka, April 2009 for a mission-wide children's camp,. It was wonderful to see the children from all over Sri Lanka Mission enjoying four days of spiritual nurture, group activities, and fellowship.

As 2009 is the Year of the Child, the theme of the camp was CHILDREN FIRST. Linda Koh, GC CHM director presented the plenary session entitled *Putting on the Armor of God*. It was heartwarming to see how well the children knew the different parts of the Armor of God and were enthusiastic in suggesting applications. On Sabbath the children participated in worship and many of them preached great sermons. The final night was to end with a campfire, but unfortunately, the rain came and a social program was organized instead. Many stood up to testify that they felt the church loves them and thanked the leaders for organizing such activities for them.

The children were introduced to the Follow the Bible project and each was given a Follow the Bible for Kids Reading Guide to en-

courage them to read the Bible daily. They were encouraged to have personal devotionals regularly.

Thailand Mission— Mission-Wide Children's Leadership Training Seminar



Hanna Dewinya, CHM Director of Thailand Mission invited about 100 children's leaders who gathered at the new church in Chiangmai for the Leadership Level I training course, May 2009, conducted by Linda Koh, GC CHM Director. These children's leaders came from the various parts of the Thailand Mission, such as Phuket, Haaydai, Bangkok, Chiangrai, northern Thailand, etc. It was quite a mixed group of young and old, experienced teachers. Though it rained heavily every day, the children's leaders were faithfully attending the training sessions.

These children's leaders and teachers had such passion for children that they love to learn everything possible to teach children. We need more teachers like them who give their all for God and for the children of the church."

TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION

Middle East Union—CHM Advisory and Training Seminars



The first Children's Ministries Advisory organized by Aranka Bajic, the new CHM Director of the Middle East Union was held at the new union office in Beirut, Lebanon, February 2009. A total of 40

children's leaders and teachers from Dubai, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, etc. gathered for this special training and planning. Everyone received many resources as well as hands-on experiences for teaching children. Seminars were presented by Linda Koh, GC CHM director and Anne-May Wollan, TED CHM director on topics such as Leading Children to Jesus, Positive Discipline, Kids in Discipleship, etc.

On February 19-21 the GC, TED, MEU directors traveled to Dubai to conduct leadership training seminars. Parenting seminars on faith development and value transmission were conducted in Sharjah on Sabbath afternoon. Then the team traveled to Kuwait to hold another two days of seminars with a smaller group of children's leaders and parents on February 22-24, 2009. The team flew back to Beirut where Linda Koh conducted leadership training for the children's leaders and teachers of the Middle East University. The participants received many resources and other materials.

Iceland Conference – Interchurch Children's Bible Quiz

Jointly organized by Suðurlíðarskóli, the Adventist church school and the church in Iceland, the annual children's Bible quiz, **Jesus lives**, was held for the 9th consecutive year in Reykjavik in March 2009. Eleven teams from Lutheran and free churches from different parts of the country participated. The aim of the Bible quiz was to help children know the Bible and each other. The subject at this time was Genesis 1-13. The quiz master was Garðar Thor Cortes from one of the free churches and the judges were Eric Guðmundsson, president of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Iceland and Kjartan Jonsson, pastor in the Lutheran church.

The majority of the children stayed overnight in the church and enjoyed a pizza party, singing, games and swimming. The teams that participated this year were all committed to returning next year because they enjoyed it all so much. Next year the children will prepare by studying the sermons and teachings of Jesus and read chosen chapters from all four gospels.

South England Conference – 'Hands On': CHM Make and Take Day at The Advent Centre, London

On February 22nd more than 50 people from churches across the South England Conference came together! During the opening worship a powerful DVD was shown. Children were pleading for the adults in their churches to minister to them in active and meaningful ways. It invited the adults to think about how they would make a difference in the lives of the children in their churches and communities in the next ten years (www.wymad.org.uk).

'Hands On' days offer practical workshops for those working with children. The active sessions complement the Core Skills weekend and offer teachers an opportunity to add fresh skills and ideas to their programs. Creative visual aids for inspiring decorations for children's rooms were guided by Kathy Dalton and Harriette Baisden. Alongside the crafts were displays for creative prayer activities and workshops by Karen Holford, Heather Hanna and Annette Moore from the Welsh Mission on interactive ways to learn memory verses,

parachutes, Christian storytelling, Gospel illusions, and using GraceLink lessons. Romolà Lorek inspired primary and junior teachers, helping them to understand children's learning styles. Geoff Muckle from Newbold led a session on puppet ministry and Bernie Holford ran a session on child protection.

One children's worker said she'd been in Children's Ministries for a couple of years and was almost at the end of her rope, but after attending 'Hands On' she was re-energized and inspired. Several families brought their children, who were able to join in many of the active workshops and use the craft materials. One thing was certain, those who attended 'Hands On' left with plenty of skills to make a powerful difference to the children in their churches.

WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION

West Africa Union Mission - Child Preacher's Shock the Vicinity



As reported by Cecilia Fayia, CHM director of West Africa Union Mission, children can shock adults when rightly trained. Five of these kids, ages of 7-15 delivered sermons on the

1st quarter of the year 2009 on various topics to the surprise of many. It portrayed realistically that children are the leaders of today and eternity when given their rightful place. This ceremony was held as a beginning to the launching of the Year of the Child 2009 and it was also published in the local newspaper.

Tri African Division - 1st Tri-Division CHM Convention

Twenty two leaders mostly from Nigeria and Ghana, and West African Union attended the 1st Tri-African Division CHM Convention held in Nairobi, Kenya, April 2009. A colorful all nations parade were attended by the following nations, Burundi, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Angola. It was quite an experiential venture for leaders to grasp how to lead children to Christ, how to involve them in missions, how to design and create a worshipful atmosphere through choosing good music for children, teaching children storytelling, teaching GraceLink in an African settings etc. The program was well organized by Joy Gashaija, ECD CHM director and Caroline Chola, SID CHM director.

Two major events was launched: The Year of the Child and Follow the Bible. Flyers were distributed to allow participants from each area to do the same in their various localities.