



### *SID Children's Ministries Advisory*



Eight union Children's Ministries directors and one associate gathered at Irene Village Guesthouse, in the vicinity of the new SID headquarters in Pretoria, South Africa on March 18-20, 2007 for the division advisory. Led by Caroline Chola, CHM director of SID, the leaders discussed the major strategic initiatives of the department for this quinquennium in the light of the division's vision as expressed in the Epaphras Ministry, Paul's Method, Hezekiah Operation, Zechariah Project, and Haggai Venture.

GC CHM director, Linda Koh provided the Leadership Certification training seminars for the leaders. Reports from the unions were inspiring as many revealed creative ways of planning nurturing programs and activities for children in spite of small budgets and insufficient resources. The advisory ended with several important recommendations to the SID Administration which we hope will better strengthen the ministry in the local churches.

## **SOUTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION**

### *Central Luzon Conference—Children's Ministries Leaders Retreat*



A group of happy children's coordinators, Sabbath School teachers and leaders met at Kuhala Bay, Manila, February 23-25, 2007 for a conference-wide Children's Ministries retreat. They were introduced to the strategic goals and plans of action for the department. They also had the opportunity to have hands-on fun with new crafts and activities. Fien Sumendap, division CHM director commented, "I believe there will be a great change in the minds of the pastors and church elders concerning children's activities and programs at the church when they see the enthusiasm of the children's leaders in nurturing the children."

### *Peninsular Malaysia Mission—Vacation Bible School*



Vacation Bible School is one of the most effective tools in reaching out to non-Adventist children in the community. Peninsular Malaysia Mission conducted 11 VBSs in different churches in Penang, Kulim, Kuala Lumpur, etc. with 482 children in attendance in 2006.

Most recently in Kuala Lumpur English Church conducted a VBS from Nov. 27 -Dec. 1, 2006 with 76 children enrolled. Mrs. Sim Tea Lui Khim does the follow up by inviting them for Adventurer Club or Pathfinder Club. Pastor Terrance Sim, Pastor Joshua Gan and Pastor Lee Yew Han are supporting the program in Kuala Lumpur English Church. We thank God that our pastors and leaders have the passion to serve in children's ministries.

We pray that this avenue will remain open to reach children from various backgrounds. Mrs. Leong Fai, the CHM director of PEM is actively training and providing materials for the children's leaders to run good VBS.

### *Division-wide Training Team—Kids in Discipleship*

The first team from SSD attended the Kids in Discipleship training workshop at the KID University in Collegedale, Tennessee, USA, March 18 to 21, 2007. The team was headed by Octofien Sumendap, SSD CHM director, together with Miriam Andres, Norlin Cadapan, and Dave Varona from the Pasay Church in Manila. It was the plan