



ship by Abide Family Ministries, drama and skits by children, and lots of resources for purchase. Many who attended the Expo felt it was excellent.

SOUTHERN AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION



South Africa Union Conference—GraceLink Training



More than 60 children's leaders and teachers throughout the union attended the Children's Ministries Leadership Certification Seminar held at the union office in Bloemfontein, August 11-13th, 2006.

Caroline Chola, Eugene Fransch, Lynn Roussow and Busi Khumalo presented various topics such as, Understanding Grace Link, Active Learning, Faith Development of Children, Understanding the learning styles of Children, Teaching Children to Adore God and many others. The participants were inspired to commit themselves to strengthening their ministry for children.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION



Mizo Conference—Children's Camp



On August 25-29, 2006, a total of 123 children from six churches in the Lunglei area gathered for their first conference-wide Children's Camp. Some traveled as far as 40 kilometers from Haulawang to Lunglei. The children enjoyed the fellowship and group activities, Bible games and Bible learning. Resource persons include Nunthari Sailo, Mizo Conference CHM director and the principal and teachers of the Southern Flower School. It was a first experience for many of the children within the church and they look forward to another camp next year.



Southeast India Union—Children's Week of Prayer Training Seminar

Premila Jeyachandran, CHM Director of the union conducted a training seminar on July 2006 to inspire children's leaders in the Erode-Nilgris Section to organize the Week of Prayer for children. Materials were provided and the participants were given several demonstrations of teaching methodology and how to involve children in the program.

SUD—Vacation Bible Schools



Vacation Bible Schools are a very big summer attraction in the field. These programs become the entering wedge for the message and the local churches are encouraged to make financial commitments toward this program.

A VBS Orientation Workshop is usually held in Spicer College, Pune prior to summer vacation to train students to be instructors and to work for the children. During the summer vacation of 2006, 751 persons, including students from Spicer Memorial College, conducted 161 programs throughout the Division. A total of 4117 children attended these programs and were awarded certificates of attendance. Of these, 2,512 children were from non-SDA homes. We need to organize more VBS to reach many children in communities with little or no Adventist presence.