

SOUTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION

West Indonesian Union Mission—Children's Congress



A total of 300 children, ages 7-14 together with some parents, Sabbath school teachers, and administrators of WIUM attended the first union-wide children's congress in Jakarta. The theme of the congress was To be like Jesus. The children participated actively in seminars, preaching, singing, handicrafts, Bible verse memorization, and Bible games. Resource speakers Dr. Octofien Sumendap, CHM director of SSD, Nelly Sihotang, CHM director of WIUM and Dr. Narce Wijaya, a dentist, presented topics on stewardship and dental hygiene.

It was inspiring to see children preaching without notes and some even wrote their own sermon. The most fascinating event was the memory verse contest. Most of the children memorized 25 Bible texts and more. Ryan Marpaung, 10 years old from North Sumatra could memorize 106 verses and a girl from South Sumatra memorized 408 verses. God can use children to share His Word.

TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION

Division-wide Training Workshop—Kids in Discipleship (KID)



The division is really excited about the "Kids in Discipleship" initiative for this quinquennium. Anne-May Wollan, CHM Director of TED, organized the first training workshop in the Stanborough Park Church on October 12-15, 2006. A total of five teams enrolled for the training, with two coming from the United Kingdom, two from Norway, and one from Iceland. The KID University team of 6, led by Don MacLafferty, Director, provided an outstanding workshop that inspired and equipped the participants who will then return to their union territory to inspire more churches to get involved in this important movement of discipling our children.

