

TED Children's Ministries Advisory



A total of 14 CHM directors gathered at the High Leigh Conference Center, just outside of London on October 16-20, 2006 for the division advisory led by Anne-May Wollan, CHM Director of TED. The main initiatives of the Children's Ministries Department for this quinquennium are GraceLink and Kids in Discipleship. While many unions face great challenges in areas of budgeting, finding volunteers, and resource translations, however, they are passionate in providing programs and activities in nurturing the faith of their children and involving them in the faith community. Reports from Finland, Norway, Denmark, England and others were inspiring as many revealed creative ways of working with children even in difficult situations. The highlight of the advisory was the presentation by the KID University team. Plans have been laid to promote this initiative around the division so that more families will be involved in discipling their children.

South England Conference—Children's Community Project

Children of the St. Albans Church were actively involved in Open Door—a charity that cared for homeless people in the city who needed supplies of tinned foods and toiletries. The leaders helped to create Dusty the Dustbin which was placed in the church for the children to bring supplies and put into Dusty. After the children's stories about Open Door, many children and young people brought bright new household goods and put them into Dusty to be given to the families of this project. The children are indeed serving the community!



13th SABBATH OFFERING—CHILDREN'S PROJECT

At the recent Annual Council held at the General Conference headquarters on October 9-11, 2006, an action was taken to request each division to select at least one project geared toward the interests of children for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects. This came about from the recommendation of the Children's Ministries World Advisory in March, 2006. This is indeed historical! We want to thank the division CHM directors for their vision and the world church leaders for their support in involving children in missions throughout the world. Division directors will need to work closely with your leadership in making suggestions for these children's projects.



WHEN YOU HEAR THE CHILDREN CRY

Suzanne M. Randolph, 1990

When you hear the children cry
Stop and ask them why
Stop and heed their call
They're crying out to us all
"Please don't let us die."

When you hear the children laugh
Stop along their path
Stop to love and share
To show them that you care
Because we are all they have.

When you hear the children speak
Stop to hear them teach
Stop to hear the story they tell
And let them know all is well
And the world's within their reach.

When you hear the children playing
Stop to listen to what they're saying
They speak nothing but the truth
And their spirits are the proof
So for them we must keep praying.

So, when you hear the children crying
Know that you can stop the dying
Just turn and do your part
Grab hold of each little heart
And promise you'll keep on trying.

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord." Psalm 127:3