

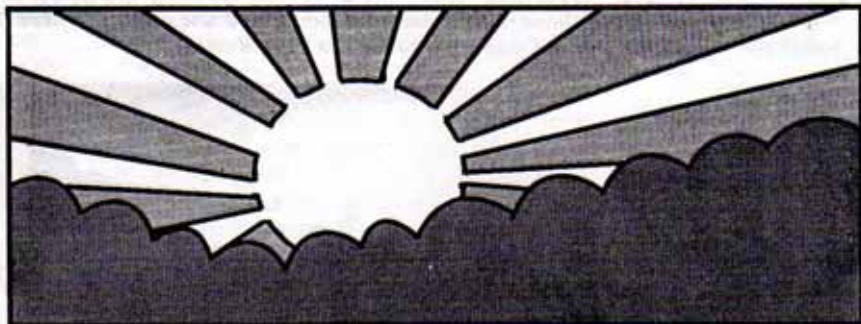
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## *A Social Day for Our Trainees*

A special gathering for 30 present and past trainees of Daybreak was arranged on Saturday 24 May 1997. The venue was the Taiko Club, Jalan Kelab Golf, Ipoh. The enjoyable function lasted for 5 hours --- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There were more than one hundred people present including the parents of the disabled as well as many church members.

We had a number of amusing games at this party. For the first game, the participants were given a picture each of characters in cartoons or fairy tales. They were informed to match their pictures and group themselves according to their respective families. Snow White's group won the first prize as they were the fastest in getting together all their six pictures. We also had much fun watching those forfeited during Passing the Parcel game. The trainees were very sporting and they danced or sang as they were requested to do. We also had Flying the Plane competition. The trainees were given a paper plane each and they had to fly them. Chin Yen Ping got the first prize as her plane went the farthest and even flew out of the hall. She was so happy at achieving this feat that she clapped her hands and jumped with joy. The most amusing event was Fashion Designing. The trainees acted as models and they had two volunteers each to dress them up. The materials used in their make up included leaves, ferns and even newspapers!

Then it was lunch time and we all enjoyed a variety of delicious food which had been mainly donated by caring church members. Then we had an

interesting session of music and dancing. Many trainees participated in the rock and roll competition. Mong Kai Peng was chosen as the best dancer with his skilful variations. He won a beautiful gift for his performance.

There were many happy faces and peals of laughter as the trainees enjoyed themselves. This simple gesture of love and care shown to these special children of God would give them more confidence in themselves and add some joy to their lives. Some parents expressed their gratefulness to Daybreak for organising this enjoyable party for their loved ones.



*Guests at the Social Day*



*Our fashion models*

## *Our Dedicated Volunteers*

Our volunteers graciously serve on Mondays and Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Daybreak Centre. They help our disabled employees in sewing, smocking, T-shirt painting and making other handicrafts. They also help out with the packing of finished products. Some of them even take work home to do during their free time on other days. They are a great help to our staff at outdoor sales. A regular volunteer, Mrs. Toh Pik Chu, had this to say when she was interviewed.

"Some of us have served in Daybreak since it was launched in 1992. Ms. Francisca Lim and other talented instructors helped us improve in handicraft and we were able to contribute to the work of the disabled. Gradually we managed to discover our individual hidden talents. Praise the Lord! Now with our present 'see fu', Mrs. Lee Ai Phin, who is just as crazy as all of us at work and play, our work becomes interesting and very fulfilling. There were many happy moments when we just stood back and admired our own completed masterpieces. We have satisfaction and joy in working for the well-being of the disabled. We enjoyed our outdoor sales including the many outstation sales in Penang and Kuala Lumpur. Since we shared common aim and interest we found great friendship as well as fellowship in our group. We enjoy our lunches together and treat ourselves to gourmet food once a month. There is also our occasional shopping spree as well. We are a truly happy team. Lately we decided to give our club a special name. It is neither 'golden girls' --- the name given to us by Datin Sandra Lee, nor is it 'gluttons' club'. I am not letting the cat out of the bag. Ladies, if you are interested to know our secret, please do come and join us and we will let you know the name!"

We praise the Lord for these committed volunteers and their invaluable service for the handicapped.



*Some Daybreak Volunteers*

## Daybreak Trainees Adoption

Since Daybreak was launched on 17 October 1992 only a few members of the Church have devoted their services and time in this care ministry for the disabled. Hence Daybreak Trainee Adoption scheme was launched to get more members involved in this ministry to help the handicapped. Every Cell Group of the Canning Garden Methodist Church was invited to be foster family of a trainee in Daybreak Training Centre. Persatuan Daybreak is an extended arm of the Church and we need the support and encouragement of all members to extend their touch for the handicapped folks in our community.

Nine trainees were adopted by Cell Groups at two Church services held on the 4th and 18th May 1997. The trainees were introduced to the Church members before they were adopted by nine Cell Groups.

Personal dossiers of the trainees for further monitoring of their activities and progress were handed out by Rev. Andrew Tan to the respective Cell Group leaders. These



Rev. Tan handing out a dossier

adopted children are now lovingly cared for and supported by the different Cell Groups participating in this scheme. We have been informed of some Cell Groups who have taken their foster children to shopping malls and bought them birthday presents. While others have been taken to cinemas as well as treated to dinners at food stalls or have been accompanied by members to lovely beaches for picnics. The natural parents of these children were very happy to see these demonstrations of love showered on their children. We pray that more Church members would volunteer to participate in this worthy D.T.A. scheme of love and make it a great success.



### Donations:

We would be grateful for any amount given to us to provide services for disabled people. Cheques should be crossed and payable to Persatuan Daybreak, Ipoh.



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