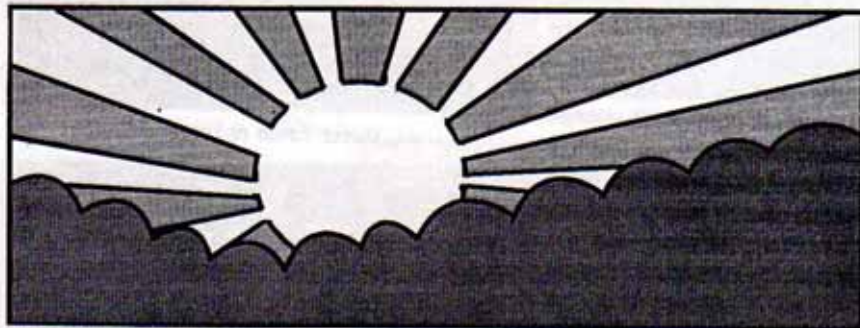

PERSATUAN DAYBREAK

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Disabled Adults & Youth Being Rewarded, Encouraged & Accepted in Kinta December 1997

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Our New Training Programme

A new training programme for the physically and intellectually disabled begins in January 1998 at our Gopeng centre. It is spread over a period of 2 years during which various aspects of rehabilitation are incorporated to develop personal work habits, social behaviour and communication skills. Our aim is to help our trainees achieve independence, self-esteem and to integrate them into the mainstream of society either through employment or earning their own living instead of permanently depending on their families or charity of others.

The centre is designed and simulated as an actual work environment. The trainees are introduced to the habit of punch cards for beginning and ending of work. Level 1 is for a duration of 6 months. Its aim is to develop work habits and the potential mental and physical skills of the trainees. The occupational therapist will assess the trainees before upgrading them to Level 2. He may recommend an extension of 3 months for slow learners.

The trainee is exposed at Level 2 to various skills like T-shirt printing, drawing and creative work, quilting, smocking, sewing and other handicrafts. After a rotation of different skill training for 6 months, the trainee would be able to make a choice of the skill he wishes to learn.

At Level 3 he would be given intensive training in his selected skill for at least 6 months. Then the trainee would be exposed to open employment in a job placement

For a trial period of 3 months the trainee would be accompanied and supervised at the factory by a Daybreak staff member. When the trainee works well and has adjusted to this new place of employment there would be occasional follow up for another 3 months to ensure success in his holding on to the job.

We are looking for generous employers who are willing to provide disabled people with job placement training in their factories to bridge them into open employment.

By the grace of God, we hope to provide these handicapped people an opportunity to be gainfully employed for themselves. Persatuan Daybreak has successfully placed out many trainees for open employment in several firms and factories.

Applications are invited for the new intake in January 1998 at the Training Centre in Gopeng. We accept disabled people, 16 and above in age, who can benefit from our training. Transportation is provided both ways for the trainees from pick up points in Ipoh to the Training Centre in Gopeng



Using punch cards at Training Centre



Job placement training for Kai Peng at Vidic Enterprise

Caring Church Expo 1997

The Caring Church EXPO 1997 signifies the Mission of the Church in accomplishing the Vision of the Nation. As responsible citizens, Christians should help to ensure the realisation of the National aspiration of building a 'Caring Society'. The Church has the responsibility of meeting the human needs and restoring dignity to the poor, the disadvantaged and the marginalised in our society.

Malaysian CARE and Churches sponsored the Expo which incorporated an exhibition of the social and humanitarian work of 33 Church and para-Church groups together with seminars on related topics and a Celebration Concert. The patron was YB Datuk Leo Moggie, Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts,

Malaysia. The Expo was held at Stadium Negara, Kuala Lumpur from 19-21 September 1997 and it was open to the public from 10a.m. to 10p.m. for the three days. Thirty booths and eleven display stands were set up by various participating groups in the foyer and arena of the stadium.



Daybreak booth in the stadium



Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir at our stall

The Celebration Concert by Don Moen, an international Christian recording artiste, was held nightly at 8p.m. The stadium was packed during the concerts. The audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves, singing and worshipping the Lord, as they were led by Don Moen.

There were prominent speakers at the seminars on the following topics :

- (i) Aids Care in the Community
- (ii) Teens Growing Pains
- (iii) Domestic Violence
- (iv) Dadah-A Caring Society's Response

Persatuan Daybreak had a booth in the arena of the stadium where we displayed visual aids on our training programme for the disabled. We set up a stall for selling our handicrafts and there were Daybreak brochures available there for distribution to our visitors. There was also a continuous video show on the activities of Persatuan Daybreak in meeting the needs of the disabled people in Kinta. There were many visitors to our stall and we had good sales of our handicrafts. The VIP visitors to our booth included YB Datuk Leo Moggie, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, Puan Sri Chong Hon Nyan and Dato Stanley Isaacs.

We are hopeful that the Expo will motivate and initiate the increase of caring works by Churches and para-Church organisations and help to encourage all those currently involved in the caring concerns as well as help to recruit new volunteers and staff.

Highlights of Events

1. Persatuan Daybreak featured in TV

TV Malaysia filmed the activities of Daybreak and this appeared on the 'Selamat Pagi Malaysia' TV1 programme at 9 a.m. on 13 September 1997. This show covered the different aspects of our services - training, job placement, production and sales. It also included interviews of two employers who had provided job placement for our trainees. This helped to generate more public awareness and interests in our welfare work.

2. End of Year Party for our Trainees

An enjoyable Christmas Party was held at 1.30p.m. on 6 December 1997 at Kesselring Hall, Canning Garden, Ipoh. Our trainees, their parents, staff and some Church members were present at the party. We had some lively singing followed by a pleasant lunch. There were lots of good food donated by some generous folks. Then some trainees entertained us with songs and a dance. Our trainees were delighted to receive their Christmas presents and they really enjoyed themselves at the party.

Christmas Gifts

We have many beautiful Xmas gifts on sale --- pouches, cushion covers, stocking, table mats, fridge magnets etc. There are also many items for Xmas tree decorations at our shop. Besides buying gifts that are beautiful and well made you would also be helping some disabled people.



Happy Shopping in Daybreak

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Donations: We would be grateful for any donation to us. Cheques should be crossed and payable to Persatuan Daybreak.

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