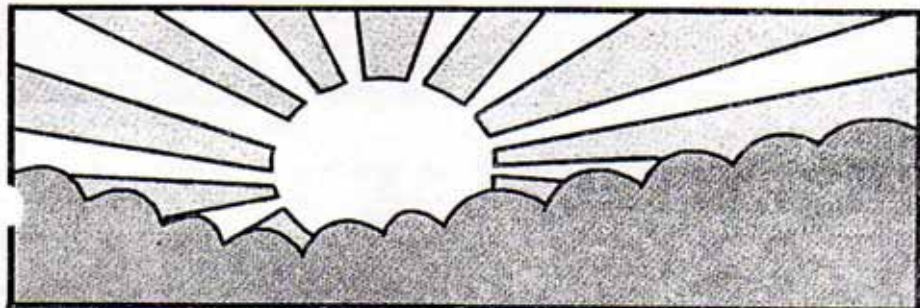

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Disabled Adults & Youth Being Rewarded, Encouraged & Accepted in Kinta

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Mini Conveyor Belt Equipment

The mini conveyor belt equipment is an important item to simulate an industrial production environment in our Gopeng Training Centre. Mr. Tan Kean Hoe generously donated the long rubber belt and he also introduced us to Mr. Tang Ah Lek, whose company Winson Engineering made the required metal structure of the conveyor equipment. However after delivery of it there were some problems. They were the safety aspects and compliance to regulations of the Machinery Department for electrical installations. Then Masif Health Care factory management graciously helped us, free of charge, with the necessary modification of the equipment. The work table height was reduced by 6 inches and for safety precaution a metal guard was fixed to belt pulley and motor area. A suitable light duty motor replaced the original one. The mini conveyor belt equipment has been used at the Training Centre since 29 May 1998.

Our trainees will now be exposed to a similar production environment as in factories. They will be taught operation and safety precaution of the conveyor belt equipment. This equipment will improve production level as well as help in work assessment of the trainees.

The training programme for the physically and intellectually disabled is over a period of two years. The trainees are introduced to the habit of punching individual cards for beginning work at 9.00am and when they finish work at 4.30pm. The training is from Monday to Friday. They have a fellowship period from 3.15pm to 4.15pm every Friday afternoon. They enjoy themselves singing and playing games during this session. The Centre accepts male and female trainees who are 14 years and above. We provide transport both ways in our vans for our trainees from pick up points in Ipoh to the Training Centre in Gopeng. After completing their 2 year programme these special



Using the mini conveyor belt



Singing during fellowship

people will have an opportunity to be gainfully employed in firms or factories.

Daybreak Family Day

Our Family Day was a reunion for our former trainees who had been placed out for work, present trainees and Daybreak staff. Besides there were several family members of the disabled, committee members as well as church members. There were more than one hundred and fifty people gathered at CGMC grounds in Jalan Keliling, Canning Garden, Ipoh, at 4.30pm on Sunday, 12 July 1998.

Mrs. Vicky Ong made a welcome speech and thanked all guests present at the party. Later we had a period of singspiration led by Mr. Felix Gnanarajan, a gifted guitarist and singer. It was a fun session of lively songs and music. Then we had some enjoyable games organised by Mr. Aw Tai Jak. The trainees and volunteers were arranged into four teams (Blue, Green, Red and Yellow) to participate in the games.

The first event was the Three-Legged Relay. There were 6 pairs in each team. Each pair had one leg of a trainee tied by a piece of cloth to one leg of a volunteer. This was followed by Banana Eating Relay where ten members of a team ate a banana each consecutively. The next item was the Egg Balancing Relay. Each member of the team had to run with an egg balanced on a spoon to the other side and pass the egg to the next runner. The four teams had five participants on either side. The wheelchair bound player was the first participant and was pushed by a helper.



Start of three-legged relay



Egg balancing relay

The fourth event was the "Guni" Sack Relay. There were some very agile players who excelled in this race. The last event was the Shoes Scramble Relay which turned out to be very hilarious. Each team had 8 players. Each participant had to remove one of his or her shoes and this collection of 32 shoes were mixed and placed in the centre of the field. Each player of the team had to run consecutively to the pile of shoes and put on his or her shoe before running back to team. This process continued until the last player had put on the shoe and had run to the finishing line.



Pastor Tan giving out a prize

Points were awarded for each of the five events. The overall winner of the games was Yellow Team and the close runners-up was Blue Team.

Dato' Lee Oi Hian and Pastor Andrew Tan gave out the prizes. Every participant received a gift. Then we had an enjoyable buffet dinner of a variety of delicious food. There were many happy faces and peals of laughter as the disabled enjoyed themselves. The love and care shown to these special children will give them more self confidence and add some joy to their lives. We would like to thank the organisers of this wonderful party.

Some Daybreak Highlights

1. Mr. Martin Sebastian PJK has been appointed Senior Administrator of Persatuan Daybreak with effect from 2 May '98
2. Outdoor Sales was held at Subang Jaya Medical Centre on 13 & 14 May '98
3. Persatuan Daybreak participated in Expo Ipoh '98 (21 to 27 May '98) at Stadium Indera Mulla in conjunction with Ipoh City Day Celebrations.
4. The 2nd Annual General Meeting of Persatuan Daybreak was held at 8.00pm on Monday, 1 June '98 at the CGMC Conference Room, 23, Jalan Keliling, Ipoh.
5. A Charity Sales was held at Jaya Jusco, Ipoh Garden from 20 to 21 June '98. Six trainees from our Gopeng Training Centre demonstrated their work skills during the sales.
6. A training programme for our staff members was held on 29 June '98 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the CGMC Conference Room. The instructors were Mr. Neil Rode and Miss Clarissa Chang from Malaysian Care, Kuala Lumpur.
7. Dato' Percy Muttiah gave a short report on Daybreak and Dato' Daniel Tay preached the sermon on Social Concerns Sunday, 19 July '98, at the Wesley Methodist Church, Sitiawan. This was followed by Charity Sales of our products at the venue.

Gifts For All Occasions

We have a variety of items for sale at our outlet in the city. They are skillfully made by disabled people. Smocked dresses, stuffed toys, quilts, vases, mugs and T-shirts are some beautiful items that could become suitable gifts for your loved ones. Besides you would be helping some handicapped people and contributing to "Our Caring Society".

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

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