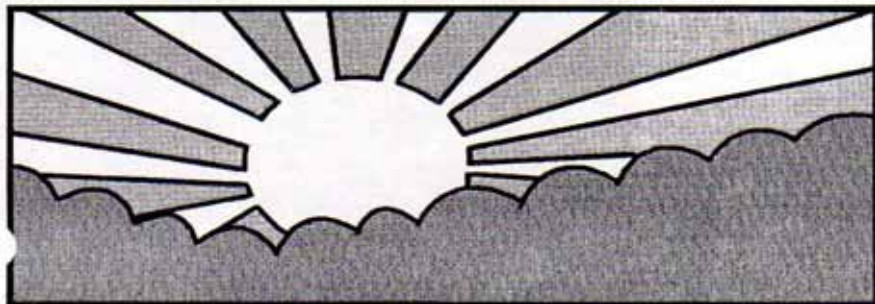

PERSATUAN DAYBREAK

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

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Daybreak Walkathon

A walkathon was organised to raise funds for the New Daybreak Centre at Pengkalan, Ipoh. This event was held on 14 November 1999. Although we were having a rainy spell, that morning was clear and sunny. There were about 250 adults, youths, children and disabled gathered by 7.00am at the Canning Garden Methodist Church compound. There was indeed a big range in ages from a baby in a pram to an eighty year old senior adult.



Datin Sandra Lee
- welcoming speech

The function started with a short period of singespuration of lively songs ably guided by Mr. Alan Seow. Then Mr. Murphy, an instructor at Bercham Gym, led us in a warming up session with acrobatic movements. Later Datin Sandra Lee, Deputy Chairperson of Persatuan Daybreak, in her speech welcomed all the participants and thanked them for their kind support in raising funds for the new building project. Pastor Andrew Tan then prayed for God's blessings on the assembly and for the safety of all the walkers on the road. Then he officially started the Walkathon at 7.30am.

The participants for the walkathon started from the Church and went along Jln. Keliling, Jln. Dato Lau Pak Khuan, Jln. Kompleks Sukan, Leboh Cecil Rae, Jln. Lee Kwee Foh and again along Jln. Keliling before returning to the Church and finishing the walk.



Some Happy Walkers

The whole route, which skirted Canning Garden and part of Ipoh Garden, covered a distance of 4.2km. There was also a shorter route of 2.0km for children and the handicapped. Mr. Ernest Balasingam and his team of marshals ensured that everyone kept to the regular route. They also helped to control the traffic at the junctions and roundabouts.

There were some volunteers who walked along with the disabled and others who pushed the wheelchair-bound participants along the route. By 9.15am all the walkers had finished the event. Prizes were given to all the disabled participants. All present for the occasion were provided with sandwiches, cakes, milo and orange drinks. There were sufficient food and drinks that were donated by some generous people. Everyone had an enjoyable walk and a pleasant breakfast that morning.

Our Family Day

The Family Day was held in the Kesselring Hall, Canning Gardens, Ipoh at 4.30pm Sunday, 24 October 1999. This was a reunion gathering for our former trainees, who had been placed out to work, present trainees and staff. Besides there were also Daybreak committee members, family members of the trainees and some Church members. There were more than one hundred and twenty people at the function. Mr. Wan Sai Pun, the Organising Chairman, in his welcome speech thanked all the guests present at the party. Then we had a session of singspiration led by Mr. Anthony Seow and assisted by guitarist Mr. Felix Gnanarajan. We had some lively songs and good music.



Start of Balloon Relay

A Telematch was organised by Mr. Chong Him Shoong. The participants were arranged into four teams - Blue, Green, Red and Yellow. Points were awarded for the six events. The most hilarious event was the Chopstick and Bangle Relay.

All the 8 members of each team were in a row with each participant holding a chopstick in the mouth. The first member, who also had a bangle placed in his chopstick, then had to pass the bangle to the chopstick of the next member, without using his hands. The last member of the team with the bangle in the chopstick raced to the finish. The overall winner of the games was Blue Team and the close runners-up was Red Team. All the participants received gifts.

After a prayer of thanksgiving by Mr. Don Chong we had a good buffet dinner of a variety of delicious food. We would like to thank the organisers and those who donated food and drinks for this enjoyable party. The love and care that were shown to these special children of God that evening will add some happiness to their lives.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



*An Artist's
impression
of Proposed
New
Daybreak Centre*

An Appeal For Funds

Daybreak Centre has been housed in a rented shop at 64, Jalan Bandar Timah, Ipoh since its inception in 1992. However, due to the increase in the number of trainees, the Training Department was shifted in 1993 to a temporary premises at the Perak Waterworks Store in Gopeng. The Management Committee of Daybreak has decided to centralise its operations in order to provide better facilities for the disabled people. The Administration, Production, Sales and Training Departments will be located at one site. An anonymous benefactor has donated an acre plot in Pengkalan, Lahat for this new building. The estimated cost of this building is RM 1.5 million. We still need to raise RM 1.2 million to complete this project and appeal for sufficient funds to be available for a satisfactory completion of this new building. We would be grateful for any amount donated. Cheques / Money Orders should be crossed and made payable to Persatuan Daybreak.



New Building under construction

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