

COMPANIONSHIP OF MINISTRY SU MYANMAR



Council Representative for Companionship of Ministry Valerie Ong speaks:

I was in Myanmar in January and March. Thank God that a new eight-member SU Myanmar Committee has been formed from various church denominations, including a Graduate Bible School. As the Companion of Ministry to SU Myanmar, SU Singapore is committed to:

1. conduct strategic planning with SU Myanmar Committee
2. co-ordinate ministry training with churches and organisations in children, youth, Bible engagement and leadership.
3. help set up SU clubs.

Objectives of SU Clubs:

1. To reach out to children, youth and families.
2. To impart life-skills, English language skills and Christian values through creative arts and activities.

How can you help?

1. Pray for favour as we enfold the strategic plans.
2. Pray for unity of heart and shared vision among the new SU Myanmar Committee.
3. Pray for sponsorship of an SU Club at a cost of S\$300 per month.
4. Contribute towards the translation and printing costs of SU teaching and learning materials for as little as S\$30 per month.

We hope to launch the SU Clubs by the end of 2011. In the very near future, we hope to conduct a children's ministry training conference which will be attended by church pastors and ministry leaders. This will be helmed by David Leong, our Regional Children's Ministry Co-ordinator.



Front row: Rev Dr Dorothy Colney, Valerie Ong, Dr Yasuko
Back row: Rev Aye Min, Pastor Song Tjoa, Pastor No Pum, Pastor Wesley Kyaw, Pastor Go Chin

COMPANIONSHIP OF MINISTRY SU THAILAND

In May, our Reg CEO, Rev Tadashi and Valerie met with SU Thailand Council and had an envisioning session. Currently, the main work is in translation and distribution of Bible reading materials.

After the envisioning, SU Thailand decided to hold a 3-day conference in September 2011 and many church pastors and ministry leaders will be attending.

This conference will be helmed by David Leong, our Regional Children's Ministry Co-ordinator.

As the Companion of Ministry to SU Thailand, SU Singapore is committed to:

1. conduct envisioning and strategic planning sessions with SU Thailand Council.
2. co-ordinate ministry training with churches and organisations in children, youth, Bible engagement and leadership.
3. help in the translation and printing costs of Bible reading materials.

How can you help?

1. Rejoice and pray for their 40th anniversary celebration at the end of October 2011 where our Regional Children's Ministry Co-ordinator David Leong will be the speaker.
2. Pray for clear direction in the development of SU Thailand ministry.
3. Contribute towards translation and printing of English Bible reading notes into Thai.
4. Pray for the newly-appointed staff that she will be able to develop the children's ministry.
5. Pray for unity of heart and shared vision among SU Thailand Council members.



Regional CEO Rev Tadashi (extreme left) and Valerie (extreme right) with Chairperson Ms Bunga (fourth from right), Vice-Chairman Elder Wiwat (second from left), Ms Yawanit (third from right) and members of SU Thailand Council

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TODAY to help transform the lives of young children and youth in Myanmar and Thailand.

The following is an excerpt of interviews with three faculty members: Terry Williams, SU International Children's Ministry Consultant; Jason Fong, SUEWA Youth Ministry Co-ordinator and Hans Wuysang, SUEWA Bible Ministry Co-ordinator:

What was the most significant aspect of ON Institute 13 cum CMI 2011 to you?

Terry: The commitment of the Region to invest in the lives and ministry of SU staff from a wide range of movements. To live in community, as you did, and with the intensive program of specialised inputs, makes this a strategic investment in the work of SU and the Kingdom.

This is a great model for downloading the values and working principles of the movement to the next generation of SU workers.

Jason: Training! Human resource development is a key factor in the equation of growth and sustainability. If SU E& WA is to continue to grow, we must continue to train and develop our leaders, staff and volunteers.

Hans: ON Institute gives the new staff a clear understanding of the vision and mission and philosophy of SU and how to put it into practice.

In terms of the group dynamics which you experienced and saw among the participants, what captivated you?

Terry: I was encouraged to see delegates from the larger movements separated and mixing and not remaining in their 'safe' country groups.

Jason: The bonding and friendship forged among most of the participants is great. I see some of these relationships have continued post-ON Institute via Facebook. How did this happen? I think this is the result of "Christian camping". When people stay together in "a temporary community" for almost two weeks, such dynamics will surely be catalysed.

Hans: I saw that all participants got involved in every programme and interacted and strengthened their relationship with one another. I think it is because the environment in this camp or training is built with good fellowship and good leadership.



From L-R: Jason Fong, Hans Wuysang, Rev Tadashi Oyamada, Terry Williams, Jon Ong, David Leong, Valerie Ong

What would say were the special "Ah-ha!" or "Wow!" moments during your stay at ON Institute?

Terry: Interactive learning always creates some special "Ah-ha!" moments as delegates engage with the learning in a fun and creative way that will stay with them.

Walking the streets of Singapore with a small group of delegates created the space and the time to get to know some of them more personally. Meal times provided the same opportunities - for cross cultural interchanges and fun.

Jason: I am an "SU veteran", yet I continue to learn from others around me. I think my "Wow!" moment was seeing how the Koreans had made so much effort to interact with others.

Hans: The "angel" of mine continued to surprise me with pleasant things.

What is your prayer/wish for the ON Institute 13 cum CMI participants?

Terry: My prayer is that the enthusiasm, experiences, and knowledge that were so much a part of the ON Institute 2011 will live long in the memories of each delegate and be constantly outworked, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, as each person serves God in his or her corner of His vineyard.

Jason: My prayers: that the seeds sown at ONI will germinate, take root, grow and bear fruit.

Hans: May all the participants be able put into practice what they have received and experienced, and their work/ministry will have more of the SU character and ethos.



ON Institute 13 cum CMI 2011 Family

SU E & WA Regional ON Institute 13 cum Children's Ministry Institute 2011

Twenty-four delegates from eight national movements - Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore - underwent 13 gruelling days of training on 20 subjects by these 11 faculty members from 13 to 24 May 2011: Jon Ong, Rev Dr Alfred Yeo, Terry Williams, Jason Fong, David Leong, Hans Wuysang, Rev Tadashi Oyamada, Dr Andrew Goh, Yoong Fook Loy, Dr Cheah Fung Fong and Valerie Ong. It was the first time SU Singapore had hosted the ON Institute cum Children's Ministry Institute since their establishment in 1994.

The ON Institute (ONI) was conceived by Rev Koh Gim Lam after his appointment as Regional Secretary of SU East Asia in 1993. He saw the need to provide a more comprehensive orientation training programme, one that encompassed SU history, aims, mission, ethos, working principles and core ministry knowledge and skills in the programme, and which would be especially crucial to SU movements that lack the expertise and resources to train their new staff.

Held once in two years, the programme includes two weeks of intensive residential orientation training programme and a week of hands-on ministry exposure. This year, the latter was made non-mandatory for all participants. Instead, the Children's Ministry Institute was mandatory. This was because of the worldwide renewed emphasis on the 4-14 window/generation.

Rev Tadashi Oyamada, SU E & WA Regional CEO, was very pleased with the success of ONI and attributed this to ONI's rich history and solid content. "It is a good thing to be able to learn so much. Jesus emphasised training. He trained his 12 disciples. And it is important to be trained to be a good servant of the Lord."



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Scripture Union East & West Asia Regional Council Meeting

From 5 to 8 April at the Crystal Crown Hotel in Petaling Jaya, the Scripture Union East & West Asia (SUEWA) Regional Council Meeting (RCM) 2011 was hosted by SU Peninsular Malaysia who was also celebrating her 40th anniversary.

SU Singapore was represented by our Council Chairman, Rev Dr Alfred Yeo and Council Treasurer Valerie Ong. Our Executive Director, David Leong, attended as a member of the Regional Ministry Team (RMT).

SU Singapore took the opportunity to present to the SU Japan Council Chairman Dr Kano a white cloth with little red hearts that formed a circle representing the Japanese flag.

These little red hearts contained special prayers for those who have been affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. They were written by the Singapore children who had attended the Children in Prayer (CIP) Conference on 1 April, which was co-organised by SU Singapore.

The SUEWA Regional Council elected its first ever female chairperson in the person of Mrs Vivi Handoyo (below). It also recorded a note of thanks and appreciation to Dr Jerip Susil from SU Sarawak who has stepped down. The members of the new SUEWA Executive Committee for 2011-2012 were warmly welcomed.



Chairperson: Mrs Vivi Handoyo (Indonesia)
 Vice-Chairman: Mr Jon Ong (Singapore)
 Secretary: Rev Tadashi Oyamada (Japan)
 Treasurer: Mr Joseph Chan (Hong Kong)
 Members: Mr Kyong-dong Min (Korea)
 Mrs Lucia Cheung (Hong Kong)
 Mr Jim Negin (Sarawak)
 Rev Dr Koh Gim Lam
 (Peninsular Malaysia)



Congratulations to SU Singapore Council Member Mr Jon Ong who was elected the new SU East & West Asia Regional Council Vice-Chairman and Representative to SU International Council.



RMT IN CAMBODIA

The Regional Ministry Team (RMT) consisting of Regional CEO Rev Tadashi Oyamada, Rev Dr Tony Oh, David Leong, Hans Wuysang and Jason Fong dropped in on SU Cambodia from 18 - 21 March 2011, the second leg of its visit to Indo-China. A one-day National Conference with the theme **To be a Good Worker for the Lord** was organised on 19 March by Long Sitha (Team Leader) and his staff with 120 participants representing 30 different churches – 15 within Phnom Penh and 15 outside of it.

At the conference, Rev Tadashi shared the morning devotion based on Lamentations 3:19-22 and thanked God for sparing Tokyo of greater destruction. The RMT conducted workshops on *How To Do Personal Quiet Time*, *Tools for Preaching*

the Word of God, *Principles of Effective Youth Ministry*, *Creative Children's Worship*.

RMT members also preached at various churches on 20 March, Sunday morning. This trip has allowed them to understand the Cambodian culture better and enable them to help the SU Cambodia Committee and staff further develop its infrastructure and strategies.



From L-R: Theary, Sokun, Long Sitha, Rev Tadashi Oyamada, David Leong, Rev Tony Oh, Jason Fong, Hans Wuysang

