

ADVENTIST CROSSROADS

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Personal Impressions of the 58th General Conference Session

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The 58th General Conference Session was held in St. Louis, Missouri, USA from June 29 to July 10, 2005.

It was the first experience for me, my wife, Sherine and our youngest daughter, Lakshi, to attend a GC Session. We had planned and looked forward with great anticipation.

The venue was the America's Center, the convention complex of St. Louis, Missouri. The center features 502,000 contiguous square feet of exhibit space. The main meeting place, the Edward Jones Dome seats up to 70,000 people.

As we entered into the America's Center, I said to myself, "Wow, what a beautiful panoramic glimpse of a world-wide Adventist family!"

We experienced how the world Church conducts its business.

The God-fearing able leadership was evident. There were a wide

variety of leadership skills. The delegates from diverse cultures and ethnicities spoke up with passion for a finished work. From the very outset of the business sessions they were enthusiastic about every agenda item. They spoke their minds, and debated even a seemingly simple matter such as a "Resolution of Affirmation of the Bible."

The world Church was not hesitant to be united and submissive to the collective wisdom. I felt that there was an ownership of the Church's mission. Leaders and delegates alike

100th Anniversary CD

By this time each family and singles unit in our churches ought to have received a 100th Anniversary CD.

If you know of someone who has studied or worked in Singapore in the past and would appreciate receiving this CD, please provide the mailing address and the Mission would mail the CD.

The CD is NOT for sale. The recipient may send a donation for postage and handling.

exhibited a spirit that upheld integrity, transparency, honesty, and virtue. This went very well with the theme of the Session "Transformed in Christ" as they planned for the next five years.

We experienced God's leading even in such a vastly diverse gathering.

In spite of the fact that every so often someone might speak with great passion and the chairperson would be tested to the limit, decorum and courtesy prevailed.

The long hours spent in planning the Church business were regularly punctuated by the morning and evening devotion times. These provided a much-needed spiritual refreshment. Through the various presentations of the Gospel, one could not but sensed the presence of the Spirit.

The icing on the cake was the uplifting repertoire of sacred music rendered. One gets to enjoy the best musical talents from all over the world Church. The carefully selected performers and their music seemed

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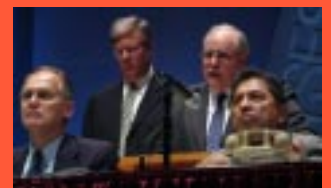


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*With Violeta and Linda
Bocala*



*With former members of
Balestier Church*


to transport us to heaven itself.

We experienced the fellowship of the world-wide Adventist family.

The smiling faces, caring disposition, initiatives for friendship, were remarkable. There was always someone to talk to, greet with a friendly smile, or to share an experience. I was pleasantly surprised to find many non-Adventists also visiting.



With 3ABN artistes

All in all it was a well worth trip and we returned home much enriched for the experience. 

By Elton Lee
SDA Community Church

The GC Session has convinced us more than ever before that the Adventist Church is the Church of the last day.

Being the remnant is not something to boast about. Instead it carries the solemn responsibility to share the truth to enlighten a world that is wrapped in darkness and deception. Satan has done a number on Christians and non-Christians with his deceptions like evolution, immortal soul, Sunday as the Lord's day, healing, speaking in tongues, materialism, and "Christian music". We therefore have a duty to set the captives free, point them to Jesus Christ, and get ready for His imminent return.

We were reminded by the commitment of the world Church to evangelize even to every nook and corner of the world. The nightly reports from the various divisions were very enlightening and inspiring. We were treated to stories of how the rich and poor, educated and uneducated, non-Christians, politicians, ambassadors, kings, queens, pastors and even popes were reached with the truth. We saw how radio stations, television networks, books, music, hospitals, schools,

prayers, and small groups were all witness to the fact that the Three Angels message is going around the world.

There was one division that grew by one million members in the last five years. They achieved that because ordinary members initiated, sacrificed and reached out for the Lord.

Singapore is a very very small mission field where it is very easy to get discouraged and become myopic. Going to the GC Session opened the eyes of the proverbial frog in the well. It gave us a glimpse of the vastness of the family of God, its talents, peoples, and resources.

We want to encourage every member to experience at least one GC Session in their lifetime. We were very blessed and we know you will be also.

The next GC Session will be held in 2010 at Atlanta, Georgia, USA. 

Looking Forward

Please keep October 18 to 22, 2005 open in your personal calendar. Don't miss the melodious voices of the Seventh Singers and the rich spiritual food that will be served by Jim Park.

More information is provided in your church bulletin and notice board or check our website:

[www.adventist.org.sg/
events.htm](http://www.adventist.org.sg/events.htm)

Staff Changes



At the end of April 2005 Amy Dang, a ministerial intern, who served at the Jurong East Chinese Church for the past one and a half years, returned to Vietnam. She is now an assistant pastor in the Vietnam Cholon Chinese Church in Ho Chih Minh City.



From August 2005 Michael Ho pastors the Chuan Hoe Church in addition to coordinating the VOP, Stewardship and Trust & Will departments.



Elton Lee serves full-time as pastor of the SDA Community Church from August 2005 and is also the ministerial secretary with Small Group ministry responsibility.