

Adventist Crossroads

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The Harvest is Ready . . .



A sea of eager listeners swelled to unimaginable proportions

Empty rows of chairs neatly arranged . . . rows after rows after rows. The place could seat 3,000 people. There were some who had their doubts it would be filled. There never was such a bold attempt by Adventists in this very urban island state to fill such a large seating capacity hall by having, of all things, an evangelistic series.

The attendance on the opening night put all the skeptics in us to shame. They walked in and filled some of the best seats right in front as would a crowd going for a rock star concert. Soon almost all the seats were taken. It could never be anything but a miracle.

Then there was this huge spectacular stage which had floral decorations and stage draperies fit for dignitaries. Added to these was a backdrop depicting the prophetic animals from the Book of Daniel against the image of the Singapore skyline. Continuing on both sides were collages of rectangular images of famous archaeological sites in the Middle East.



Ernestine in a cameo role

All these with the progressively familiar singing of Sunshine Stahl, the insightful health tips on slides from Ernestine Finley, and the musical renditions by various church groups became a regular fare for the following ten nights.

The main course was the man himself, Mark Finley. His stage presence immediately endeared him to the audience. His presentations of biblical truths was so lucid and digestible it kept the audience totally engaged night after night. Before his discourse Finley would take a little time to respond to questions from the floor submitted the night



Finley in his element

before. He left few in doubt as to what the Bible had to say. When Finley made the altar calls an encouraging number from various backgrounds responded.

The series culminated on November 13 at the Thomson Chinese Church in a combined baptism service to an overflowing house. One after another, 65 of them stepped into the baptismary with their church pastor and Finley.

A total of some hundred and sixty have indicated a desire for baptism. Come December 25 and in the months thereafter there will be more baptisms taking place. The harvest truly is ready . . .

Buried and Raised with Him . . .



. . . in Baptism



Responding to post-baptism appeal

Finley inviting decisions

Presentation of gifts to the Finleys



The pews filled by . . .



. . . members, friends & relatives

They came, they helped, they were empowered



Foursome voices



Health screening



Ushering



Health foods promotion



Sound crew



The all-familiar voice



Video crew



Chinese translation



Choir music



Decision cards sorting



Beseeking success



Vocal duet



Vocal trio



Student choir



Youth contribution