

Partnership with Batam

Mid-Year Report

During Church Planning Day on 1 January 2007, the following plans were presented:

1. Seminar on Leadership
2. Ladies Class
3. Vacation Bible School
4. Others
 - a. Community Work
 - b. PPCoC Church Camp
 - c. BCoC Church Camp
 - d. Mission Trips beyond Batam

Plans were made together with BCoC leaders towards the end of 2006. This will usually be finalized during the first month of the New Year.

The Seminar on Leadership was cancelled as Winston Bolt will run similar a program for the leaders in Batam.

Five sessions were planned for the Ladies Class. The planned schedule is for the class to be held on every 3rd Saturday from Feb to Oct 07. Saturday is ideal as several of the sisters work a 5-1/2 day week. The main topic selected is focused on "CHRISTIAN HOME." The sub-topics are as follows

- How to start a new family – Held on Feb 10 and conducted by Belinda Yam
- How to be a Christian woman at home – Held on Apr 21 and conducted by Hedy Wong
- How to control the nutrition of children – Held on Jun 23 and conducted by Lam Mia Cher
- How to control teenage children – Postpone to September and to be conducted by Serene Kuek
- How to sustain the spiritual family – Scheduled for October and to be conducted by Nat Kong



The attendance is around 12 to 15 for the two sessions. This is very encouraging as several made efforts to attend the class despite their hectic schedule. A special class was conducted in May by Hedy as there were several questions raised during her class in April.



The Vacation Bible Class (VBS) is into its third year of holding it in Batam. Besides offering a time for the local children to learn about God and Christ, it doubles as a community effort by BCoC as we extended this to the nearby Children's Home. The third purpose is to train the local brethren to conduct similar VBS at BCoC and other CoC in Indonesia. This year's theme is on 'Jesus.' A total of 65 children attended the VBS. Wai Leng and Caroline lead

the class for the Primary students, whereas Foon Yoong and Irene Cheang hold separate class for the Pre-Primaries. The classes are held on 5 & 6 July with the team joining worship on Sunday, i.e. 7 July. This year we have Petrina, a new member, joining us in the VBS.

The plans to conduct the VBS in Duri will now be conducted by BCoC. They will use the same program conducted in Batam for Duri. PPCoC will continue to sponsor BCoC's team to Duri. The dates are scheduled in October. But members who are interested to assist in this area are strongly urged to contact KC Cheang.

We planned to assist BCoC in the painting of the school as part of the Community Work. However, BCoC managed to solicit adequate funds for professional to handle and this project is cancelled.

PCoC sponsored five members to our June camp. Several played host to them and they are very much encouraged by the love and lessons learnt at the camp. The planning and organizing of our camp is a great learning experience for their own camp. They expect 100 people for the camp that is scheduled on 28-29 July 2007. Their speaker is George Carmen.

The mission trips to other towns where BCoC had planted churches are still open for members who are interested to make a trip with Winston Bolt and/or coordinator in this area. Suggested towns to visit are Duri in Sumatra; Pontaniak in Borneo; Palopo in South Sulawesi. Visits to these areas will be to encourage the preachers and the brethren in these remote towns. In addition we can see how PCoC can contribute to their work through a Junior Bible Class program; sponsorship to our camp; conducting a VBS; Ladies Seminar; studying with the locals and potential; visiting local brethren.

Matthew 9:37

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

I look forward to your involvement in this area of mission work. Contact KC Cheang at 90059495.