

Antigua Prime Minister wears Pathfinder uniform to Camporee

by Hiskia Missah, Associate Youth Director

The Caribbean Union Conference Pathfinder Camporee 2008 was held in Antigua in the Sir Vivian Richard Cricket Stadium. This Camporee was attended by more than 3,000 Pathfinders from all over the Caribbean Union territory, from East Caribbean Conference, Grenada Conference, Guyana Conference, North Caribbean Conference, St. Lucia Mission, South Caribbean Conference, Suriname Mission and Tobago Mission.

The Camporee was opened on Wednesday, August 13, with a parade around the St. John's City introducing the Adventist Pathfinders to the people of Antigua. The official Opening Ceremony was held on Thursday afternoon, August 14, with the presence of Her Excellency Louise Lake-Tack, the first-ever woman Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, also present was His Excellency Baldwin Spencer, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, they were escorted by several of the State Ministers of their Cabinet.

Something remarkable happened and it only happened in Antigua, the

Prime Minister came with his Pathfinder Uniform, the year before in 2007 he was elected as the Honorary Pathfinder, and he loved to wear his Eisenhower Jacket pathfinder uniform. In his speech, which sounded Adventist, he quoted some of Ellen G White's writing about the youth, one of them was: "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. . . ." Every time he read Mrs. White's quotations he received a loud and hearty amen and a big round of applause. The Inauguration Address was delivered by Dr. Eugene Daniel, Caribbean Union Conference President. After the opening ceremony the Prime Minister held a special Banquet for all the Directors and leaders of the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church.

There was a big variety of youth special events conducted during this Camporee such as, Bible Bowl, Morning Watch, Share Your Faith, Angels on Fire, Youth Alive, Speed Knot Tying, Pathfinder Skills Relay, Community Adoption Ministry, Child Preachers, Drilling and Marching, Campcraft, Chorale Speaking.

Bernardo Rodriguez, Inter-American Division Youth Director, was the dynamic speaker for the Morning Worship, and Balvin Braham gave his wonderful sermon during Vespers, while the writer was the speaker for the Divine Service on Sabbath. During Sabbath Service, again the Prime Minister attended the worship and gave a powerful speech on how the Adventist Pathfinder should make a difference wherever they are and wherever they go. Another very

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for the love of CHRIST constraineth us

by Baraka G. Muganda, World Youth Director

In this editorial, I am sharing with you an awesome discovery made by Master Guide, Simone Samuels, a youth leader from Toronto, Canada, on her Facebook chat room. For many years, like some of us youth leaders, she did not really know the meaning of the Adventist Youth Motto. She prayed for more understanding of the AY Motto and she found mind blowing meaning of it. Yes, we talk about it, we mention this motto in our sermons, we ask our youth to memorize it but do we really grasp the deep meaning behind it? I have asked Simone to allow me to share what she found about our motto through prayer and allowing God to give her more inspiration into as she prayed for deeper understanding.

Simon starts with a provoking question: *"Our motto is, For the love of Christ constraineth us. But what does that mean."*

I have often been asked and actually have often asked myself why I do what I do, or what is it that makes me do what I do. Many times, when I recited the AY motto, I didn't quite understand what it meant –the love of Christ constrains us? I thought it meant that the love of Christ holds us back in some fashion, but it is exactly the contrary. It wasn't until I learned the motto in French and Spanish did I truly understand it's meaning: " L'amour du

Christ me presse"; "El amor de Cristo me motiva." The verse comes from 2 Corinthians 5:14 (it is helpful to read it in other versions/translations of the Bible as well). It is the love of Christ that pushes us on –not holds us back. Christ's love should compel us, control us, motivate us, and push us to do what we do.

And so, when we don the Pathfinder uniform, when we recite the aim, motto and pledge, when we listen to our directors or leaders or parents, when we monitor our compartment, when we do well in school, when we talk about Jesus, it is not for earthly glory, but it should simply be because Christ's love compels us, and our PERSONAL ministry –the Pathfinder ministry– is simply an extension of that love.

I just thought you might be interested in what the Holy Spirit revealed to me during my personal study. Hopefully it will give you that extra "oomph" –that extra push– when you get tired and wonder why it is you work so hard for honors, etc., or, if you are a Pathfinder leader, why you work so hard for the children entrusted into your care. Christ's love compels us."

To inspire your fellow youth leaders about the deep meaning behind our Adventist Youth Motto, share Simon's great discovery!

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West Central African Division Hosts 1st Division Wide Youth Congress

by Baraka G. Muganda, World Youth Director

Over 2000 young people met from August 20 to 24, 2008 in Calabar, Nigeria for the First West Central African Division Youth Congress since its reorganization in 2002. The theme for this Congress was *It's Time to Shine*.

The schedule was built around this theme to equip young people in the areas of Evangelism. Many workshops were planned to ensure that the theme becomes a reality in the lives of the youth in West Central African Division.

Sabbath was the most spectacular of all the days. Every delegate was in Pathfinder Uniform. The youth in this division give credit to Pathfinder Ministry which has made them what they are. It is the pathfinder achievement classes that prepared them to be Ambassadors and young adults.



DON'T FORGET
September 20
it's Pathfinder Day

Travel Plans for September

Baraka: 5 - 7: Youth event, Canada
10 - 14: Nt'I Youth Conference, Cuba
15 - 19: Travel Moratorium

Hiskia: 15 - 19: Travel Moratorium
24 - 27: Chaplaincy Summit, Venezuela

Jonatán: 12 - 14: Youth Rally, England
15 - 19: Travel Moratorium
27 - (Oct) 5: Generations/PF Leadership, Germany





Euro Asia Division: youth told, they are valued, loved, and needed

by Baraka G. Muganda, World Youth Director

Arturo Stele, president of the Euro Asia Division (ESD), the largest division in territory in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, affirmed the youth in his Keynote Address to the Third Division Youth Congress which met from August 5 - 9, 2008.

The president assured the 1,500 delegates, convening at the Theological Campus of Zaosky outside Moscow, "We value you, young people, for whom you are." He went on to say, "the church leadership of this division loves you and needs you to participate in the mission of the church." His affirmation was received with a huge Amen by young people who had gathered at this congress under the theme, 'Go forward to meet Him'.

The delegates had a very balanced schedule, though some times it went deep in the night. Devotions, workshops, service projects, and a lot of great singing bore the signature of this congress.

The Euro Asia Division contributed almost 80% towards the expenses of running this Youth Congress. Guillermo Biaggi, ESD Treasurer commented, "When we put in so much money into this youth Congress, some people see it as an expense, to me I see it as an investment."

A young lady who had traveled by train for seven days with her group from Siberia, remarked with joy that it's worth to take so many days to attend such an edifying meeting. She said these words with tears of joy filling her eyes. When delegates from Siberia were asked what they thought of the long night meetings ending almost at midnight, they all said, "When you consider that we spent 7 days to come and join the rest of the youth from this great division and to listen to the word of God, what is a long meeting?" The commitment of the ESD Youth is amazing! They came to the morning devotion on time and stayed way up to almost midnight without a single complain, they enjoyed every bit of the program.

Peter Syrotkin, Euro Asia Division Youth Director, com-

menting on the purpose of the Congress, said, "This Congress is called, Mission Youth Congress. It's the wish of the planning committee that the Congress will serve as a platform for training youth to participate in the mission of the church according to Math 28:18 - 20."

All division administrators, departmental directors and secretaries joined the youth for the whole week. Actually the office was completely closed to send the point home: "We are all here because we value you." All officers of the various Unions within the division territory came. These leaders were in the meetings with youth from morning to sometimes after midnight.

Twenty eight youth were baptized on the last Sabbath and over twenty youth answered the appeal to serve in the church as ministers. Many youth accepted the challenge from the president to Go and Preach to every part in ESD.

There are 138,617 church members in the Euro Asia Division with about 50% being young people under 30 years old.





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“If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.”

—George Bernhard Shaw

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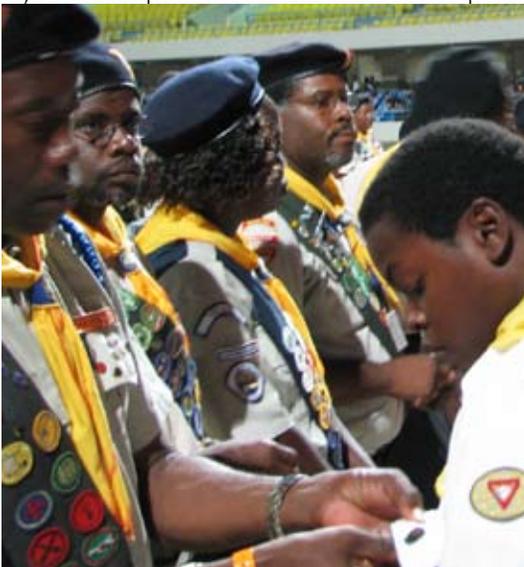


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important guest to this Sabbath Service was Sir James Carlisle, the retired Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, he came with his lovely wife.

On Saturday afternoon, August 16, over 8,000 Pathfinders, those more than 3,000 delegates plus more than 5,000 local pathfinders did the second parade around St.



John's City. The city was paralyzed for more than 2 hours. “Up with Christ the Savior, down with coke (cocaine) and ganja (marijuana), down with rape and ganja,”

“Antigua, you must say ‘No!’ Tell the pusher they have to go!” Those were among the slogan the pathfinder shouted using their powerful public address system as they marched through the capital city. The Prime Minister again in his Pathfinder uniform was standing proudly on a special podium provided in front of St. John's SDA Church giving his salute to all those pathfinders passing by. Eleven Marching Bands joined in the parade to make more colorful and lively.

On Sunday afternoon, August 17, a huge Investiture Service was conducted where 1,092 pathfinders were invested from Friend class to the Master Guide class. Bernardo Rodriguez gave the challenge, the writer gave the Charge and Dr. Eugene Daniel offered a special dedicatory prayer for all those being invested. The program was officially closed by Clive “Alive” Dottin, the Youth Director of Caribbean Union Conference and the sky was filled with the shower of fire works as the sign that this Camporee was ended. Congratulations to Pastor Clive Dottin and his most able secretary, Carol Joshua and all the Conference and Mission Youth Director of Caribbean Union Conference for their successful Pathfinder Camporee held in Antigua.