

Singapore 87 Update

Participants from Around the World



Over 250 participants had arrived at Singapore 87 by the third day of the ten-day conference for younger leaders committed to world evangelization. Invitations were sent to only 350 carefully selected participants. The selection committees attempted to draw a healthy mix of ministries, countries, and gender. Common to all are an evangelical conviction and an active involvement in efforts working for world evangelization.

Participants include 41 from Africa, 37 from East Asia, 12 from the Middle East, 49 from Latin America, 37 from North America, 10 from Oceania, 32 from South Asia, and 41 from Europe, for a total of 258 thus far.

Integrity More Important Than Success In Leadership

If our inner life is godly, says the Rev. John Ting, we can be confident that we have integrity before God and before people.

Ting, the director of the Discipleship Training Centre in Singapore, spoke at Singapore 87, a conference for younger church leaders meeting from June 1 to 10. Ting warned against becoming so preoccupied with pleasing other people and reaching our own goals that we neglect to please God. "Some of us are more concerned with what men think of us than with what God thinks of us," he said.

Quoting from Gordon McDonald's "Ordering Your Private World," Ting cautioned his listeners not to be "driven people" who are gratified by accomplishment, preoccupied by symbols of accomplishment and who become so busy they have limited regard for personal integrity. Those

who have little time to think of their inner person deceive both others and themselves, he noted.

Ting expressed a concern for gospel meetings where the main emphasis is on the number of people making a show of commitment. It is not only the accomplished goal that honors God, he pointed out, "but the way it is accomplished." The means "need to be consistent with the character and the purpose of God." Personal kingdom-building is a compromise of integrity, he added.

Describing Paul as a model, Ting noted how the apostle abandoned self-cultivation, protection and status, choosing instead to call himself and other leaders "servants." "Such language would have been startling to the culture he was in," Ting said. Recalling a time in his own life when he was under pressure, and wanted

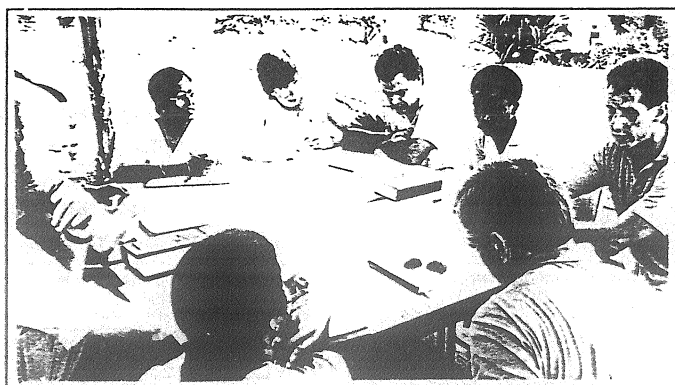
to cut himself off from those around him, Ting stressed that "Paul never cut himself off."

Ting also told of a student who became angry at his professor and



shouted at him. Instead of rebuking the student, the professor asked forgiveness for provoking to anger.

Ting concluded by stressing that holiness does not come instantly, but requires time and nurture.



United Prayer for World Evangelization

The place of prayer in leadership for world evangelization is the emphasis for Friday, 5 June. The stress will not be on the leader's personal prayer life as much as on developing a strategy of prayer, said David Bryant, minister-at-large with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

It is this strategy of leading into prayer that Bryant desires to communicate. Leaders must not only lead in prayer, but also lead the people of God into prayer. Although some leaders are specifically called by God to be prayer leaders, added Bryant, every leader must be committed to a strategy of leading people into united prayer.

A two-fold teaching will help each participant shape his strategy of prayer. In the morning, case studies will help lead participants to examine, discuss, and apply "united prayer strategy" to their leadership presently and what they hope it to be in the next few years. Case studies will be given by Juan Diaz of Costa Rica, John Earwicker of England, Luc Verlinden of Belgium, Ramesh Richards of India, and Sam Atiemo of Kenya.

In the evening there will be the opportunity to participate in an actual "leading-into-prayer" situation. This model is one which has come to be known in different parts of the world as a "concert of prayer." This model, one of many, has emerged out of interaction between prayer movements and prayer leaders from all over the world, explained Bryant. However, he noted, this will more than a time to view a model. It will be "a special time for the conference to have a ministry together in world evangelization."

Participants will receive three helpful pieces of material to take home. This material is designed to help them think through the model which they have seen and then adapt it or develop another for use in their own situation. The first is a list of questions for researching the state of united prayer in a city or country. The second pamphlet deals specifically with how to lead a concert of prayer, giving insights on this one practical model. The third summarizes some of the best ideas being used around the world to mobilize movements of prayer.

1989 Congress Participant Selection

Two years from now, over 4,000 Christian leaders will be coming to Singapore for the International Congress on World Evangelization sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

The task of selecting participants for the 1989 Congress is already underway. Help is needed from the participants of Singapore 87 in this process. Brad Smith, the Associate Director of Participant Selection for Singapore 89 is here at Singapore during the conference. He may contact you to talk about the participant selection process for your country.

Brad Smith may attempt to contact you during the next few days. Please be sure to check the message board outside Lecture Theatre 27.

Met Around the Conference...

Participants at Singapore '87 come from diverse backgrounds and ministries. Many are meeting each other for the first time, even though they may come from the same country. Here's a sample of some of the people you can meet:

Solomon Andira, Ivory Coast:

General secretary of InterVarsity for French-speaking Africa, his parish stretches right across the continent to Madagascar. In Ivory Coast, whose Protestant population is not more than five percent, five groups of 25-30 students meet at Abidjan University for worship, study, and prayer.

Mundi Chombo, Malawi: He is an itinerant evangelist whose links are with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). As an itinerant evangelist he travels by bus and on foot, and has been known to walk 25 miles in a day. He distributes literature supplied by New Life for All, in the two main national languages, Chichewa and English. Maundi supports an interdenominational group that meets weekly for fasting and prayer, and sees signs of revival in his country. "God is honouring the former saints who prayed," he says.

Yim Sung Luoliehu, Nagaland, India: A graduate of Bangalore Bible College, he currently works with YWAM in Singapore. He doubles as a cook and as an all-purpose Christian. His urban ministry involves visiting hospitals and prisons, and caring for the aged and disabled. At Singapore 87 he is one of the stewards who get us to places on time and generally look after us. "I feel honoured to be part of this historic occasion," he says. He plans to return shortly to work among his own people in Nagaland.

Walo Ani, Papua New Guinea: He is the founder of Global Prayer Warriors' Missionary Association of Melanesia, which is engaged in mission-building. This recently-established work sets out to challenge a church membership which is not traditionally mission-

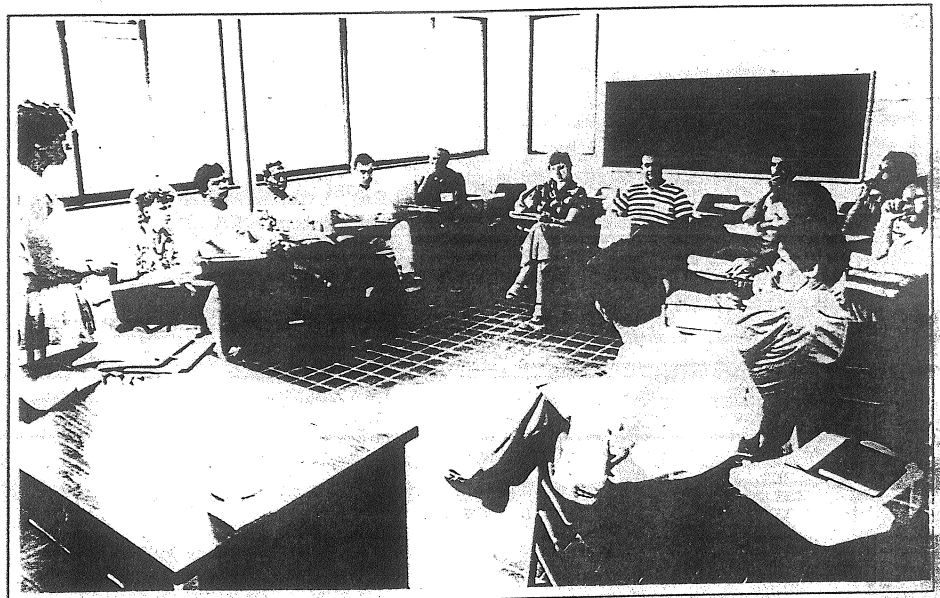
ary-minded. It ranges over a wide proportion of the South Pacific.

Ernesto Enverga, Jr, the Philippines: Converted under the ministry of the famous and still-active "Mama" Olga Robertson, he himself has become pastor of a church within the prison reservation in Quezon City, with many prisoners in its membership.

Rachel Bose, Bangladesh: She teaches in Dhaka Bible College which has just completed its first year, with twelve students. They meet at present in a rented house, but are hoping shortly to get a place of their own--this year, the land; next year, the building. Rachel is engaged also in work among children, women, and youth, and has special concern also in promoting adult education. Although the constitution guarantees freedom of religion, there are special difficulties facing one who is both a Christian and a woman.

Shani Perera, Sri Lanka: An evangelist with Campus Crusade, he is one of the movement's 39 workers in that country who minister in seven universities, two of which are Tamil-speaking. Singapore 87, says Shani,, has given him a reminder of the responsibilities and priorities of a leader.

Ajith Fernando, national Youth for Christ director in Sri Lanka, challenged participants from the book of Acts.

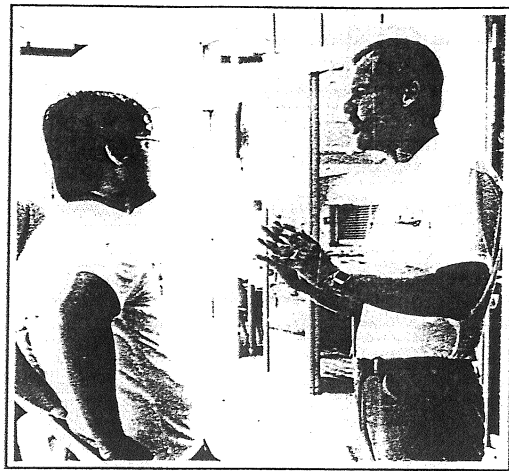


Meetings by Region

Regional Group Leaders: Please meet in the committee room, second floor, Sheares Hall on Thursday at 14:00.

Regional Groups: Regional groups will meet in the following seminar rooms (SR):

Rooms	Area	Leader
SR 4	North America	Sue Perlman
SR 23	Oceania	Winkie Pratney
SR 24	Middle East	Ramez Atallah
SR 28	Latin America	Juan Pablo
SR 31	South Asia	Martin Alphonse
SR 32	Europe	Clive Calver
SR 33	East Asia	Victor Koh
SR 34	Africa	Kweku Hutchful



News You Can Use

Day Off: Saturday, 6 June will be a day off from the normal conference schedule. Participants are free to explore the city, go shopping or sightseeing, or simply stay on campus. For many it will be a good time to prayerfully reflect on lessons learned during the first part of the conference. Meals will be served on campus according to the normal schedule.

City Tours: Those who would like to explore the city by way of guided tour on Saturday may do so by reserving a seat on a tour bus at the special desk today only until 14:30. The desk is located outside outside Lecture Theatre 27. The tours cost S\$21.00.

Women in Ministry Interested in networking with women in ministry from your region and perhaps elsewhere? Come to the lobby of the Visitor's Lodge at 21:00 Thursday evening. We will try to leave together on the bus to the Visitor's Lodge from the evening plenary at 20:45.

IFES: All participants related to IFES are invited to meet on Saturday, 6 June at 10:00 at Sheares Hall Lounge to visit some friends from FES Singapore for lunch (10:00 to 14:00); and then on to town.

Travel Plans: Ged Stonehouse will be back on campus Friday afternoon from 15:00-15:30 at the Travel Table outside the Sheares Hall office. If you have special travel questions, problems or money to contribute for others' travel, please be prompt in seeing Ged at that time.

Lausanne Occasional Papers: A number of the Lausanne Occasional Papers (LOP) are available at the Crest Book Table outside LT 27 for sale at cost to participants. Titles include: *The Willowbank Report*, *Christian Witness to Refugees*, *Evangelism and Social Responsibility: An Evangelical Commitment*.

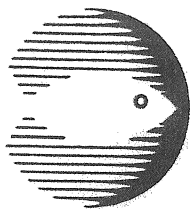
Cost to participants is S\$3.00 for most and S\$5.00 for a select few.

Reconfirmation of flights: You must reconfirm your flight at least three days (72 hours) before your planned departure. If you fail to do so, your reservation may be cancelled and you may suffer costly penalties or delays. You may reconfirm your outbound reservations at any time before this 72 hour period.

If you have already turned in a reconfirmation form at the conference with the conference travel coordinator, and if you have not received a message indicating that there is a problem with your reservation, then you may consider your flight confirmed.

If you have not reconfirmed your flight, please use the local telephone in Sheares Hall to contact your airline directly. Stewards in Sheares Hall will assist you in making the call.

OM'ers: Welcome to Operation Mobilisation and former OM'ers. You are invited to an OM reunion on Monday, the 8th of May at 14:00 at Sheares Hall.



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