

of the Assemblies of God of Singapore moved to adopt Royal Rangers as part of its total national outreach program.

Over the past 2 years Royal Rangers has continued to make new trails in numerical and spiritual growth. By the end of 1985, three more churches had implemented this ministry, for a total of six groups. In the first half of 1986 two more groups were started. Two other churches now have programs in the planning stages.

We have also introduced Royal Rangers in schools, community centers, and social welfare homes in Singapore and have gone beyond our national borders. Trips to Malaysian states have resulted in eight new groups there, and five churches in the Philippines have established groups since July 1984.

In Singapore alone more than 400 children participate in Royal Rangers. The program includes both boys and girls. They are learning the Bible and how to serve God. During the annual Assemblies of God missions conventions in 1985 and 1986, local Royal Rangers displayed prize-winning missions booths, giving the children an opportunity to learn of the needs in other lands.

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ettes program began at Trinity Christian Centre under the leadership of Yan-Cher Pang, a Bible school student. Later that year two more Bible school students began clubs in Elim and Faith Assemblies of God.

The groups came together for a camp in November 1980, and the following month four girls who had completed the Stairway to the Stars program were crowned. As with Royal Rangers, potential leaders took part in Leadership Training courses, and several have received the Esther award, the highest award for leadership.

In 1984 the National Missionettes

Department was formally adopted into the constitution of the Assemblies of God of Singapore, with Missionary Naomi Dowdy, Trinity's pastor, named national director. The national committee conducts leadership training courses, camps, and badge workshops, and supplies clubs with Missionettes materials. At present, five churches in Singapore have Missionettes clubs.

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leaders of tomorrow. Pray for these children and programs that the investment may be a lasting one. ☞

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Missionary Naomi Dowdy serves as pastor of Trinity Christian Centre.

Missionary Leslie Martin meets with an ICI student.

An open door in Singapore

By LESLIE MARTIN



The International Correspondence Institute was still in its formative stages when Missionary Glenn Stafford, then the pioneer pastor of Trinity Christian Centre in Singapore, requested permission to print and distribute ICI's first evangelism courses. The response to the courses was immediate and enthusiastic.

One Sunday morning after preaching at Trinity, I met two young ladies who were attending the church for the first time. They had just accepted the Lord through studying ICI lessons.

I became convinced these courses would be more effective if the ICI students were overseen by local congregations. Consequently upon assuming the role of director 3 years ago, I set to work developing such a program. Today 16 local churches operate their own ICI evangelism programs with most encouraging results.

One unexpected benefit has been mobilizing local church workers who possess a variety of linguistic skills. As a result, students in Singapore can study ICI lessons in nine lan-

guages and dialects.

Singapore ICI also offers a complete range of educational materials. The "Christian Life" and "Christian Service" series are used by our own constituency and have found wide acceptance in the charismatic community as well. These are used in discipleship and lay training.

Our ICI College program has experienced phenomenal growth. Presently about 250 students from Singapore are studying at this level. This past March we honored our first graduate, and many more have nearly completed their requirements. We also serve students in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

God has blessed us with a fellowship of mature and supportive pastors and leaders. He has provided excellent office space and an efficient and faithful staff. We are surrounded by thousands of well-educated people who are eager to learn more about God and His Word. Surely the Lord of the harvest has set before us an open door to win the lost and disciple believers. ☞

Missionary Leslie Martin and his wife Earlein served in Malaysia from 1968 to 1981 and as ICI directors in Singapore since 1982.