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Meet the New World Youth Director

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Gilbert was born of missionary parents in the Seychelles Islands. He grew up in Mauritius with his six brothers and sisters and joined the Merchant Navy as a cadet officer after his high school years. He gave his heart to Jesus while still at sea in December 1975 and came back home to Mauritius where he got involved in his local church as the youth leader. Gilbert followed his childhood sweetheart Rosemay to Australia in 1981 where they were married. They have two children: Joel (25) and Emilie (20).

Gilbert graduated from Avondale College in 1987 and pastored in the state of Victoria for six years before being called to be Youth Director in Sydney in 1993. In 1999, he was appointed as the Director for Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division. In 2009, he asked for a change to pastor a local church in Sydney, from where he was called to be the General Conference Youth Director in 2010. Gilbert obtained a Masters in Youth Ministry from La Sierra University in 1997 and is currently working on a Doctoral program.

He has an interest in all sports, particularly soccer, and loves music. His dream is to see youth take hold of the mission of the church and stand up as a global movement for Jesus to bring hope and meaning to our hopeless world.

One of Gilbert's favorite Bible verses is found in 1st Timothy 4:12, *"And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanors, by love, by faith, by integrity"* (The Message). **L2U**



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Celebrating the PATHFINDER Diamond Jubilee

The following was taken from the Pathfinder Diamond Jubilee document, reprinted here with permission.

It's time to celebrate! During 2010, the worldwide Pathfinder organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will officially turn 60 years old. Adventist churches should be proud of the time and investment they have given to the training of our youth. Don't allow this Diamond Jubilee go by without recognizing the history of Pathfinders in your club and local church family.

A good way to include the entire church is to host a Pathfinder Jubilee Weekend that focuses on the impact of the Pathfinder program for the past 60 years. By honoring the past, you will help your Pathfinders develop a vision for the future. Emphasizing the importance of our past history provides the basis for a long-term investment of training potential leaders who will continue to mentor future generations of Pathfinders.

The program outlined in this manual provides various options for your Pathfinder Diamond Jubilee Celebration. You can choose the components that will work best for your club

and church family. Discuss the options with your Pathfinder staff, pastor and church board.

As you begin to map out your plans take the time to organize and execute a Pathfinder Sabbath program that will excite and energize your club members. Use the skills, talents and gifts of your Pathfinders to design and implement the celebration activities. This is a time for mentoring young people in their leadership skills. Help them discover the gifts with which God has blessed them, whether it is public speaking, arts and crafts, music or others.

Enlist the help of former Pathfinders who may not currently be involved in this ministry. This may be an avenue of revitalizing their interest in the club. It is also an opportunity to help your Pathfinders connect with the "pioneers" in your church and to see that the club's ministry isn't about the present. It is also about the past and the future.

*You can order this useful package full of programs and ideas for this special weekend, from AdventSource by calling 1-800-328-0525, or on line, www.adventsource.org; you can also download a PowerPoint presentation from the following link, www.adventsource.org/as20/media.documents.item.aspx?id=1699 **L2U***

don't forget, september 18 is pathfinder day

Every Camporee that I attend is becoming an International Camporee. Because communications are more advanced than ever before and prices are more reasonable, people are coming from all over the world to enjoy these events. The following countries were represented at the Finland camporee: Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia, Netherlands, England, Scotland, Iceland, France, Germany, Croatia, Lebanon, Israel, UAE, Sudan, China, Russia, USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Philippines.

Nearly 2,200 Pathfinders attended the Camporee under the theme: FAITHBOOK. Many of the special events and worship activities were centered around the Bible and its characters.

The speaker for the event was Bobby Bovell, a pastor originally from England, but ministering in Denmark—a young pastor with a young spirit who certainly loves the Lord.

There was a large variety of activities: Volleyball, Speed water slide, Rope bridge, Church boat, Origami, Football, Glass painting, Archery, Basket making, Knot tying, Stone craft, Candle making, Braiding, etc. Every activity was well prepared. But there were two things that really captured my attention in a special way: the prayer tent and the baptisms.

I visited the prayer tent every day; they offered many different activities and every day they incorporated a new activity to encourage people to come more than once. A pastor was always available to pray with the pathfinders, and there was a special area for prayer and meditation. They also had a computer to allow the pathfinders to write a prayer, and I would like to share one with you:

Dear heavenly father, I thank you for this wonderful life that you've given me, I thank you for my family and friends you've surrounded me with. I ask that I would be as much an influence on them as they are to me. Thank you for the love that you show us each and every day. . . it is you that said, 'Come now let us reason together, though your sins may be as red as scarlet I'll make them as white as snow', you didn't tell us go and cleanse yourself first but come as you are and for that I love you! Forgive us for our sins and help us not to commit the same ones again, in your name I pray Amen!!! K.N.W.K

The baptisms were so moving. It is so beautiful to witness young people giving their lives to Jesus. This time, nine pathfinders were baptized in a lake near the campsite.

I enjoyed this Camporee; we were able to feel God's presence in every activity. It was truly a blessing for me and for the pathfinders.

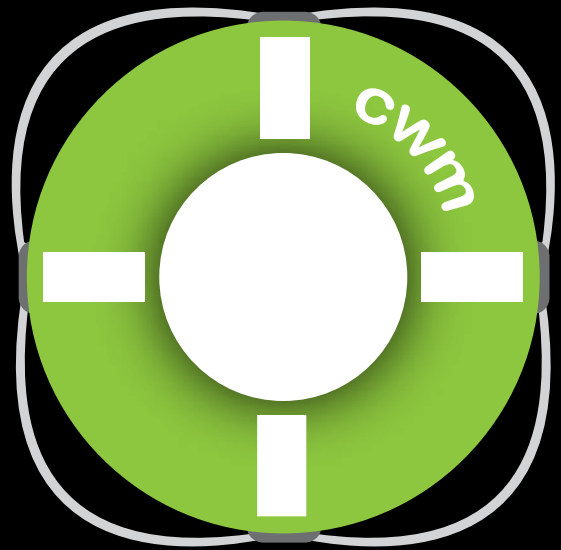
May the Lord continue guiding our leaders all over the world to let our kids know and remember that we are only passing through this world, preparing for Christ's soon coming and an eternal life with Him. **L2U**



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december 12 to 19, 2010



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leader's quote

we are what we repeatedly
do, excellence then is not an
act, but a habit.

- Aristotle