

VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS Monday 11 October, 2010

PP Kumar Tharmalingam next took over to explain and detail the three recipients of this year's Vocational Service Awards. He briefly explained the reasons behind the Vocational Service, the Vocational Service Month and our Clubs effort and service towards recognizing organizations which support NGO's in their effort to provide various humanitarian services. It amplifies our efforts to give "service above self". (And of course PP Kumar dispense his usual brand of very interesting jokes to lighten the audience as so put by him) The three volunteer organizations chosen were:

1. KLANG SAMARITAN, SELANGOR



This group provide charity and service, much aimed at altruistic activities. They were formed 10 years ago, having being conceived by a group of friends who believes in more than fellowship. They have also done more than 95 projects and their current focus is on educational needs especially for the young whose mindset can more easily be changed. They are targeting the less fortunate and besides providing free

tuition they also give free uniforms, books and the like. In the future they would like to cover computer literacy. Their current leader President Maheswaran said all that is required is 15 minutes a day of one's time to help out. They will carry out an adult computer lab project with RC Pudu in the Jln. Tepi Sungai area in the near future.

2. GRACE COMMUNITY SERVICES



This is non-profit organisation founded 30 years ago aimed at providing comfort and help to the homeless, the destitute, and they are also involved with homes for the children, the unwed mothers who are pregnant and interestingly have a food-bank that could provide immediate emergency help. They provide help "on the round" as put by PP Kumar, concentrating on marginalised sectors of the community, especially the under

privileged and work closely with the Social and Welfare Department.

They also provide assistance to those under drug or alcohol abuse, confidential help to single mothers and homes for delinquent boys.

They are indeed “awesome” with their dedication and their street-feeding programme shows their empathy for the needy.

Their current aim is to source a warehouse to enlarge their food-bank storage so as to be able to cater to a larger section of those in need of help, so said Pastor Roy Tan.

3. GLOBAL STREET MISSION



The aim for this Mission is to reach out to the downtrodden, the marginalised residents and substance abusers. It was formed in 1994 and likes to believe that everyone “masih ada harapan”. They are a dedicated group that works with children’s homes and HIV sufferers besides feeding the poor. Currently they have a HIV Centre in Sungai Petani and sees Chow Kit in Kuala Lumpur as another problem area.

They believe that the rehabilitation of any individual could lead to positive results, even if it is often long term that could take up to 5 years.

They are particularly concerned with destitute children and depressed children that requires many hours of attention and counselling.

Pastor Robert stated that there seems to be more street people (i.e. the homeless) currently than it has been ever before. He is also aware that “stimulant” abuse is the latest danger and believes in reaching out to all who needs help by opening their hearts out to them. Their lofty mission is their belief that they can reach out and help and continue to assist till success is achieved.

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES

All the three groups of representatives were next presented each with a cheque for RM1,000 from the Club as a token of recognition of their good work. President Choy Ying also announced that PDG KB LEE was so moved by their good work that he has given cash for RM500 to each of the three organizations. was a heartfelt gesture from our PDG who will actually celebrate his 70th Birthday on the 12th October.