



# Thal Watch

## Beyond Thalassaemia

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*Ng Chor Huat*

Another year is coming to an end. The Society will be 17 years old come 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005. Let us all take some time to reflect on what we have or have not achieved in the last 17 years. For members who started out in the Society's infancy, I am sure you will agree with me that the scenario for Thalassaemia care has changed tremendously. However, I am sure there is room for improvement and the committee welcomes any feedback and ideas in ways to achieve that. That is why the Society exists – to improve the quality of life for thalassaemics.

In 2004, we have had a camp at Naza Hotel, Penang, a workshop/seminar by Sister Emma Prescott, a National Thalassaemia Conference in KL and a fun trip to Taiping. We visited Pulau Jerjak on the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 04 and had another camp at Hosba Valley Resort from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December 04.

We are very privileged to have Emma visit us for the second time, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2004 after being invited to speak at the First Singapore Thalassaemia Conference. Emma looks after over 100 thalassaemics in London ranging from the very young to the middle-aged. She has worked with Dr Beatrix Wonke up till Dr Wonke's retirement early this year. She visited all units, both of Penang and Seberang Jaya hospital, that are involved in Thalassaemia care and was able to exchange ideas and information both thalassaemics and families and nurses and doctors present.



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