

Pastor's Newsletter – August 27, 2010

Dear Saint!

LUAU: Amazing! I was just amazed, to see what a GGSDA LUAU really was like! What a group of people can do, all volunteers, in the middle of the summer, after hours, is just amazing. Thanks to the Rivera's and the Youth Council, to Lesieli and her kitchen group who are simply saints for the work I watched them do until late Saturday night and then again on Sunday. And a million thanks to Lisa Bethen and her decoration group, those who set up the room, Lance and the sound, the youth who served, and our own young people who danced. And the incredible band and Polynesian dancers who did the whole program as a benefit, only taking a free dinner for their spectacular program. The LUAU made about \$1300 for the Youth and Young Adult programs, after all expenses, so that was a great blessing.

TUITION AID: I also want to thank everybody who contributed to the Tuition Aid offering. We asked everybody who could to bring \$20, and we brought in almost \$4000. Just amazing. The program has grown a little, up to 23 children and youth now that we are helping at Orangewood. These are all families already members at GGSDA or joining, and so we are blessed to have them all. Our total need for the year is at \$20,300. We had about \$6000 in cash and pledges already, we added this \$4000, we had about another \$4000 in other offerings, and we know of another \$1000 pledge coming. And so we need somewhere around \$5000 left for the school year. If there is any way any of you who haven't had the chance to give can still make a pledge, even if you can't give it until later during the school year, it would be a great help to those of us on the Tuition Aid Committee praying about how to make this happen. We prayed and stretched out in faith, more than doubling our commitment from last year, believing that somehow God would help us keep all of these kids with magnificent potential to stay in school.

SABBATH SERVICES:

9:30 a.m. - every room, every class! The new Filipino class is moving up to a corner of the Fellowship Hall, already too big for the Mother's Room.

9:30 a.m. - The YOUTH Baptismal Class is now finished, we will finish each young person up in their own homes, individually.

10:55 a.m. - DIVINE WORSHIP: The Praise Team will lead in bringing our hearts and souls into worship right at 10:55 a.m. We have a fun little drama for you, and then the message finishes our Micah 6:8 series: "WALK HUMBLY!" One of the questions on the way will be, What's so wrong with legalism? Hasn't legalism made the best church members over the years, the ones who clean up after potluck, the ones who give the most, and go be missionaries? So what's so wrong with legalism?

4:00 p.m. - THE GIFT GOES ON, Fellowship Hall

PATHFINDERS/ADVENTURERS REGISTRATION: Guess what everyone? It's time to register your children for Pathfinders and Adventurers!!! Please stop by the Pathfinder room on Sabbath evening, August 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. where registration will take place. There will be a short meeting for parents at 7:00 p.m. to review plans for the upcoming Pathfinder/Adventurer year. We are anticipating a large group this year and would appreciate adults interested in helping out with the Pathfinder or Adventurer ministries. You must register and complete an application and background check form if you are 18 years or older.

Upcoming Pathfinder/Adventurer Activities:

- **Hiking** – Bring a sack lunch and change of clothes and join us each Sabbath afternoon for a hike. See your Pathfinder leader for a map to today's hiking location.

- **Registration** – Today at 6:00 p.m. in the Pathfinder Room.
- **Parent Meeting** – Tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Pathfinder Room.
- **Pathfinder Leadership Convention** – September 10-12, 2010, at Pine Springs Ranch.
- **Adventurer Leadership Convention** – September 17-19, 2010, at Pine Springs Ranch.
- **First Meeting for Pathfinders and Adventurers** – September 25, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Pathfinder Room.
- **Adventurer Beach Day** – September 26, 2010, at Bolsa Chica State Beach

Have a great Sabbath, hoping I'll see you!

God bless—
Pastor Dan