

Pastor's Newsletter – November 12, 2010

My dear Saints!

THE SEARCH II is finished--and ended with a flood! The flood planned for upstairs didn't quite work out as planned--but one that was not planned worked out!

If you were not there, we had an outdoor baptism after the last night's meeting. We have five precious souls baptized--Kim McKellips, Jacob Edberg, Isaiah and Taylor Togia, and then their father, Lia, who is just a major-league Samoan man who caused a bit of a tidal wave as Josh and I lowered him into the pool! And so a number of people standing in the "splash zone" got in on the baptism too! But what a great night, and several others asked to be included in the next one, and we started the studies already this week for those planning on December 4!

Thanks again to so many: Tom Neslund for the overall idea, the drama scripts, and Noah's hut and Ark, along with Ken Blasius, Jerry Bowron, and Josh Tameifuna. Lance Cantos for coordinating, Katherine Ahn and Christina Nadler for hosting, Lesieli Tameifuna and many who helped with the food and serving, Cindy Monty, Barbara Peck for help with the children's ministry, Julia Gibbs and Paula Hollmon and the whole greeting team, Kevin Ebnit, Sam Lopez, John Krell, and the whole AV team, Sonia Vizaino, Joseph Nguyen and Ralph Smith and the translation team, Ritchie Pruehs and all of the tech crew, incredible work. Silvino Briceno who did a thousand things, Amanda and Carol and others with the music, the drama teams, John Cole and Dan Nadler for organizing the Health Nuggets. James, Katherine, Peter, and Image Grafix for great work on the graphics and advertising. John Koch and the Evangelism Committee. Those who donated, those who attended, those who prayed. It took a village. Thanks, in the name of Jesus, for you all.

INITIATIVES coming up: 1) Strategic Planning--committee met this week, in higher gear planning for the next 1-2 years for the big picture to grow GGSDA into a truly powerful, prevailing church in Garden Grove and Orange County; 2) Pastoral Staff--an ad hoc committee met this week to lay plans on the ongoing negotiations with the Conference about adding an associate to our pastoral staff; 3) Audio Visual--next up is a major upgrade to our sound system and video. The video projector has arrived, will be installed next week, but the research is beginning for a huge step forward; 4) Social Committee and Young Adult Committee are meeting after the Potluck tomorrow to lay their plans; 5) Evangelism Committee is meeting next Sabbath to lay plans for the next year; ;6) Worship Committee is planning highlight Sabbaths for Thanksgiving and Christmas; The Heritage Singers, Christian Edition, and other top groups are on the schedule for next year; 7) Negotiations for a major emphasis on Family Ministry. GGSDA is going to Rock!

POTLUCK--This Sabbath. Plan to come, bring some comfort food, be part of it! Also December 4, and January 8.

THIS WEEKEND:

FRIDAY NIGHT--Youth Group is meeting from 6-9 at Bill and Melissa Olson's house, just to the left of Orangewood Academy. Food and worship. I'm coming to join!

SABBATH MORNING:

All Sabbath Schools back in their normal places. Filipino Class will be back up in the Fellowship Hall.

10 am--ISSUES CLASS - for all new members, seekers, and friends will meet in the opposite corner of the Fellowship Hall. My Pastor's Bible Class.

DIVINE WORSHIP: "YEA GOD for GIVING GUIDANCE"--looking at the perennial question on how to know God's will for your life, When facing Crossroad Decisions. We'll start out with a video of the current fad, FLASH MOBS!

Praise Team, new members through Profession of Faith, and: LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM THAILAND--where my brother, mother, and Ralph Smith's brother are holding evangelistic meetings

POTLUCK**KNOTTS BERRY FARM:**

This Sabbath, we will be handing out Knott's Berry Farm tickets. The tickets are only good for the next day, Sunday the 14th. For those of you who signed up for them during the Search, you must pick them up in person yourself. If there is any problem please contact Silvino by email or the office phone at 714-534-1987. There is no scheduled transportation if you need a ride let us know so we can help you find accommodations.

Things to know when you get there: Park Hours - 10am to 7pm. If you are under the age of 16 be with an adult. If you need an adult, let us know before Sunday and we will set you up with one. Wear Red - We want to see you. The pastor will be there and wants to be able to notice you so he can say hi.

Meeting place- If you have any problems of any kind or just want to see people you know, there will be a Garden Grove SDA rep at the Panda Express next to the Log Ride at 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, and 6:30. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the church office. Let's go and have a great time!

Have a great weekend, everybody!

God bless--
Pastor Dan