April 28, 2012

## Dear GGSDA Saints!

Thanks again to everybody who came up for the magnificent Church Retreat, and for Rose Briceno and all of those who put it together! And please delete all pictures floating around Facebook and Youtube! You all know which ones! But, seriously, it was a great time to be together, we enjoyed Pastor Iki, the Afterglow, the early morning hikes with Sheri, Prayer Ministry, the singing, both old and new songs, the Scavenger Hunt by Pastor Shiphrah and Sandra, the Bible Quiz by Silvino, where the Pastors came in a close second (out of 2, 29-30!). We hope we can make the numbers work to make this an annual tradition.

Which leads us to: We are hoping to narrow down the gap financially. With a bill of about \$16,000, we are as of now about \$7000 short. If any of you who went can put a little extra in to help us reduce that, we will be much more likely to be able to do it again! Just mark it "Church Retreat".

**SEMINAR AND POTLUCK:** We have Brian Neal coming again tomorrow, and he will stay after church to hold a **"FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD, PART III" Seminar** in the afternoon, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

We will have a potluck in the Fellowship Hall, jointly with the Filipino Fellowship--come and learn from the best how to manage your finances enough so that you can sleep at night, AND bless the Kingdom of God with strategic giving.

**PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP**: We are locking in tickets Monday. We have 4 or 5 young people still struggling to get their tickets covered—if anybody has any Mission Money to spare and would like to see a young person get this experience, let me know.

**MEXICAN FIESTA**: We hope that you can all sign up for the Mexican Fiesta tomorrow. The Fiesta will be Saturday night, May 5, 6:00 pm, should be a fantastic night!

**FNL**: Friday Night Live is tonight in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm. THE WAY was completely full last Friday night, a joint gathering of GGSDA and La Sierra youth. Come be part of a great Young Adult meeting tonight!

## **SABBATH WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**SABBATH SCHOOL:** 9:30 am for most of our classes, 9:45/9:50 am for Young Adults and Youth. Pastor's Bible Class resumes in the Pathfinder Room, 9:30 am, studying Signs of the Times and Matt. 24.

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** 11:00 am, with Praise starting at 10:50 am.

Special Features this Sabbath: **Orangewood Academy music groups, with James Woods And ELDER BRIAN NEAL** is coming to finish the message he started last time! He is always terrific!

AFTERNOON: Potluck--Filipino Fellowship and Seminar Vietnamese Fellowship, 4:00 pm, Youth Chapel

**PATHFINDERS:** Lunch at the Garden Grove Park next to the library, and then nature honors. Meet in front of the Pathfinder Room with comfortable shoes and a sack lunch. Leaving at 1:00 pm. Call Sandra if any questions--562-773-9450. Sunday: 11:00 am at GGSDA Fellowship Hall, to do President's Physical Fitness Challenge, and other honors: Baking, nutrition, Red Alert, and household arts. Lunch provided. Next Sabbath is our Investiture during Church.

That's the news! God bless you all! Pastor Dan