

Pastor Dan's Communiqué

July 21, 2012

My dear friends!

PHILIPPINES: Jet-lagged and sleepless in Riverside--but we're home! We had a tremendous trip, but we are glad to be home, and can hardly wait to see you all in church tomorrow. We will have a slide show report during the divine worship service, and a special prayer of Thanksgiving. Thanks to all of you who donated, bought a dinner, or helped a young person to go. They were all terrific and the trip would have been less without every single one of them.

We will also try to have a set of pictures cycling around on the screen during the potluck, but without any commentary!

Missions and Evangelism are far, far more than numbers, but we can give the heart and soul easier tomorrow, and the numbers easier here--

103 went on the trip.

13 evangelistic sites

714 baptisms, plus 60 at a prison

1500-2000 patients seen at the medical clinic

9 motorcycles purchased for pastors and interns

10+ lay bible workers rehired to continue nurturing the new members and following interests

Several video projectors, mini-sound systems, and keyboards left behind for churches

Most of the churches upgraded, pastors' houses worked on, several projects pending

URGENT!! SOUND SYSTEM AND SANCTUARY UPGRADE:

The Church Board is meeting this next Tuesday night to make a decision about the purchase of the Sound System, primarily. The committees are checking the proposal to make sure it is exactly what we need, and that every dollar spent will be not only necessary but buy the most system we can get. Of the \$257,000 needed for the entire Sanctuary Upgrade, we have either cash and pledges for all but \$50,000 as of today. We are 80% there, after just 2 weeks! We have \$25,000 of the \$75,000 we need to get the \$75,000 matching donation.

We think that if everybody can make a pledge, that you don't have to fulfill until the end of the year--we can get to that \$50,000 we still need by Tuesday night! Pray about it, do whatever God impresses you to do, and we will trust that the total will match exactly what we need.

Obviously most of us have had to trust the Committees and experts and consultants to guide us in designing a new system that will give us great sound at the cheapest price. That conversation is ongoing, to make sure we have a thorough, transparent process and make the best decision possible, with across-the-board support.

There will be Pledge Cards at the door tomorrow. Fill it out between you and God. Nobody but the Treasurer is ever going to see it! And we will pray that God will bless you for giving, and will replenish it so you can give it all over again!

SABBATH SERVICES:

Sabbath School--All the usual SS's will be meeting.

Pastor's Bible Class--9:30 am, Pathfinder Room, Matthew 25

Divine Worship Service: 11:00 am, Sanctuary

The Message starts a new series on 1 John.

This week is 1 John 1:1-4, "MAKING GOD REAL!", wrestling with the question--Are there spiritual giants and mystics out there who are experiencing God at a closer level than the rest of us?

Children's Church--11:00, Youth Chapel, with Julia Hendricks and the Children's Ministry Team

POTLUCK: Our regular big monthly Potluck was moved to this Sabbath so the pastors and all of us could be there. Come enjoy a summer potluck with us, and give me a chance to roam the tables and catch up with everybody.

Vietnamese Fellowship: 4:00, Youth Chapel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Lesieli T. is taking VBS into the Community tomorrow from 11-2, at West Haven Park. She is hoping for 200 kids to gather around, so if you have been looking for a way to give back to your community--show up!

GRACE UNIVERSITY: Monday night, 7-9:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Debriefing Philippines evangelism, demonstrating ShareHim messages and graphics--and much more.

COMMITTEES: Tuesday night:

6:00 to 7:00 Worship Committee

7:00 to 8:00 Finance Committee

8:00 to 9:30 Church Board

God bless you all!

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