



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



July 18, 2014

Dear Saints!

Happy Sabbath to you all! One by one the rest of our Mission Trip team have been drifting back, Pastor Sara-May got back after spending a few days with another ministry in the Manila area, getting out just before the typhoon hit. A couple of others have been stranded from their flight because of the typhoon.

MISSION TRIPS: Several have asked how the Church decides where mission trips go. Basically the church has gone where someone from our church from a particular country works with the church leadership from that country to make a formal request for us to come do a particular project. The Missions Committee evaluates whether it looks viable, it is affordable, is that Mission doing that part to the ground preparation for the evangelistic meetings, are they willing to contribute financially, where can we do the most good, etc. So far we have done Thailand, Philippines, Tonga, and a different island in the Philippines. Right now we have requests, of different degrees of completeness, from: Thailand; Tonga; Malaysia, Romania, and another two islands in the Philippines. We hear that proposals are coming from Kenya, Panama, and Vietnam. Obviously we cannot do them all, or soon, so hard choices have to be made!

If you are from a particular place and would love to see a mission trip happen to your home country, then let us know, and we can work with you to contact the church leaders there and see what kinds of projects can be negotiated!

How does the project get funded? The Church has authorized one offering per year for the voted mission trip. The rest of it comes from donations, virtually all from outside our church. Individuals raise their own ticket and land costs, usually between \$2200 and \$2500 altogether.

Events for this Weekend:

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

7:00pm the Way @ Beach Vespers. Bolsa Chica Beach (the tower closest to Jack in the box). Food, music, fellowship!

SANCTUARY (9:30am): Pastor Tony: "This week we'll be covering chapter 5:13-15. Paul will change his tone from theoretical to practical. He'll help us understand how and why works fit after and only after one understands and accepts the grace that has been freely given.

SECOND SERVICE (11:30am): We witnessed over 1600 conversion stories on our trip! But the early church believers got to see firsthand maybe the greatest, most famous conversion in history--the conversion of Paul (Acts 9,22,26). From killing Christians to preaching Christ everywhere in about 3 days! Do you have to have a Damascus Road experience, see a bright light, get knocked down, hear the Voice of God, in order to be saved? I have the homily/message this week, "**U-TURNS**"

We will also have **Communion Service** this Sabbath. The Ordinance of Humility / Footwashing will be in the North Room, Board Room, and Fellowship Hall, available from about 11:10 to 11:30 between SS and the Divine Worship Service. Then we will celebrate the Lord's Supper after the Homily.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:30am): Upstairs, Fellowship Hall.

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: The group is gradually coming back from the Philippines! The Fellowship will meet in the Community Services room after church for their potluck and afternoon meetings.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel, Leadership meeting at 6 pm.

YOUTH: 7:30 p.m.-ROLLER SKATING at Holiday Skate Center (175 N Wayfield St. Orange, CA) cost \$5...if you need a ride please let me know!

Coming up:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--WEEK OF JULY 28-AUGUST 1!!

HE'S THE ONE WEEKEND: August 1-2

AUGUST CAMPMEETING: August 9, 16, 23, 30 - Fellowship Hall!

DIRTY HANDS SUMMIT: Youth and Young Adults weekend focusing on Social Justice, September 12-13, but will be shared with the entire Church, including Divine Worship.

HERITAGE SINGERS EVANGELISM: October 10-11!!

Note: I lost my church ring of keys last Sabbath, left in a pew in the front while preaching. If anybody has any idea where they might be, I would be blessed to get them back!