



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



August 8, 2014

Dear GGSDA Saints!

(Note: Please see note about Tongan need later in the Newsletter below!)

CAMPMEETING 2014! is here, and we hope that you will come and be a part of it! We move upstairs to the Fellowship Hall, we've set up a campmeeting feel up there, we'll have a great gospel song service at the beginning, a men's quartet for special music, and a gospel-rich sermon on Jonah in the belly of the whale!

Pastor Tony starts a new series on KINGDOM NOW for the SANCTUARY contemporary worship service at 9:30, which stays down in the main Sanctuary. All the Sabbaths Schools will pick up where they left off two weeks ago, you'll be hugged and greeted when you come through the doors--and it will just be a great summer Sabbath at GGSDA!

Tonight there is THE WAY again, but it is moved one block away to the home of Bob & Marianna Maukovich. Some of them are already there swimming in the pool, there will be snacks, and then the worship at about 8 pm. Their address is: 12632 George Street. If you go north on 9th Street past the church, it is the next right, and you drive almost into their house--jog left a bit, park, go around to the side and to the back!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Potluck, then special meeting at 3:30 where I will be meeting with the Fellowship!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP; 4 pm, I will be speaking at about 5:00 pm, and then the leadership will meet at 7 pm.

SPECIAL NEED: Tonga Pathfinders and Oshkosh. Our Pathfinder Club and other donors stretched and did their best to help a group of Pathfinders coming from Tonga to go the worldwide Camporee in Oshkosh, WI, next week. These are people we fell in love with last year on our Mission Trip. Obviously with their income down there coming around the world was a huge undertaking, and the 20 who had planned to come ended up being 10. Our club sponsored their registration back there, and are helping feed them and giving them tents to stay in with us. Other people helped them get their tickets to get here.

But Wednesday night, when they got here, we discovered that they had absolutely no money to get from here to Oshkosh. They tried, but they just couldn't raise it. They could have just stayed home, but after a year of fundraising and already having plane tickets, they just came, and hoped and prayed that their Tongan relatives or somehow God would help them get the 2000 miles there and back!

Our incredible Pathfinder leadership and others gathered around me in Hometown Buffet, and we just did our best on napkins to try to figure out the cheapest way to get 9 people there and back. Five were squeezed into the 3 vans that went Thursday morning, and will sleep on the floor of motels as they travel to Zion, Yellowstone, etc. to get there. We sent \$300 with them for food for them. Four more will go with Lesieli Tameifuna Sunday morning by Greyhound, and we were able to put those tickets on a credit card, and give them some food money. We have bought 9 tickets on the train to come back.

The best we could was to put all this together for about \$4500 dollars.

\$4500 TOTAL:

\$1000 donated by Tongan relatives (paid over the next month)

\$1000 raised so far by various donors

\$2500 TOTAL REMAINING

After conferring with some of our key church leadership, we have decided to come to you, our church family, and take up a second offering tomorrow morning at the end of church. We don't want anybody to adjust your tithe and church budget--that would not be fair to those ministries and needs. But if you can somehow find another small amount, and put it in that offering, marking it "PATHFINDERS"--we would be very thankful. These people took care of us wonderfully in Tonga. Now it is our turn to be gracious and fill in the gap and not leave them sitting here in CA when they have so far to be at the this basically once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to come to a camporee--they only do it every 5 years, and you are only in that age group really once!

Thanks for praying about this, and either bring a check with you or put some extra offering aside to put in when the plates come around a second time!

God bless!
Pastor Dan