



## Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Communiqué



September 5, 2014

Dear GGSDA Church Family and Friends!

A very brief Pastor's Newsletter from Kona on the western side of the Big Island of Hawaii. We have been here since Monday afternoon. One day we kayaked in the rain to go snorkeling at the base of Captain Cook's monument (where he was killed in the 1700's). Yesterday we drove up to Mauka Kea, and watched a stargazing show up there, where the young ranger used a laser to point out constellations to maybe 150 of us shivering in the cold--I didn't know you could get cold in Hawaii! We were tempted to go all the way to the top (nearly 14,000 feet) to see the observatories up there, but you have to have a 4WD with a very low gear, especially coming down, or your insurance will not cover you, and we decided it wasn't worth that risk! We also drove over the Saddle Road to Hilo, where I have preached for their campmeeting in the past. But mostly we read and swim and walk!

Here are brief descriptions of the weekend services back at GGSDA!

7:00 pm--THE WAY in the new Youth Chapel--food at 7, music and message by Pastor Sara-May at 7:30, tonight.

9:30 am Sabbath morning, SANCTUARY, with Pastor Tony in the *Kingdom Now!* series preaching on: "**Bricks and Stone and 666**"

10:30am, Sabbath Schools, with Elder Penick teaching my Pastor's Bible Class in the Pathfinder Room

11:30 am, DIVINE WORSHIP, with Pastor Gerald Babanezhad, who we have had before and is a very entertaining speaker, telling stories about their ministry in Muslim countries around the world.

1:00 pm POTLUCK, Fellowship Hall

2:30 pm, Workshop and Piano Concert, with Pastor Babanezhad, Fellowship Hall

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP--Potluck, and then a Board meeting and small groups, Community Service Center

4:00 pm, VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP, back in the Youth Chapel for the first time after the remodeling, because they were part of a terrific countryside campmeeting up near Big Bear last weekend.

DIRTY HANDS SUMMIT--keep this on your schedule for next Friday night, 7:30 pm, and next Sabbath. We will be back, we could not miss this. Friday night upstairs, Sabbath morning, the same messages in both services, with both of our young pastors sharing the message, along with Kate Case, a young Adventist who is working in the area of human trafficking and social justice.

After a Taco Bar lunch, there will be a panel discussion in the afternoon, and then a documentary in the evening. Something different, something where we can make a difference, something where if it happened to us we would wish somebody would do something! Please set everything else aside and try to fit the whole weekend in. Find baby sitters, do something special to truly "do justice" (Micah 6:8).

On the way to the beach! God bless you all, see you next week!

Pastor Dan