

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

September 19, 2014

Dear Saints!

We say "thank you" again to the DIRTY HANDS SUMMIT team for a wonderful, conscience-pricking, convicting experience last weekend! I bought the book "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking--Over 50 Ways to Join the Fight", and we will try to focus down to some of the best and clearest ways to do something about this awful reality, especially in my two home countries, Thailand and the US/Orange County.

The next major event for the Fall season at GGSDA will be the **Heritage Singers** weekend, October 10-11. Circle it, star it, and start to let your friends and family know about this entire weekend where we have the Heritage Singers all to ourselves for an entire weekend---Friday night, Sabbath morning, and Saturday night. We will slip short Gospel and character of God messages into the concerts, and we're excited about the potential of this weekend!

For those of you who know these names: **Dr. Bill Loveless** passed away this week--senior pastor of Loma Linda University Church two different times, and of Sligo in Washington DC, President of Columbia Union College, President of the Pennsylvania Conference,-- and the one who pushed to start the student missionary movement, Loma Linda Broadcasting Network--and just a great human being. He was a great mentor to me, and became a wonderful friend over the years we were college pastors together and since. The funeral will be at Loma Linda, Sunday, Sept. 28, at 2 pm.

The other person who died this week is **Pastor Walter Rea**. He pastored in the Southern California Conference for many years, but is probably the most famous for writing the controversial book "*The White Lie*", where he claimed that Ellen White had been much more dependent on the books she read than anybody had officially admitted before. His research started many major studies, and the consensus view is that she certainly did have many books around her as she wrote, and she didn't always give as much credit as standards today would expect--but she also greatly edited the phrases she used, putting them within the larger view that God had given to her in her visions and inspiration. He died in the Central Valley at 92, and had worked primarily in farming and orchards for the last number of years.

THE WEEKEND AT GGSDA:

7 pm Tonight--THE WAY will be at the Youth Chapel, with Jesse Churchill leading out.

9:30 am Sabbath morning--SANCTUARY, with Pastor Tony

11:30 am DIVINE WORSHIP service, with our new Choir and director and pianist on for the first time. The sermon will start a new series on THE WAR going on behind the scenes in the universe between Christ and the Demons, starting with the classic story of JOB: "R.I.P: THEY HAVE SAID WHAT IS RIGHT ABOUT ME!!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Tomorrow, September 20 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:40. "Come and enjoy learning about the life of Jesus and the awesome stories of the Bible! Activities, crafts and snack time AND Kids Bible Study Group will follow."

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Community Service Room

MISSIONS COMMITTEE (SERVING GLOBALLY) will meet with them at their own table to plan for the mission trips for the next couple of years. If you are interested you are welcome to join!

BAPTISM: Then many of us will go down to Corona del Mar for the baptism of three people!

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4 pm, Youth Chapel

Have a fantastic weekend! Pastor Dan