



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Garden Grove people, close by and around the world—

It is such a bizarre thing, to be one Sabbath with a group of people on a bare cement floor that we just poured—and then another Sabbath in a downtown church where the guest preacher could actually preach but only give a long “greeting” unless he turned in his sermon to the police 3 months before—and then another with a small group in Hanoi 4 floors up in a blind man’s converted living room—and then just by sitting on a plane for a few hours you’re home—which is Garden Grove! Where you know most everybody’s names. And you get 100 hugs a Sabbath. And you can eat with a spoon and a fork again!

In other words—it’s very, very nice to be home! Mission trips and travel broadens you immensely. But it never becomes where you want to be all the time. Home is home.

Graduation is the major theme this weekend. Six of our young people graduated from 8th grade here at Orangewood Academy last night. Tonight at 7:30 is the Consecration Service for the high school seniors, one who will be baptized tonight.

Commencement will be Sunday, 3:00 pm, at Orangewood Academy.

Tomorrow morning at the Divine Worship service at 11:30 we will have all our graduates march in to be honored. Most of us can’t get to all the graduations all over Orange County and everywhere. Several were while we were overseas. So this Sabbath we bring them all together, and give them a medal they can wear at their graduation and keep in their special box at home, and celebrate them and pray over them.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER right after Church, and then our usual FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP & VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP. I will tell the story of our trip to Vietnam for the Vietnamese Fellowship at 4 pm.

Today was the funeral service for our own Luis Lopez, but we also received a note from Sylvia about her father-in-law, who some of you will remember:

Garden Grove was the church family of George Ajimine from 1955 till 1980, retiring to Northern Cal. He served as a deacon, elder and board member, Sabbath School leader and volunteer carpenter. He was called and is now resting in the Lord, on April 10th at the age of 93!

Have a great weekend!