



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Friends!

We were blessed to meet a wonderful Jewish young man yesterday who came to bid on some repair work. He and his family are observant Jews, and he just said—"We live for the Sabbath! The rest of the week—is just waiting for the Sabbath to come again!"

I'll take one minute and describe a typical "last Sabbath" of a mission trip. Friday night I preached to 3000 crammed into this wonderful college church—seats down the aisle, people everywhere. Great choirs singing. Prayed for more than a hundred people after the service. Much picture taking. Sabbath morning—get sermon and powerpoint ready. Sabbath School with our team. Preach for the worship service, after changing into the Indian robe they gave me. Go to the back where the baptistry was and celebrate as 30 were baptized (foreigners not allowed to baptize). Go to the hall in the back and speak to the group of beggars that they have a worship service for. Grab some lunch, and go to the prison next door and speak to them and pray for each one of them. Race back to the church for the afternoon AY program with over 1000 young people, with singer after singer singing in their wonderful, unique Indian-style with tabla drums and band. Speak and show pictures of mission trips. Answer questions for an hour. Go to the back several more times for others who came to be baptized. Take pictures with hundreds of fantastic young people. Pray for group after group, pastors, lay people, who came with requests to help with one project after another. A Sabbath!

TOMORROW is a high Sabbath here for Second Service—with our friend **JIM MCDONALD and his wife here** to give us a musical concert during the worship service. They have a ministry on the coast of France that we have supported here for many years, and his Sabbath is always a highlight Sabbath.

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS: 10:45-11:25, Pathfinder Room. We are now video-taping the SS Lesson, to go onto our website and onto YouTube, so we can advertise a Sabbath School Lesson option for anybody and any SS anywhere in the world—grace-oriented, character-of-God focused. We will be studying the lesson one week in advance of the actual week.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30 pm, Youth Chapel—I will speak and share some of the mission stories from India for the evening session.

COMING UP: PASTOR SARA-MAY'S ORDINATION. Next Sabbath, February 27, 4:00,, up in the Fellowship Hall. We expect it to be full, so come early enough to get a good seat for this holy and powerful moment in her life and career. Her family are all coming, her best friends are gathering from all over, two great mentors will be giving short homilies, and it is just going to be a great worship service as we affirm and celebrate her ministry. There will be a light reception at 5:30 right there in the Fellowship Hall afterwards, to give you a chance to mingle and hang out and congratulate a very special young pastor!

OTHER DATES:

POTLUCK, MARCH 5

DEDICATION OF THE NEW STUDIO, just before Potluck

EASTER REVIVAL—March 25-26. A beautiful **SEDER SERVICE Friday night upstairs, and Resurrection Celebration Vespers Saturday evening. Our traditional Easter Breakfast Banquet Sabbath morning.**

Have a beautiful Sabbath!

God bless you all—

Pastor Dan