



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Friends of GGSDA / OC Grace!

I am back, came in Wednesday night, in time to slip into our small group for a few minutes and see a few others around the church. We had an amazing week in the Philippines, and met many people doing just thrilling ministries. I'll just share one quick story here. Friday asked to see our church headquarters, the West Visayan Conference office. They showed me their new pride-and-joy, a ten-foot printer. They are trying to enter into the 29 towns/3000 villages in their territory with no Adventist churches or members, and to support that they wanted to print a lot of cheap, quick-to-read literature, similar to our GLOW tracks here. So one person put it on a Prayer List, which was then shown up on the screens for a number of churches, between SS and Church. Somebody from the US "happened" to be visiting that day, saw the prayer request, talked to somebody and said, "I have a press, somebody gave it to me, it's just sitting in my garage. You can have it!"

OK—so now how to do you get it to the Philippines? The airplane ministry (which we have had the leaders in our church!) in the Philippines had a plane which needed a new wing. The wing had to come in a 20-foot container, so they began to spread the word about this available space, so the Conference said, "Yes, we have something"—and the printing press came over free in the container with the wing! Then they had to find somebody to run it—and somebody had heard of a couple, backsliders, not coming to church, but who could run this kind of press. They got hold of him, he came to see it, and agreed to start volunteering by printing what they needed—and started coming back to church! Just in case you were thinking miracles have run out!

WEEKEND:

OC GRACE WORSHIP SERVICES:

9:30 FIRST SERVICE: Pastor Tony and the Jonah Series

11:30 SECOND SERVICE: I have the message, "MYTHS ABOUT HEAVEN," comparing our view of heaven with the other beliefs around the world. Praise and our terrific choir and a beautiful baby dedication.

THAILAND MISSION TRIP MEETING: 1:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

BERTIE KRELL MEMORIAL SERVICE: 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

PARTY NIGHT: 6:30 pm, Saturday night, Parking Lot—Family-friendly BBQ and Outdoor movie night. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets, and watch "THE CROODS!"

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

Continue to pray for Ray Cason—has come through his surgery, but having a great challenge in the recovery process after this very, very major surgery. Chris sends out daily reports, and he is certainly making progress, but he is very weak and under heavy medications.

One of our OA teachers is also in the hospital, but I just heard about it and have had no chance to visit yet and get permission to put out for prayer.

Our Basketball Court. People are still working very hard to get a professional plan for the court, figure out how to make it fit into our parking lot so no spaces are lost, and to make sure drainage, lighting, and all other issues are cared for according to Best Practices. We hope and believe that the money is there, but will not know until we get the final plans from the architect and engineers, and we can make sure that we have everything covered. Target date is late May, and of course there will be a short period when a few spaces on the back end of the parking lot will be out of commission, but we will do our best to handle that smoothly and with as little strain as possible. Every step in the process is getting a thorough review—we cannot afford to make any big mistakes in a project like this—this cement may be there until Jesus comes! But we hope that this will be a great blessing to our people and to the community with the plans that have been laid. We have some truly superb talent involved in this project, and we hope and believe that this project will honor God when it is all finished. A forum is being discussed where anybody can come and ask any questions about the process and all that is involved.

God bless!
Pastor Dan