



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



April 29, 2016

Dear Saints—

Last week I shared a set of miracles in the Philippines about a printing press over there. I hope you will allow me to share something at least I would consider a miracle here this week. The head doctor at the little hospital in India where we were in January begged us to see if we could find a way to get a digital x-ray machine for their hospital, their ancient machine was on its last legs, they still had to use a dark room and chemicals to try to see what was happening inside a patient, and half the time they had to send them to another hospital or to the bigger city to get an x-ray, and hope they would come back to their hospital. But the combination x-ray/digitizer was over \$20,000, list price, and my faith was struggling to reach for that. But the doctor negotiated the price down to close to \$16,000, and donors from around the country began to contribute, so we kept praying and eventually all the money came in.

In order to get the money there the fastest and more direct, we wired the money through Bank of America to the State Bank of India, where the vendor could get the money and then deliver the equipment to the hospital. We had all the information, our treasurer sent the wire, and we thought God had done a great thing in giving us something we thought might never happen.

Except that the vendor couldn't get the money out! He did not have exactly the right code or status, and the money was stuck there. He couldn't get it, our doctor couldn't get it, and we couldn't get it. I was sick, that we would have to tell all these terrific donors that the whole \$15,000 was lost. We have been praying, our SS class and small group has been praying, I'm sure the people in India have been praying. Anyway, we were supposed to hear something Tuesday, but things still looked pretty bleak, Wes was talking to the Bank here—when all of a sudden I got a text from Wes this morning—the whole nearly \$15,000 was back in our B of A account today! WOW! About the best news I have heard for weeks! We will now send it the normal way through the General Conference and hope that everything works this time and they can get this great machine and heal thousands of people with it. Give God an extra prayer of gratitude that the Kingdom didn't lose this incredible amount of money.

WEEKEND:

9:30 am—OC GRACE FIRST SERVICE—Upstairs—with Pastor Tony finishing up his great series on the book of Jonah.

11:30 am—OC GRACE SECOND SERVICE—Sanctuary—with the young people from Orangewood Academy joining us to present the music for our worship service—always a special day for us! I have the message, on the iconic passage in Revelation 21, “No more Crying, No more pain, no more death.”

SPANISH FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK: Leon's.

FILIPINO POTLUCK, Community Service Room, Filipino Room

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP, 4:30 pm: Youth Chapel—I have the message this week.

COMING UP:

Sabbath, May 7—Mother's Day Sabbath, both services. Don't forget to send in pictures of your mother, or if you're a mother, you with your children! Music will two of our favorites, Paulette Jumalon and Silvino Briceno!

Sabbath, May 14—our annual visit by Pastor Gerald with a sermon on his ministry to Muslim's around the world, a seminar after our fellowship dinner, and his fantastic piano special music numbers! Pastor Tony also has a very special guest, an Adventist who does stunt work in the movie industry—pretty incredible story, for First Service.

Sabbath, May 21—Christian Edition will have our music worship.

Sabbath, May 28—Sergio Leiva and friends, fantastic musicians.

Sabbath, June 4—GGSDA Graduation Sabbath, when we honor all of the young people who are graduating during this season—at any level, anywhere! Please let us know if you have a graduate graduating, even if they can't be here!

Community Services: Please hear this very urgent appeal: “Community Services reports that its shelves are bare and that they need help with non-perishable foods for distribution to needy families and homeless people. Every week, Community Services gathers surplus foods and distributes it to those in need. Of late, however, there has not been enough canned and boxed non-perishables to meet the need.

Would each family please bring donations of non-perishables and put them in the collection box in the lobby? This includes canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans, dry pasta and beans, rice, and any other items that keep just about forever without refrigeration. Many thanks from Community Services and their clients.”

Thank you;
Julie McCoubrey, Volunteer

Have a great Sabbath, everybody!

Pastor Dan