



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints of GGSDA / OC Grace!—

There are two great opportunities for each of you to do something that truly matters, this weekend!

#1—VIDEO MINISTRY: Everything has aligned recently to get us ready for a huge leap forward in expanding our video ministry here and around the world. We have a new studio, with cameras, lights, green screen, mics and speakers, and teleprompter. We have begun to tape segments regularly, and have a long list of projects we want to do. Our dream is, once I or someone else writes a script and tapes it in English, we will quickly share it with 10 different languages, and a representative from each language will come and tape and we will begin to transmit those messages here in OC but also to their home countries around the world. There are also new upstart Adventist media centers, often run by lay people, starting up in many countries, and they are begging us for material they can use. Our plan is to network them, and send material to all of them as fast as we can prepare it.

We will put material on pages on our website, on YouTube channels, and Facebook pages. We will use social media. We will send it to those media centers. We will take the 100 programs I have made on LLBN and send them to where they will take them. We will do interviews on various facets of ministry, for pastors and lay pastors around the world. We will put a curriculum on video for Grace University, and upload that to our website and anybody can access and get certified as a Grace University graduate, from anywhere. We can do all this, with very minimal budget.

VIDEO MEETING: TOMORROW, Sabbath, we are having a meeting of anyone who wishes to explore being a part of this new ministry. HAYSTACKS POTLUCK, right after church, Board Room. We need camera people, editors, makeup artists, graphic artists, marketing people, schedulers, and tech people who can help us develop systems for sending these clips everywhere. Coming to the meeting doesn't commit you—it's a visioning meeting, exploring, and then you can decide whether you want to be involved. We would rather have 20 people, doing 2 hours a week, than have 2 doing 40 hours a week!

#2—THAILAND OFFERING—This is a huge, critical moment for our Thailand Mission Trip. Our Missions Committee and Church Board have authorized one church-wide offering a year for our major mission trip for the year. This year that is Thailand. We need \$3000. We will be taking a special offering in all three worship services. If you can bring a \$20 bill for each person in your family who attends, that would be the ideal. If you just can't do that, bring what you can. Bring whatever the Spirit whispers you to bring. We know that most of you can't go on this trip. But with your \$20 or whatever, you will be there, you will have a part in the church that will be built, in all the baptisms, all the clinics, all the 17 VBS sites, and the Weeks of Prayers at the schools. We will send daily video reports to everybody, and you will be as much a part of it as those physically there.

OTHER UPDATES: #1—The Basketball Court got a permit this week! Barbara Ricketts, our SDA architect, did a tremendous job drawing up the plans, and working with the city to get it all approved. We hope to cut into the asphalt Monday, July 12, and should have a cement court with hoops and lights by 9-10 days after that. We can't drive on it for 28 days, for the cement to cure. But after that we will have a world-class court, done to the highest specifications. We thank all who are working so hard to get all the technical parts right and to follow Best Practices for this court!

BRICKS—With the new plans, we needed more cement—for ramps, and for the 4 footings for the poles and hoops—at least \$3500/worth. And so we are opening up the chance to sponsor a brick again. **\$100 a brick.** If you missed the chance the first time around, you have one more chance to be part of the Honor Wall where people can sit and watch the games, in front of the Youth Chapel. Obviously we hope that you will keep up your regular faithful commitment to Tithe and Offerings, but if you can spare another \$100 for a brick, we'd love to add your name to the Honor Roll of those who will be on record supporting kids and the community with this court, for as long as that cement and wall should last, or until Jesus comes!

SABBATH SCHOOL WING—Will have a whole new look tomorrow! Pastor Sara-May has dreamed of this almost since she came! The Dedication won't be until next Sabbath, when it is all done, but you can walk down and see it tomorrow! It's not plain and dated any more!

WORSHIP: Christian Edition will be our worship leaders and special music for Second Service—one of our annual or bi-annual treats.

ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY: The Sports Award Night starts at 7:30 pm Saturday night at the Orangewood gym, with a short worship and then the awards. The Academic Awards are at our church next Thursday night. 8th Graduation is Thursday night, June 2, at Los Alamitos, high school graduation Friday night June 3 at Anaheim Sunkist, Class Night at our Church, and then graduation at 3 on Sunday at another location. We will send all the information again next week.

God Bless, Everybody!

Pastor Dan