

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



June 3, 2016

Dear Saints!

At the end of a week that has it all—more shootings, more crazy politics, more world-class tennis, soccer, and basketball, more freeway closings—God stops everything and starts—the Sabbath. When He asks you to remember that you have a soul, that it doesn't do any good if you gain the whole world if you lose your own soul. You may still have to go to programs or make a potluck dish or get a lesson ready or whatever—but you can still get in touch with the blessing of the Sabbath!

Just a few highlights—8th Grade graduation last night—Qian Ma, a young girl, we baptized her mother 6 years ago when she could hardly speak English, 5 children. Every year it has been a huge battle to keep them in Orangewood. And last night she graduated at the top of her class, 8-year student at Orangewood! Anissa Naranjo. Sarah Khodari, just new in our church. And all the others. Tonight is the Academy, 7:30, Anaheim Sunkist Church.

Other news—The builders in our church measured out where the hoops will go for our new court, marked them and made the first cuts! We need 7 more bricks to reach our goal. The staff got to see the first look at our new website. We finished the first set of new programs, "GODTALK," with our new studio, and Pastor Toan started the Vietnamese version. A Brazilian TV reporter wanted to make a story for Brazilian TV about immigrants melding into our culture, someone told him he should come check out our church, talked to Pastor Tony, made a video story—and it has been shown nationally in Brazil! The Personnel Committee of Orangewood has selected a new principal, subject to another vote at School Board Monday night.

DEDICATION SS WING: 11:15!! All Sabbath Schools will stop at 11:13, and please come to the newly painted spectacular SS WING, and be part of a short dedication service, praying over our children and their leaders.

TUITION AID: This is one of the two Sabbaths a year when we take a special offering for Tuition Aid, to help our own kids go to Orangewood! You can't make your money count any better than this!

GGSDA GRADUATION tomorrow, Second Service, honoring all of our graduates!

POTLUCK Tomorrow after Church, please come, bring a dish, anything!

CLASS NIGHT at our church, 7:30 Saturday night

ORANGEWOOD ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT—Sunday June 5, 3 pm, Godinez Fundamental High School Auditorium, 3002 Centennial Road, Santa Fe, CA 92704.

VBS—If you have been cutting felts for Thailand, tomorrow is the day to bring them to the church, if possible, so they can be prepared and packed for the trip.

COMING:

Children's Church next week, including Promoting all the children who are ready for the next level.

God bless!

Pastor Dan