



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Friends—

You plan for a mission trip for a year and a half. The plane tickets have been bought for months, hotel reservations are locked in, 137 people are committed to going, the Bible workers are out giving studies. And then: The government wants only people with Thai medical licenses to do any medicine (and we have 40 medical people coming). The vans we rented can't go into 4-wheel drive territory to get our speakers and VBS teams clear to some of the sites. The sites are much farther than anybody told us. Then the ceiling of my main downtown Chiangmai church caved in, \$3000! Craziness!

Anyway, problem by problem, God finds a solution, and we will get on those planes on Sunday and just go! Nine sermons have been written, with powerpoint and Thai texts. 10 Health talks with great graphics. Video clips, music slides, all have been prepared. A company donated a sterilizer unit for the dental equipment. Money has come in for the church, restrooms, painting, sidewalks, and the ceiling repair, at least enough to get by. Pray for us as we go, and high five them when you see them come off the platform for the dedication prayer and candle lighting tomorrow.

We will also give honor and respect to those who lost their lives in Orlando, and those injured. And we will love our fathers for Fathers' Day! And there will be a message about the golden Hands in the stained glass window, and God's call for us to be His hands to do justice in the world.

Please also give a welcome to our intern for the summer, **Andrew Goorhuis**. He just finished his second year in theology at La Sierra, and happens to be our nephew, from Hilda's side. He is staying with us, and helping Pastor Sara-May and Nathan Smith with the youth.

There is also a Father's Day service for our Filipino Fellowship at 2:30 in the Youth Chapel, and of course the Vietnamese Fellowship at 4:30.

If you'd like to come send us off Sunday morning, the bus comes at 11 am at Orangewood and is to leave at 11:30. We can use the help in loading up, but we would love people who can take pictures and pray over us again as we go.

Coming up: Elder Penick will lead my small group on Wednesday nights and he and Dr. Thomas will cover my class. Potluck and Communion will be July 9, when we get back, along with the Thailand report! We will break ground for the basketball court that Monday. Vacation Bible School will be that Sunday night.

God bless you all, say a prayer for Christina, and Ray Cason, and John Cochrane, and Orlando.

Pastor Dan