



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



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Good morning from Thailand--

It is about 5:45 am in Chiangmai, Thailand, and we are about to all load into the vans to go out to Chiangmai Adventist Academy for the large campmeeting rally today. There are 900 students there, plus the hundreds that will come from the various churches, so there may well be 1500 or more there this morning. The services are from 8-10, in an open-air gym, and then the mass baptism in the Academy Church. They are expecting maybe 70 to be baptized there, and maybe 30 elsewhere, so it is a big day in the Thailand Adventist Mission. Our pastors who have been in distant locations have begun to come back, and the rest will come this morning or afternoon. After lunch we will split up, with one group going to do a church dedication for the church we have helped build, and others going to a waterfall, the temple, or the hotel. Tonight is a last free night in Chiangmai to do the Night Bazaar, eat out, etc., before packing up and leaving early in the morning for Pattaya, our two-day spiritual beach retreat south of Bangkok.

A few have been a little sick, but by and large we have done well. There have been the usual snags, and of course we always wish there could have been more bible workers, more ground preparation, and more "interests" seeking to know God, but the speakers and VBS leaders and medical people are all pleased overall with their experiences, the transportation system has worked fantastic with David Kharns' leadership, and we finished the church and other construction projects except for the restrooms at the Chiangmai Church which had delays due to daily rain! Thank you all of you for your prayers and love and support.

Tomorrow we have a wonderful guest speaker in both services--Pastor Jon Henderson, the chaplain up at Pacific Union College. He has spoken for us before, and is a terrific speaker with a great picture of God. He is Elder Penick's nephew, and you will love him. There will also of course be a portion of the service given to remembering and giving thanks for our freedom in the US for the 4th of July weekend.

We'll see you all next week!

God bless--

Pastor Dan