



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



October 14, 2016

Dear Saints—

INDIA--We got a phone call this week, and then an email—that the doctor who we worked with in India last January is here in Loma Linda—and would like to come to Garden Grove to say thank you for what this church did for his hospital and the high school next door. The Bolivar's agreed to pick them up, and he will be here tomorrow! We have pictures of the digital x-ray machine, water filter plant, etc., and our group is thrilled to see him again. He is also the doctor who led out in helping a village headman and his family to destroy their Hindu gods and shrine and become committed Christians, and were on the front row of our meeting that Friday night.

WEDDINGS--I have had a part in four weddings this week. **Dr. Erin Rawson** from our church and our small group got married to a wonderful man from India via Australia in just a beautiful setting in Fallbrook Monday, **Oscar and Emily**, a young couple that have been coming got married at a golf course this morning, also in Fallbrook, and **Christine De Mel**, who got baptized August 27, will be getting married Sunday afternoon.

GENERAL CONFERENCE—In a separate email I will try to collect some of the relevant documents from the events of this week. The General Conference Annual Council voted Tuesday a document that provides guidelines on how to handle it when one or more parts of the world church are not totally operating according to the world church's decisions and working policies. For one year it appears that they will follow steps that involve meeting together, letters, prayer, study, appeals, etc. Another committee will use this year to study what to do next if those initial steps are not successful in bringing all groups to unity on whatever the issue was. Please pray for our world church and its leaders. Our own Conference and Union Conference leadership have made it clear that, while they fully support the world church, nothing will change on these levels in their commitment to equality in ministry.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

First Service—9:30 am, Pastor Tony continues the new series on Spiritual Gifts.

Second Service—11:30 am, The Revelation series continues, looking at "THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE" and the Seven Seals of Revelation 6 & 7, and giving at least one answer to, "Who are the 144,000, Really?!" The seals are also part of answering the question of why God allows evil and suffering to go on so long.

CARD & REVELATION DVD—There will be a Communication Card to fill out during Second Service, and every family that turns one in at the Desk will get a free DVD of Pastor Tony preaching on the Seven Churches of Revelation!

Pumpkin Pie and Ice Cream at the Refreshment Stand after 2nd Service.

Filipino Fellowship, 2:30, and Vietnamese Fellowship, 4:30, Youth Chapel

UPDATES:

Alumni Day at Orangewood Academy—starting with ribbon cutting for the newly remodeled chapel at 9:30. The games between Alumni and the varsity teams are at 7, 8, and 9 pm in the gym.

FALL FESTIVAL starts at 11 am, Sunday.

POTLUCK will be on November 12, to celebrate a Thanksgiving theme.

God bless, have a great Sabbath!

Pastor Dan