

February 17, 2017

## Happy Sabbath, everyone!

It was thrilling to look outside to see our first cement truck drive up to our church and pour some cement into our electrical trench for the new basketball court.

We can't start the bulk of it until the rains are done for good, but it's a start! The inspector signed off, and we're in! In a few months we will have a new world-class court, and have our grand-opening, and try to do something to become more of a spiritual and community center to our local community.

Pastor Tony speaks for **FIRST SERVICE (9:25am)**, in the ACTS series, and Pastor Sara-May for **SECOND SERVICE (11:30am)**, starting a short SOCIAL ACTION series, a special passion of hers and ours!

On that note--we are making an order Monday for the water filters. If you want to get one for our trip, \$31.50. Let us know! Gives them free clean drinking water for the rest of their lives!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Afternoon worship service 2:30pm.

AND they are starting a new Filipino Choir, and 35 have already signed up!

**VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: 4:30pm**. Pastor Toan and I will field-test our first sermon for Saigon, "The Door to the Party," with slides in Vietnamese, an outline in Vietnamese, etc. They only want 30 minute sermons, including translation, so it is a great challenge!

**Vietnam Mission Trip** is only two weeks away. We are still waiting for our permit to hold the meetings over there, so please pray for that. If we don't get that, it will be a very expensive tourist trip--sort of! But I saw one picture of a large group of people studying for baptism in the mountain church we helped build, so even if we don't preach our money helped support bible workers who are winning people! We will preach 13 straight nights, in Saigon, Dalat, Danang, and Hanoi. Unbelievable.

**Philippine Mission Trip** is tying down the last details--about 25 going to Manila, with two side trips to dedicate churches and a school we have helped build. We sent \$22,000 this week that had been donated by people from all over, to finish two churches Pastor Ed started on two isolated islands. We will hold five crusades in downtown Manila.

**Brazil Mission Trip** August 3-16, mostly young people but with slots still open--a true mission trip, riding on a boat down the Amazon, sleeping in hammocks, bathing in water form the river or in the river itself, and then going into the villages to do projects.

**Mexico Mission Trip** still a few slots open for the short, much cheaper mission trip to Mexico--March 26-29 during spring break. \$380. If you would like to go and need some scholarship help, talk to us!

**Israel-Jordon (Holy Land) Trip** we are focusing on October 21-November 8, 2018. We have about 10 already on an "interested" list. It is a maximum of 40, first-come first-served, so if you are interested at all let us know!

See you this weekend! God bless you all! Pastor Dan