

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



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Dear Saints

We're back! One family, 3 brothers, are still there, as the brother who attends our Vietnamese Fellowship regularly, is getting married to a wonderful lady over there! But the rest of the group are safely back. We were a gang of five the Final Remnant the last day. After the craziness of the church of the three brothers, with a huge crowd there--with the promise of free rice, shampoo, sugar, oil,--if they sat through the sermons! But at least they heard 3 Christian/Seventh-day Adventist messages! We baptized 6 last Sabbath in their new baptistery, built just in time for this service. It was thrilling to see the crowd, the church jammed, people sitting looking into the windows, and a large crowd outside.

We went to a **UNESCO World Heritage** site not far away from DaNang last Saturday night. We had a final Vietnamese meal in an ancient, original house, looping out over the railing boats carrying lovers in rented gorgeous clothes up and down the small river, lighting floating lanterns, for good luck? Then we had to go downtown to see the Giant Dragon on the downtown bridge belch smoke and spit massive sprays of water!

And then we flew to **Hanoi** Sunday morning. Somehow John McCain missed his appointment to meet us there at his "Hanoi Hilton" again. We saw where Vietnamese tunneled through the sewer system to get away from the French colonialists. We saw the new site the General Conference and donors have put in funds to build a New York City mainstream church--\$1.8 million for a 7-story building, gleaming white marble, and beautiful restrooms.

The trip ended with a fantastic cruise on a small ship, in the **Halong Bay**. 3 million tourists come there every year, and I had never heard of it! 2000 islands sticking up into the sky. Gorgeous. We rode silently on a raft while one of the women paddled around us for the tour. Then we sat around a table on the top deck as the sun went down and everything became fantastic shades of gray, while we sat and discussed theology and the mystery of how to win a country like Vietnams, with 93,000,000 people!

They want us to come back. Let me know if you are interested in that possibility, or Brazil August 3-16, or Panama next summer!

Got to go! See you tomorrow. God bless you all!

Pastor Dan and team

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THIS WEEKEND:

FRIDAY March 24, 2017

6:30PM Prayer Meeting [All Welcome]

SABBATH March 25, 2017

9:25AM SERVICE: Pastor Tony will bring series ACTS: Disruptive Church, to an exciting end. He will be speaking on "Storms and an ending without resolution".

10:30AM SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS: Join us at one of our Sabbath School Classes. All Children's classes are located in the Children's Wing (East Wing), including a Youth Class. We have several Adult Classes around the campus, a Young Adult class, and a 4 multi-culture classes - Spanish, Vietnamese, Filipino and Portuguese (Brazilian).

11:30AM SERVICE: Will be sharing pictures and a message from our Mission Trip in Vietnam.

2:30PM FILIPINO SERVICE. Pastor Ed and team with meet in the Youth Chapel.

4:30PM VIETNAMESE SERVICE: Meeting in the Youth Chapel.

6:30PM A NIGHT OUT IN THE PHILIPPINES: Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall [All Welcome]

7:30PM JOHN'S INCREDIBLE PIZZA [Earliteen]

Multiple other Ministry events listed in Announcements below.

SUNDAY March 26, 2017

9:00AM BIKE-A-THON Adventurers

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