



The Vision



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Discoveries '08 in North America

An all-new, inspiring satellite series sponsored by the North American Division will be uplinked live, with speaker Mark Finley from the Forest Lake Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Greater Orlando, October 24 through November 29, 2008.

Throughout this Christ-centered prophetic series, Mark Finley will capitalize on the upsurge of interest in the ancient past and its meaning for life today. We will journey together to the Middle East and the lands of the Bible to explore the mysteries of civilizations many millennia old. In this journey of discovery, we will come face to face with the fulfillment of prophecy, and encounter the living Christ in surprising ways. An interactive web page, a chat room, and YouTube questions will provide churches throughout the North American Division with the possibility of participation by asking questions throughout the series. GGSDA will be part of this nationwide evangelistic effort.

The NET 2008: Discoveries '08 series begins Friday night, October 24, 2008. The meetings will be held five nights a week - each Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the first two weeks, and will continue four nights a week - each Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, through November 29, 2008. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, and children's activities will be provided. There will be no meeting the night of the U.S. Presidential Election, Tuesday, November 4.

If you'd like to participate in any way, please contact Evangelism coordinator, John Koch at (714) 797-9482.



Community Services

Community Services is in **urgent** need of non-perishable food donations. Food bank suppliers will be short of food until mid-October. Your donations of canned vegetables, fruit, packages of dry beans and dry pasta would be deeply appreciated. Please remember, no glass.

If you prefer, you can help by marking your tithe envelope "Community Services" and make a donation. Like all other offerings, it is tax-deductible.

As always, Linda and her crew would be also deeply grateful for physical help. Food prep takes place on Tuesday mornings, with distribution on Wednesday mornings. They accomplish amazing things with a skeleton crew, and would appreciate even a few hours of your time. (714) 534-4376.

Women's Ministry

ARE YOU READY TO GET INVOLVED? HAVE YOU BEEN IGNORING THAT LITTLE VOICE FROM GOD IN YOUR HEAD THAT'S TELLING YOU---"DO SOMETHING! SHOW MY LOVE! SHARE MY MESSAGE!"

Women of Faith was awesome, as usual! We had a group of Sali Butler's friends join us. They came quite a distance, and we were happy they did! Maybe next year you'll say "Yes! This time I will attend!" The blessings are so worth the effort of going!

****DVD'S FROM THIS CONFERENCE AVAILABLE TO RENT IN THE LIBRARY!****



WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - Beginning October 1, 2008, 7:00-9:00 pm at Lizz's house. 1260 Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach, 92651. (949) 715-5672.

Several women have expressed the desire to meet and study God's word together (I'm listening to the small voice from God in my head to just jump in and do it!). We will be studying with a workbook on the Psalms written by Beth Moore, a well-known Christian evangelist. Call Lizz if you would like to be included: Cell (714) 913-3903.

WOW- Women Out Walking - Resumes the third Sunday of the month on October 19th. Please save the date; details will follow as to location and time. "Exercise and fellowship with other women!" What more could you ask?

THANKSGIVING MEAL-COMMUNITY OUTREACH - November 22, 2008, evening.

We would like to provide a hearty meal for the people in our Garden Grove community, who might not otherwise be able to afford this kind of meal. This is something we would like to do in conjunction with our Community Services and other church ministries. **TOGETHER** we can accomplish something great--to the glory of God. So think about it, **PRAY** about it. If you feel you can truly **COMMIT** to such an endeavor, please call Lizz at (714) 913-3903 or e-mail LizzRandal@aol.com by October 31, 2008.



CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY - December 6, 2008 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Reserve the date. If you would like to host and decorate a table for a party of 8 - please contact Anna at aucantos@gmail.com or Lizz Randall at LizzRandal@aol.com or cell (714) 913-3903.

DECEMBER 2008 - Our Christmas project will again be to provide gifts for foster children through the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) group. More details to come.

Youth / Young Adults

God is moving in the church. Have you heard? His spirit has lit a fire in the youth and young adults of the GGSDA church. And they have heard His call. Their calendars have been filled with many opportunities to praise, worship, and draw nearer to Him.

The spirit is touching our youth and young adults to "reach out to the nations" as they prepare for mission work in the 2008-2009 calendar years. Obeying the call, they are reaching out to their church family. Their mission to French Polynesia is an open invitation to the whole church. It has taken the form of a church family mission. This is a time of outreach, learning, healing, and heeding His call. The 2009 Mission Trip is planned for April 2-12, and reservations and deposits are being taken now. In addition, they will be a part of the Corazon mission trip being sponsored by our church choir, in Spring 2009.

As well, every 4th Friday of the month is FNL. This is a great time to sing, worship, praise, and enter the Sabbath as the youth/young adults host this amazing night of being one in Christ. Please come support our youth/young adults and praise God with the talents He has blessed each of us with.

The Spirit is definitely a movin' all over the land. And His light is shining on our youth/young adults!



Special Benefit Concert - October 18, 2008 - supporting *Corazón*

Corazón. In Spanish, *heart*. It's a heartfelt name for a non-profit, almost entirely volunteer organization that has offered shelter, education and community to thousands of our neighbors in northern Baja California for more than 25 years.

In late Spring 2008, GGSDA Choir Director, Kathy Elwood, presented the choir with an opportunity to reach out to others. At the core is the organization *Corazón*, and its program of building homes for low-income families in Baja. Kathy and her husband Michael have been involved with *Corazón* for several years, and brought the opportunity to get involved to our choir. In conjunction with Trinity Episcopal Church of Orange choir members, the GGSDA choir will present a series of benefit concerts throughout Orange County, beginning October 18, to raise funds for *Corazón* and its programs. In addition, the opportunity to travel to Baja in Spring 2009 to help on a home-build will involve not only choir members, but the youth and young adults as well, who have chosen to include *Corazón* as part of their outreach mission program for 2009.

Comunidad is the philosophy behind *Corazón's* work. People in need do not receive handouts; rather, they participate in programs of assistance that allow people to help themselves. In the process, they help their neighbors and their community to grow and prosper.

Please plan to attend the inaugural performance of "Missionary Journeys With Jesus" on October 18; a presentation of stories of missionaries throughout the world, in word and music. The concert will be during the worship hour in the main sanctuary, with a joint choir and guest participants. This is your chance to not only receive a blessing, but to participate in blessing others, as well.

For more information on *Corazón*, please go to www.corazon.org.



Pathfinders

In the best of Pathfinder tradition, two of our Pathfinders not only were inducted as Master Guides in a ceremony performed by Conference Youth Ministries personnel, but at the same time, assumed the mantle of dual leadership of the GGSDA Pathfinder Club several weeks ago.

Alex Caldwell and Justin Setiawan, long-time members of the Club under the leadership of Sandra Caldwell and her team,

earned the highest rank available in the Adventist Pathfinder system, that of Master Guide, earlier this summer. After gaining experience as Youth Counselors, they were willing to take on the responsibilities of dual Leaders for the 2008-2009 Pathfinder year when the existing team stepped down. Registration was held in September, with 13 kids signing up, and plans are already under way for the NAD-wide Oshkosh Camporee to be held August 11-15, 2009 in Wisconsin.

Please continue to keep the club in your prayers, and watch for opportunities to assist their fund-raising efforts for both Oshkosh and other yearly activities. If you have kids who are interested in joining, be sure to talk to a member of the staff; the club is active, full of energy, a great way to learn about the world, and service to others, and a lot of fun!



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