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Our Vision Statement

United in Christ's Love,

We Reach Up to God

Reach Out to the communities
and the world

Reach Across to touch the lives
of others

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Reminiscing Your Grace...

May 9th **Mother's Day program**

Sabbath School - Testimonies of two mothers



Mrs. Raji Lim had frail health as a child. She was blessed to be adopted into a caring family.



Mrs. Judy Monroe's great grandmother attended an evangelistic meeting and was baptized. She subsequently led her whole family to accept Jesus's salvation. Her mom was a fervent believer and faithful in paying her tithe. She brought up her children in accordance to the verse, "teach the children the way they should go" Even though she succumbed to cancer, she rested in the blessed hope of seeing Christ face to face.



Song service led by Mr. Daniel Ho and Mrs. Maggie Ho; opening prayer by Canaan Lee

Worship Service -



Clayton Koh sang *One Heartbeat at A Time*



Sermon by Canda Lodge entitled "Not Your Average Mother."



Church Choir offered special music with two songs entitled *A Mother's Love* and *I Have Felt the Touch of God*.



A tribute to mothers: mini hand lotions and hand soaps presented by Pastor Kazar.

June 20th **Father's Day program**

Sabbath School - **A Father's Testimony**

Elder Swee-Gin Leong talked about his "Life's Journey." He was born and raised in a poor peasant family, where he had to work to support his education. With the grace of God, he was led to be educated in the Adventist school system and is now serving the Lord fervently.



Worship Service -



Kang Myung Ja, Terrence Tay's hiking team member, sang a solo entitled *Tenderly He Watches*



Pastor Joselito Coo offered pastoral prayer



Terrence Tay preached on " Our Father. "



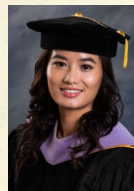
A tribute to fathers: flashlights presented by deaconesses.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2015

Pastor Kazar Ackerman: La Sierra University, Master of Theological Studies; pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.



Breana Chin
La Sierra University graduate; going to attend Loma Linda University Medical School.



Ashleigh Wung
School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University; just got a job in the United States.

Herica Huang: Redlands Adventist Academy; going to major in Biochemistry at Southern Adventist University.

Wei-Te Li, Joshua Yap: Loma Linda University, Doctor of Medicine.



Sidney Lauw
Loma Linda University, Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Elizabeth Yeo: Pacific Union College, major in Health Communication; going to attend Loma Linda University Medical School.

Jonathan Young: Gorman Learning Center (Homeschool), high school graduate.



Anthony Lee
Loma Linda University, Doctorate in Pharmacy.

Samuel Young III: San Diego Point Loma Nazarene University, major in Music & Ministry and minor in Business for Non-Profit; going to study Chinese language in Taiwan.

浸禮



On May 30th, sisters **Jessica** and **Herica Huang** were baptized. Bible studies were given by Sammy and Stephen Young.



On June 20th, sisters **Cindy** and **Deborah Cai**, as well as **Rui-Min Lin** were baptized. Bible studies were given by Elder Alex Chang.

Vacation Bible School

Elijah Yap led a vivacious group of youth and young adults to host our church's annual VBS from June 15 to 19. This year's theme was "Spy Academy: Agents for the One True God." Through stories, skits, songs and Crafts, the Children learned of God's wondrous Creation.



Field Training

Classified Crafts



Care Packages to the Homeless

On the Sabbath afternoon of July 25th, the Community Service Department led a group of participants to San Bernardino to hand out care packages to some homeless people. The packages included Bible tracts, personal hygiene items, snacks and water bottles. As they handed out the packages, they were able to pray with them. Unfortunately, they were unable to pass out care packages to everyone there as their supply was limited .



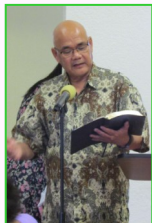
Friday Family Vespers

The Department of Family Ministry held its first vespers at Elder Bernard Yap's residence. Among the vespers attendees, three participated in the impromptu skit, "The Prodigal Son." Afterward, the attendees focused on discussing the story and its characters. Everyone enjoyed it so much that they urged for another such vespers to occur.



Afternoon Tea Gathering

On August 15th, the Women and Men's ministries held an afternoon tea gathering in the church fellowship hall. All the attendees brought their fine china tea sets, flavorful teas and exquisite desserts. On top of the tea and desserts, some testimonies were shared:



Terence Tay combined the first two chapters of Genesis and the last two chapters of Revelation to describe the lost and the renewed Garden of Eden. Because of the grace of God, mankind has the opportunity to live in paradise with our Creator.



Ana Sanchez, a single mother, gave thanks to God for His care and answered prayers.



Mani Winters prayed unceasingly for her daughter. Now her daughter is happily married.



When Bing Lauw traveled to China, he did not forget to sow the seeds of the Gospel through passing out Bible tracts.



The table display was created by Ana Sanchez.



Canaan Lee shared his experience of relating to people.

He suggested the following :

1) Find a common interest to open the conversation to maintain friendships. 2) Treat others with compassion and sincerity, lending a helping hand when appropriate. 3) Passing out the Bible and tracts whenever possible. He also reminded us never forget to pray, invite friends to church and offer Bible studies.



Nancy Chan prayed and solicited others to pray for her premature grandson. He was able to regain his health.



Lucille Li prayed with her prayer partner about improving the communication between her and her sister. God answered her prayer.



Jane Koh offered benediction.



Ice-cream Social

On the evening of August 15th, the Social Committee hosted an ice-cream party right after the Afternoon Tea Gathering. Many young people came to join and all had a great time enjoying ice-cream and catching up with each other.



On July 25th, our already vibrant **Chi-Fu Choir** traveled to San Diego Chinese Fellowship for special music. They visited the San Diego Park after church.



Photo courtesy: Connie Ung

Weekend Health Seminar



Dr. Clarence Ng, former Medical Director of Weimar Institute's NEWSTART Lifestyle Program, held a health seminar on May 1st to 3rd. The seminar included many helpful topics such as: living a healthy life through preventive measures, precursors for cancer and heart disease, plant nutrients and the immune system, and carotid duplex scans. All those who attended benefitted greatly.

The **Bible Study** series

with Peter Gregory
presented by

Operation Hope International
at Loma Linda Chinese SDA Church

SCHEDULE

Friday evenings and Sabbath afternoons:

Sep 11 and 12

Oct 9 and 10

Nov 6 and 7

Dec 18 and 19