

Dear Church Family,

Blissful and noteworthy events occurred within our church this past weekend and include the following::

DIVINE WORSHIP: On June 29, 2019, Pastor David Kokiong, our Associate/Youth pastor, preached a powerful sermon titled "The Character of Christ, Part 1."

CHILDREN'S CORNER: Grace Consignado gave the children's story during the Divine Worship on June 29, relating the experience of a storm during a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee in a tour of Israel a few years back, where most of the tour group were members of Hinsdale Fil-am Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Congratulations to Hillary Basilio and all her assistants on a highly successful Vacation Bible School! According to Hillary there were 69 kids that were enrolled in the 2019 VBS held on June 24-28, 2019 at Hinsdale Fil-am Church. Pictured below are the children and instructors during graduation night on Friday, June 28 at the stage of Hinsdale Fil-am Church. Info and photo provided by Hillary Basilio.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE WORSHIP: tomorrow, Sabbath, July 6, 2019, the message will be delivered by *Chaplain Gregg Aguirre*, his sermon title "**What the Sick and Dying Teach Me About Living**" - Matthew 25:36 (NLT).

BABY DEDICATION SERVICE TOMORROW, Sabbath, July 6, during the Divine Worship. Ezra Nathan Hart, son of Paul and Sarah Hart, will be dedicated to the Lord.

FILIPINO HERITAGE SABBATH: tomorrow, July 6, 2019. Please join us for this special Sabbath celebration as we celebrate our Filipino heritage. Come dressed in your favorite traditional Filipino outfit on that Sabbath. We will have a combined English and Tagalog church service. Stay for the potluck lunch. There will be an afternoon concert from 2-3 pm. Then join us for a Social night you will not want to miss with traditional Filipino food, fashion show, folk dance and Filipino-style Family Feud.

SOCIAL NIGHT: Filipino Heritage Sabbath Social, tomorrow night, July 6, 6:30 pm @ HAA gym. Join us for a special evening celebrating the best of Filipino culture. Enjoy traditional Filipino foods, a cultural fashion show, tinkling folk dance, food competition and Filipino-style Family Feud.

CUPCAKE WARS AND THE GREAT ADOBO COOK-OFF. Social Night, tomorrow night, July 6, 6:30 pm @ HAA Gym. Come prepared with your favorite cupcakes and adobo recipes. Each cup cake entry will be judged on presentation, taste, creativity and overall "pinoyness." You must make at least 12 cupcakes. There will be a children/youth division and an adult division. There will be only one division for adobo and each entry will be judged on taste, aroma and overall "pinoyness."

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MMT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Catalino Bautista, Arlene Martz, Dawn Veal, Jason Goliath, Bing Alabata, Elmer Capina, Liza Dimalibot, Stacey Ghunim. Alternates: Daphne Tessalee, Fred Goliath.

HAA WORTHY STUDENT FUND: Our goal is that every Hinsdale Fil-Am Church child will attend HAA. We have been gifted \$10,000 by a church member with the challenge that we match that amount. The Church Board has voted that we start a fundraising campaign to raise at least \$10,000. The money will be specifically used to help Fil-Am members' children attend HAA. Please donate by placing money in a tithe envelope and marking it "HAA Worthy Student Fund".

HAA SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!!! Hinsdale Fil-Am Church will be sponsoring a school bus service for next school year that will commute from the Bolingbrook area to HAA in the morning and from HAA back to Bolingbrook in the afternoon. The church will be paying for the gas and the fee will be very nominal. We are looking for bus drivers, male or female, who are available. No special license is needed. We prefer someone taking 1 day a week, both am and pm shifts but we are flexible. We already have 3 drivers and we would like at least 2 more. Please contact Pastor Glenn or Jason Goliath for any questions.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, 7:00 pm, at the church fellowship hall.

PHOTO GALLERIES FOR CHURCH EVENTS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. According to Tim Veal, who is in charge of our website, photo galleries can now be accessed through the following link: <http://hinsdalefilam.org/galleries>.

OPEN LETTER FROM PASTOR GLENN AGUIRRE, OUR SENIOR PASTOR:

July 3, 2019

Dear Church Family,

Greetings and blessings to you all in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! I certainly hope that all of you are doing well and enjoying your summer so far. It is HOT!

I am hoping to send you a "*Middle of the year State-of-the-Church Letter*" every year. I am always looking for ways to improve communication. With a church as lively and dynamic as ours, it is very difficult! But I definitely want you all to know what's been going on and hear it from me. Thank you for your time and attention!

Church wise - we are doing well. Our Summer Small Groups this year aren't many, but I'm getting good reports from the ones who are involved. This is our second summer doing small groups - and expect that we will continue this ministry every year.

Along with small groups - expect that every year we will have some type of Fall Evangelism Series. This year we will be having a **10-Weekend Series, starting August 31 and ending on November 2**. 10 Weekends! We have some powerful guest speakers coming... as well as myself and Pastor David preaching the gospel and calling for decisions. This is a perfect time to be inviting friends to church! And please, most of all, be praying for all who need to make decisions for Jesus.

I'm also excited to let you know that we have met a company that may be helping us with our move to a new facility. This is very exciting for us, and because it's just the first steps, there's really nothing to report except to let you know that we have started the long process. Pray for G-d's Will to be done!

Something I don't want to forget... **our final Sabbath for our HAA Fundraiser is THIS Sabbath, July 6!** I want to encourage all to give what you can. There are young people in our church who we believe could really benefit from an Adventist Education. Thank you for your support.

Let me finish with some personal things on my plate. As most of you know I am the Area 5 Ministry Leader for the Illinois Conference. If you don't see me and my family on any given Sabbath, chances are I am preaching at another church. It is a blessing for me to serve in this capacity, but I, WE!, really do miss our Church Family when we're gone!

And the last thing. I have also been asked by the Conference to be involved in a Church Planting initiative. This process has just been started, so there is not much to report, except to let you know that this is an additional responsibility for me.

Church Family... I want you all to know how happy my family and I are that we have been here for 2 years. 2 years! Where did the time go? And we anticipate the future to hold more blessings and experience more power - because **we believe the greatest years of Hinsdale Fil-Am are ahead of us!**

Thank you all for your support, for your prayers, and for joining us on this journey. May G-d always get the glory in His Church! Oh! And let's get ready to enjoy Filipino Heritage Sabbath and Weekend in a couple days! (you don't want to miss my brother's messages starting Friday night!)

Glenn Aguirre

Senior Pastor, Hinsdale Fil-Am SDA Church

"We should love and respect one another, notwithstanding the faults and imperfections that we cannot help seeing." Steps to Christ p, 121

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND:

NOTE: For a complete list of upcoming events, please go to: www.hinsdalefilam.org and then click on Calendar.

Church schedule for this coming weekend (July 5-7)

Friday night:

7:00 pm - **Friday CONNECT, tonight, Friday night, July 5**, Chaplain Gregg Aguirre, speaker.

Sabbath services:

9:15 am - Sabbath School

9:20-9:50 am - Kids Praise Time

10:30 am - Church Ministry Spotlight

10:45 am - Divine Worship - Speaker - Chaplain Gregg Aguirre - **"What the Sick and Dying Teach Me About Living"** - Matthew 25:36 (NLT)

12:30 pm Fellowship lunch

Fellowship A (Kitchen)	Fellowship B Overflow	Cradle Roll	Earliteen	Youth Room	Sanctuary
2 pm No Gintong Buklod meeting					2 pm Musical Concert, Filipino Heritage Sabbath

LOOKING AHEAD

SUMMER CAMP AT AKITA will be here before you know it! We can't wait to see what God has in store for all of our campers. We're excited to announce our newest additions to the summer activities: Gymnastics and Nature Center. Registration is open! For more information on choosing the camp of your choice, visit www.campakita.com , call (630) 856-2857, email youthdept@ilcsda.org.

OUTDOOR SABBATH, July 20, 2019. Please join us for church outdoors. Bring a lawn chair, your Bible and potluck lunch. We will be having Sabbath School and Church services outdoors. Our church building will be closed on this Sabbath. Location: Dupage River Park - 808 Royce Rd, Naperville, IL.

FAMILY LIFE WEEKEND: August 2-3, 2019. Guest Speaker: Pastor Elden Ramirez, President of the Montana Conference.

PATHFINDERS — Don't miss the 2019 Chosen International Camporee in Oshkosh, WI, August 12-17, 2019! Register today at Camporee.org.

Happy Sabbath to all. Have a great Filipino Heritage weekend,

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