
THE GRACE COMMISSION

JULY 2024



A SUNNY SUMMER RETREAT

This July, we held our 2024 Summer Retreat! From worshipping by the beach to riding with dolphins out on sea, we had such a blessed time of rest and fellowship. Thank you to everyone for making it so special-- especially to those who served on the praise, media, food, leadership, and pastoral teams.

If you'd like to watch the full retreat video, you can find it on our website!





Reflections on the Retreat



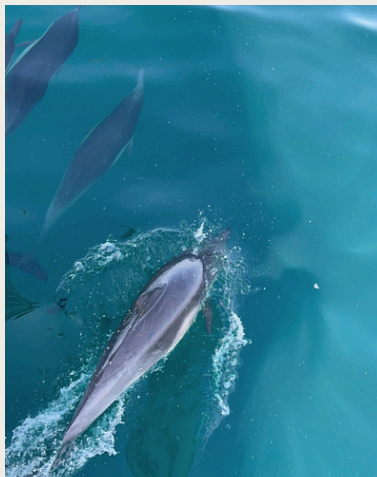
THIS year's summer retreat was special and transformative for me in so many ways. I have been to so many retreats as a Christian over the years, but I have never experienced a retreat like the one we just had. To be able to spend 4th of July at the beach, see fireworks, go on boat rides, go to the Ronald Reagan Museum, and enjoy excellent fellowship and worship all in 3 days, was truly amazing. Many of these things I tried for the first time, even though I've lived in SoCal for so long. It was also very special because we had the opportunity to do the retreat together with ISBC [our neighbor church]. One of the things I think about often and try to do more of lately is to spend time and make special memories with my aging parents and in-laws as well. We are grateful because this retreat provided the opportunity for my wife and I to do just that.



Thanks to the retreat, many of us who would not have been able to enjoy a vacation or time away with our families this year, got the opportunity to do so. Pastor Prashant, who came as our guest pastor to help run the youth and children's program at the retreat, initially told me that he was not going to be able to celebrate his one-year anniversary with his wife, due to his work; but because of the retreat schedule, they were able to celebrate.

Many of us who were in desperate need to experience God in a profound way had the opportunity at retreat, thanks to the uplifting worship that we enjoyed for 3 days. We were able to disconnect from our busy lives and reconnect with our loved ones, our church, and of course with God, once again. To enjoy the things that are most precious and special to me - God, family, and my church family - was the greatest gift I received from God this year! I really felt blessed and loved by God. Thank you, GBC, for putting this retreat together and for helping me experience God's love and grace beyond measure. Go GBC!

PASTOR DAVID LEE





Becca Saves the Day!

a story of God's provision

On Day 2 of the retreat during the boat ride, there was some trouble back at the hotel due to complaints from neighbors about one of our dogs barking. Edi Chen would like to share this testimony of how God provided in the situation:

ON July 5, as I was driving back to Hampton Inn to pick up lunch, right after leaving the pier and before even reaching the 101, Siri started sending and reading urgent messages from the hotel, one after the other... [the hotel threatened to remove the dog from the premises if someone did not immediately resolve the barking issue.]

After some quick texts to Becca and many prayers, Becca - who was the only one available at the hotel - went to the room where the dog stayed. According to Becca, he needed to go to the bathroom- and she was able to retrieve him without getting bitten!

Thank God Becca was there to save the day.
A testament to God's grace during this crisis.
1 Kings 19:1-8

EDI CHEN



MISSIONS SUPPORT



Pastor Luis
Grace Bible Church

This month, we had the pleasure of hearing from guest speaker Pr. Luis Rivera! We're grateful to him and his family for their continued love and support. On 8/30-9/1, we'll be having our Tijuana missions trip to support their ministry. Please speak with Edi Chen if you're interested in attending.

Pr. Luis Rivera, *Iglesia Misionera Bet-El, Tijuana, Mexico*

Thanks to your generosity, we sent over 10 children to the Libertos Kids Camp in São Paulo, Brazil this summer!

Thank you also to our missionaries who are faithfully serving God's kingdom all over the world. Let's continually lift up our partners in Christ through prayer, giving, and encouragement.



Pr. Hsiung Huang, *Libertos Kids Camp, São Paulo, Brazil July 2024*



UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS

August 7-10 Wed-Sat

Wed-Fri 6:00pm-8:30pm

Sat 2:00pm-5:30pm

Register online to participate
or volunteer

LIFE GROUPS

Week of Aug 14

Book of Joseph

Please see Pr. David if looking
for a group

PARK DAY

August 24 Sat

OC Great Park
After church service
Join us for volleyball
& fellowship!

MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP

Aug 30-Sept 1 Fri-Sun

Tijuana, Mexico

Please speak to Edi Chen if
interested in attending

CHURCH CLASSES

Sept 7 Sat

3 months

Saturdays at 12:15pm

The Basics of Christian Life
Ted Ferguson

