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CHOSEN FOR HIS GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:4



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR KO

“Chosen for His Glory!”

This was our theme for 2017 that kept our church focused on the ultimate destiny for which we were chosen by God before the foundation of the world “that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love... to the praise of the glory of His grace.” (Eph. 1:4-6)

To be chosen by God is the highest privilege anyone could ever receive. Jesus told His disciples, “You didn’t choose Me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last...” (John 15:8). We were not chosen to just sit back and look good, but to go out and bear fruit that will last. To be chosen is a privilege, but more importantly, it is an appointment to produce fruit to glorify the Father.

“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.” (John 15:8)

I am blessed to report that the Father was glorified this past year by the “much fruit” that was produced in our church both at home and abroad through our mission works. As you read through the reports submitted by our pastors and department heads, all glory goes to our heavenly Father who gives us the privilege to serve Him.

Missions continues to be our top priority both in giving and going. We are on target to plant 20 churches by 2020. Praise God! The two Gideonite teams we sent out the previous year returned after successfully planting a church in Mexico and Western Samoa. At the end of December, we sent a team to plant a church in Okinawa, which was our fourth church plant in Japan.



"...thank you God for the privilege of serving you and thank you First Assembly of God ohana - we are blessed to be your pastors!"

Our total missions offering received was \$1,427,619 which is slightly higher than the previous year and inclusive of church tithe of 14% to mission. The graph in our financial report points out two important trends that is worthy to note: the increase in our mission's giving and the decrease of our debt by \$143,590. All glory to God for the great things He has done.

Our Shelter project for the homeless slated to be built on our Windward property continues to make progress. Following our presentation to the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board, the church was granted a Temporary Use Approval (TUA) and the Special Management Area (SMA) permit. We are in the final stages of receiving the building permit to begin constructing the 12 igloo style domes. Once completed, we will be able to provide transitional shelter for women and children. I would like to thank Group 70 for donating their architectural services for the entire project. I also want to thank Ps. Daniel Kaneshiro (Shelter director), Princess Rodrigues (program director), many compassionate volunteers and the multitude of generous donors who gave toward the cost of the project. I am blessed to report that we have reached our goal of \$500,000 Glory to God!! Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40)

Developing believers to be leaders is the engine to the vision. Without discipleship and leadership development, there is no way we could do the things we are doing today. I want to thank my pastors and staff for always going above and beyond the call of duty to serve God and the church. I also thank all of our faithful and fruitful Care, Net, and Ministry leaders who are the backbone of the church. Like I always say, it takes a teamwork to make dreams work.

We had a total of 1,273 visitors on Sundays (not including our seasonal outreaches: Easter outreaches, Vacation Bible School, Hallelujah Night, and Christmas production); 153 men and women attended our six Men's and Women's Encounters; 88 water baptized; and 26 commissioned as new Net Group Leaders.

It's hard to believe this year's Annual Members' Meeting will be my 23rd anniversary from when I was voted in as senior pastor. It has been an exciting journey when I think about where the church was back then and where it is today. I am truly humbled that God would choose me to have the privilege to be a part of "His story."

Blessings!
Pastor Ko

RED HILL MAIN CAMPUS

Pastor Daniel Kaneshiro

First Assembly of God has been CHOSEN to move from BOLDNESS to make a difference in our Jerusalem as well as the four corners of the world. At our Red Hill campus, the journey continues to execute on our callings to which we are CHOSEN. There is hardly a weekend when we do not have a conference or other event happening at our campus.

Christmas Lights Glow Brighter!

The "Lights on the Hill" continued to grow in popularity as we expanded our Christmas light show at Red Hill. "The Little Drummer Boy" was added to our series of computer animated LED songs and drew much excitement when the picture of Mary and baby Jesus was visible in the light display.

Ps Horace and Rexie Gomez of Steadfast AV also created a new Christmas light display in the courtyard. This musical winter wonderland was complete with Santa's igloo, a light tunnel, giant snowman, and many other light and music enhanced displays.

Sanctuary Improvements

Because the Red Hill building is about 30 years old, many facility based projects were targeted towards upgrades and replacement of structures and equipment that near end of life. This includes the air conditioning infrastructure and public areas such as restrooms.

We are now planning to integrate additional classrooms (ie. Science) for Christian Academy by using portable units to be located on the lower parking lot area. The storage containers will be relocated to the edge of the upper field.

The master plan still includes the planning for a multi purpose gym in the future. Continue to pray for wisdom and resources for all our projects! God at Work!



THE SHELTER

First Assembly of God

EST. 2015

MINISTRY

Pastor Daniel Kaneshiro

The Shelter Goes Live!

It was in 2015 that Ps Ko birthed the vision of THE SHELTER! And despite a journey filled with many labor pains, the dream is finally becoming reality.

Our regional church in Kahalu'u is home to twelve domes that will be housing nine single mother families with children. Vetting will be done by IHS and participants will be drug and alcohol free, able and willing to work and acknowledge that this is a God centered program.

Much public attention has been given to the SHELTER and news of the project has hit TV, radio and newspapers across the nation. Locally, Governor David Ige and Mayor Kirk Caldwell have both visited the dome as well as many legislators and city staff. All are excited about the prospects for modeling additional sites after THE SHELTER.

We have had many meetings with the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board and are addressing their concerns. We will continue to work with our neighbors to ensure a safe and secure environment.

Detailed planning is under way relating to feeding and laundry schedules as well as personal development, home finance, parenthood and spiritual growth classes. The resources for the learning environment will come from multiple churches and organizations that want to be a part of the solution to homelessness.

Several churches are also participating by sponsoring domes. They are Calvary Assembly, Waianae Assembly, Cedar Assembly, New Life, Inspire at Waikale, New Hope Windward and First Assembly of God. Two families have also personally sponsored a dome!

As the first location is finalized, we are already in discussions with other opportunities for land in the Leeward, Honolulu and Central plains. We have also received inquiries from neighbor islands.

We know that this is God's SHELTER!

In the future, we will open up participation to the elderly and men.

God is in control!



“I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19



WINDWARD REGIONAL CAMPUS

Pastor Horace Chee-Manuia

God is doing a **NEW THING** in the Windward region. My wife, Talei and I have been privileged to pastor this region since January 2017 and we've seen God's hand move mightily. Windward was the 2nd of 6 regions opened. With the many changes of leadership it has gone through, the people are still resilient in their love and service to God. They welcomed us with open arms and readily embraced the “NEW THINGS” God has placed on our hearts.

In the few months we've been here, we've been able to kick-start a few projects. We now have a brick patio with pallet benches and a fire pit for outdoor events thanks to Net Kalepoo, Alan Koki and a few other men. With the limited space we have, this patio will go a long way to help facilitate the different ministries and events. We've also been able to renovate and relaunch our Nursery Ministry headed by Dana Christiansen, upgrade our sound equipment and we're currently renovating our stage to have a more modern and welcoming look.

Our focus as a region is to do everything we can to make sure our visitors feel God's love as they enter. So all our current ministries are going through a revamp. Led by Shena Apao, the Worship Ministry has started vocal training and teaching instruments every Thursday. We were able to restart the Hospitality Ministry led by Leah Sales, who's doing a great job feeding everyone. We have a volunteer, Jennifer Pierce, who comes in weekly to clean and prepare the Sanctuary for Sundays. Jen and her family are brand new to the region along with five other families. We've also restarted Food for Friends where we take groceries to families across the road and pray for them. Our Friday night youth services minister to about 25-30 children and youth on a weekly basis. We also did our First Family Camp in July and had over half the church come for a great time of fun and fellowship. But what excites me the most is being able to live stream our Sunday Services through Facebook Live, which reaches over 200 viewers every Sunday!!! The Gospel is being preached, even through Social Media!

God is definitely doing a “NEW THING” in the region. I'd like to thank Ps. Robert & Sis. Liz for the work they had begun and all we're doing is building on that foundation. **TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY, HONOR AND PRAISE, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN!**

CENTRAL OAHU REGIONAL CAMPUS

Pastor Scott Sonoda

This was a year of coming and going at First Assembly of God Central Oahu. Although we had seven families leave us due to either military deployment or logistical changes, God continues to build His church by His faithfulness. We had over 52 new visitors this year at our Wahiawa campus and three of those families became bona fide voting members of First Assembly of God. Missions continues to be the heartbeat of Central Oahu. Six of our members went on Short Term Missions and three have continued to be on the field for long term missions. Our afterschool tutoring program, "Winners Club" continues to teach the children in our neighborhood about the ways of our Lord. A new ministry that was recently started is our very own Hula Halau under the direction of Dana Pancho. It has really been a blessing especially to the military families that come from the mainland. They get to see a part of the culture of Hawaii as they attend our Sunday services.

Because of our "Free in Christ" prison ministry, the Wahiawa campus continues to be a home for men and women and their families that come out of the incarceration system in our state. Our prison ministry continues to go into our state prisons at least four times a week providing a church for those in the incarceration system. Then, we are here for them when they are released.

My wife, Debbie and I continue to be thankful for the privilege of serving the people at Central Oahu. We are very blessed that God has raised up such wonderful leaders that serve in various ministries. I would also like to thank the faithful volunteers in each ministry for their sacrifice and commitment to the Lord. They all play a vital role as "Kingdom Builders." One day this season for Debbie and I will come to an end, but until then, each day, week, month and year it is an honor to be "Chosen for His Glory"!



LEEWARD REGIONAL CAMPUS

Pastor Mel Corpuz

"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you." John 15:16

We are so privileged that God has chosen us to reveal His Glory in and through us to our community. This year Victor Groves was appointed as the pastor's assistant for the Leeward region. He previously ministered with Ps. Lynne Higa at First Assembly of God Hamakua where he was truly a blessing. Victor has been assigned as our Outreach Coordinator for our region and is doing an incredible work.

This year we were able to do three Easter Egg Outreaches in our Community: Onelauena Transitional Shelter, Ohana Ola Kahumana Transitional Housing and Makakilo Community Park. We haven't done an outreach in parks for many years, but we took a step of faith and nearly one hundred fifty from our community were in attendance. We were able to see many accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and many others rededicated their lives as they heard the Easter message.

On the last Saturday of each month, we continue to have Food for Friends at the Onelauena Transitional Shelter led by Marlowe Arreola, and we have a team in Kaelaeloa and Ohana Ola Transitional Housing in Waianae led by Donald and Junelle Akiona. We are able to serve physical food for the body and spiritual food for the soul. We would also like to thank and appreciate all of our faithful Church Workday volunteers which is lead by Bernie Hvidding. They have done so much to improve and repair our regional center.

This year we were able to send out two Short Term Missionaries; Sandra Ruiz who went to Canada and Aleiah Visoria who went to the Philippines. The Marshallese ministry led by minister Gabriel Jorbwoj, is continually growing as they reach out to the Marshallese people in the Makakilo area. In addition, we were able to welcome back our Gideonite, Nicole Knox-McCallister from her one year mission in Mexico. She is now making an impact in the Youth Ministry, Worship Ministry, and many outreaches. Lastly, we would like to congratulate Theresa Benito, Kendra Poai, Susanna Tamapua, and Junelle Akiona for being commissioned to go and bear fruit in their newly appointed Net Groups.

I would like to thank all of our faithful and loving members, committed volunteers, and our dedicated leadership team who have served so faithfully throughout the year because they are Chosen for His Glory!!



EAST HONOLULU REGIONAL CAMPUS

Pastor Atama Vakalalabure

This past year has been a year of growth and sowing seeds into the community. Through the various activities and outreaches, the church has been shining for Jesus. I am truly grateful to our East Honolulu church family for all they have done to create a loving environment that cultivates a hunger for truth, love and community. I especially want to thank my leaders and ministry volunteers. Without them the church cannot function. We also bid farewell to Ahoafi Langi and his family for all they have done these past three years. The seeds you have sown will be harvested by many. Ofa Atu.

School Clean-Up and Volunteer Work

Once a month our region helps to clean up the cafeteria and grounds of Koko Head Elementary School where we have Sunday services. We also partner with the school principal for special projects which has really helped to solidify our relationship with her and the school staff. One project we do each year along with other school volunteers is their Keiki Carnival. They have really appreciated our help and we know we have been a blessing to them.



Easter Outreach and Movie Night and Carolling

Our annual East Outreach has been something the community looks forward to attending. This year Councilman Trevor Ozawa paid a visit with his keikis who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We created a family atmosphere that was interactive and fun with a lot of happy kids that got a bunch of candy and prizes. The best part of the night was the many salvations that happened. Our Movie Night was something new but those who attended enjoyed themselves and asked for more family nights like this. Our 2nd annual Christmas Caroling was a hit with neighbors at Kuliouou Street

Church Vision

We have a few new families this year and several have attended an Encounter. Others have attended Membership classes and six got baptized a few months ago. Praise God we are seeing a more sincere commitment to Net Groups with four new Net Group leaders being commissioned.

We have a growing Children's ministry and recently saw the need for nursery ministry as we have welcomed three babies so far (Ezra, Eli, Tuamu) we are also expecting two more babies in December so our Church family is growing and being fruitful. Although we have seen members move out of state or return to the Red Hill region, we are excited to see our young believers mature and our Young adult leaders rise up into leadership roles in the region.

We thank Ps. Ko for his obedience to the vision of six regions. His support of East Honolulu is bearing fruit that will remain. We ask for your prayers as we seek to start our youth group and School for Christian Growth classes the second half of the year.



METRO

REGIONAL CAMPUS

Pastor Andrew Yasuhara

This past fiscal year marks a major turning point in our five year history as a region. For the past four years, Metro has been meeting on campus at the University of Hawaii. In that time, Metro has been asked to move seven times. So in lieu of that, God led our region to its current property at the former Heald College. For the first time, Metro is no longer portable, but has found a home where we could have Sunday services, Net Groups, worship practice, Relite practice and so much more.

Metro is now located in the heart of Honolulu where hotel workers, tourists, and students flood the street corner of Kapiolani and Keeaumoku. There is also a homeless influx, drug use, and prostitution in the area; it is an intersection that never sleeps. God has given Metro a fantastic opportunity to be a shining light in the midst of great darkness.

In September 2016, Metro launched a small group series called The Alpha Course. This is designed to be an evangelistic tool in small groups. We launched over eight Net Groups and on some weeks we had more people in Net Groups than on Sunday morning. People were inviting their friends and colleagues and many started to follow the Lord. It was amazing to see the momentum that was generated as people who had serious questions about God were able to come and find answers but more importantly find community.

In November 2016, Metro had its first ever "Be a Man Retreat." Over 30 men attended this retreat that challenged them both physically and spiritually. Carrying a paper that had their struggles and insecurities through each challenge of the obstacle course made a memorable time where men connected with Jesus and each other in a masculine way.

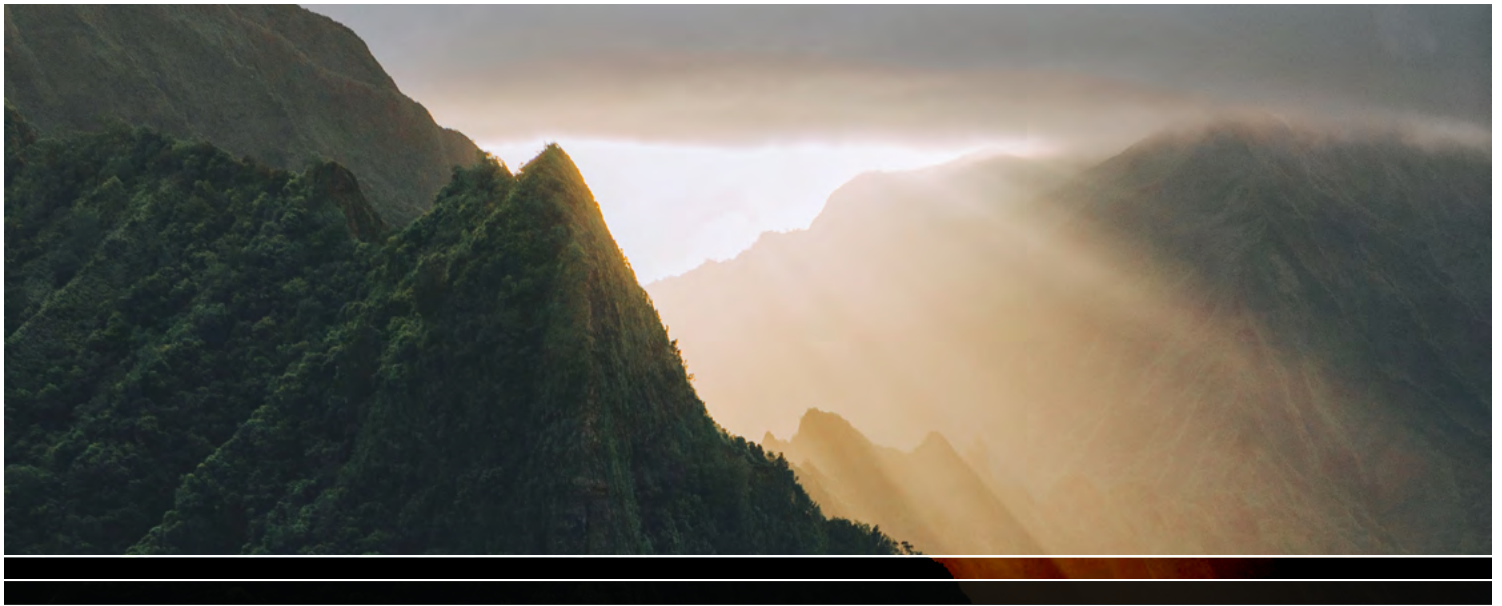
In April, Metro had a record attendance as over 120 people attended our Easter service. Many new people who came for the first time, experienced the love of our Heavenly Father in a real and tangible way. People wept as they saw their hearts "Come Alive" for the very first time.

Metro also saw a record number of men and women go to the first Encounters of the year. More than ten people attended and came back touched, changed and transformed. That is over 15% of the congregation of Metro going through the vision in the span of two weeks!

This past fiscal year was also a year in which Metro saw a dramatic increase in tithes and offerings. We took a measurable step forward to see God increase our giving by 30%.

God has been so good to Metro this past fiscal year. From a new location, to an incredible Alpha Course, to our first men's retreat, to a record breaking Easter Service, to a record number of men and women going to Encounters, and to a record year of giving, God has been faithful. Thank you for all of your prayers and support in watching Metro grow into the region God has called it to be.





HAMAKUA BIG ISLAND CAMPUS

Pastor Lynne Higa

Praise the Lord, in this past twelve months 2016 – 2017 First Assembly of God Hamakua has become the first faith based organization in Hawaii to become Blue Zone approved! It is a national project with the goal of helping people make small changes so we can all enjoy longer, happier, and healthier lives. We have begun to build our community garden and have already seen peppers, lettuce, cucumbers, eggplants, beans, and kalo. It has been a blessing to our neighbors and members to take home fresh produce. After the loss of our riding mower in 2015, God has graciously provided a new mower and security surveillance for our building, which we are most grateful for.

In October 2016, we hosted our largest Hallelujah Night outreach to date with 119 plus children. Christmas 2016 fell on a Sunday, which could have been an additional draw for some churches, or pose too many alternative events competing, we had two new visitors and nine children.

Since March of 2014, Victor Groves had been assigned to assist the Hamakua region. He was able to reach many of the men in the county housing apartments, leading several of them to receive salvation, attend Sunday services, and six water baptisms. In conjunction with the Leader-shift in January 2017, Victor was transferred to the Leeward region on Oahu. We thank God for his service to our community and know he will grow in this new leadership roll.

This year our Sunday services have seen an average of 20 attenders. We are believing God to end the year with a 100% growth, as each one can reach one! We continue to host nine Net Groups, with one additional discipleship hoping to become a Net Group soon. We also had three Holy Spirit baptisms with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and five baby dedications.

Easter 2017, we hosted for the first time a Sunrise Service in the neighboring community park, with an attendance of 15 children and 32 adults. Following the service, breakfast was served as attendees waited for an Egg Hunt Outreach with craft booths, shaved ice, and face painting.

This summer we were blessed and grateful to receive a one-woman STM team, Miss Tatiana Ebott to Hamakua. She had been a big help in hosting Net Group outreaches at Senior Home apartments and low income apartments, at VBS Splash Week, and Youth Night with Teen Challenge. Through her efforts four people were lead to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior in prayer! The church continues to reachout to these today. Our VBS Splash Week brought in an average of 25 children daily. Our Summer Youth Night Outreach had 44 attenders.

Most recently Ps. Ko called for a Bless Your Neighbor Sunday. Hamakua hosted a Neighborhood Luau. Members purchased tickets for their neighbors which included a laulau plate, a “Blessed Neighbor Award” and gift. 10 children, 30 adults, 7 visitors, and 6 returning members attended.

The church continues to meet every Tuesday night for prayer, and hosts Food for Friends outreaches for those in need at the county housing apartments every 4th Saturday of the month. We are blessed to be serving our Lord and community here in Hamakua as a shining light to show the way to live an abundant life.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor Frederick Harris Jr.

In addition to the regional worship teams, we have the Heritage Praise Dancers led by Kiani Keohohou, the Hula-Halau Dancers led by Ziara Ramones and the ReLite Hip-Hop Dancers led by Kaylin Infante. The worship teams together with the worshipful dance groups embody a beautiful display and an expression of worship unto the Lord.

We were blessed to watch the ReLite Hip-Hop Dancers impact the community in a powerful way. Their impact culminated into two dance performances at Ala Moana center stage, which was a collaborative effort with other dance groups around the island. It was wonderful to see how God's gift of dance can be a disarming and uniting tool in the hands (or should I say in the FEET) of anointed worshipers. Great job Kaylin and the ReLite Hip-Hop Dancers. You have left an indelible mark on the community and we look forward to even greater opportunities to minister through the Hip-Hop dance.

Our Hula-Halau Dancers were requested all around the island at weddings, funerals, graduation parties, concerts, various musical gatherings and many other functions. The beautiful music and amazing choreographed hula which is anointed and dedicated to the Lord, has been the staple of the Hula-Halau Dancers here at First Assembly. Thank you Ziara and the Hula-Halau Dancers for connecting with the community through Hula for the glory of God.

The Heritage Praise Dancers always dazzle us with their seemingly simplistic dance moves and signing but, their impact is felt to the core. They are always featured in our Christmas Production with their sparkling outfits. As a result of the inspired dancing from the Heritage Praise Dancers, Gail Nakamura felt led to start an extension to the Heritage Praise Dancers aptly named the Seniors Heritage Praise Dancers. Kiani and Gail brought both groups together for a few ministering performances which was a delight to the church. Thank you Kiani, Gail and the Heritage Praise Dancers for all you do for the glory of God.

Our 2016 Christmas production was a glorious display of lights, sounds and even snow. It literally snowed inside the Sanctuary with the help of modern technology. Each year we slowly increase our Light Show outside the church to draw people to our Christmas Production and give them the opportunity to enjoy the "Lights On The Hill" all season long. As a result, we have seen record numbers of people coming to see what is happening on Red Hill. We had members from all regions participating in many areas of the production with the Worship Ministry leading the way. We would like to thank the Christmas Production Executive Committee (Ps. Janet, Ps. Josh, Ps.s Horace & Talei, Janice Baoec, Ashley Acedo, Rexie Gomez, Brenda & Clifford Abero) and everyone who participated in the Christmas production meetings and various areas of leadership, for a most successful Christmas production. We are grateful for all the people that participated making this outreach a very powerful ministering tool to the community.



Lastly, I would like to recognize our anointed worship teams at all the regions. We are richly blessed to have such faithful ministers of the Gospel in music and song. They meet every Wednesday or Thursday evening to prepare for our Sunday morning services around the island. They are among the first group of people at church in the morning and some of the last ones to leave. All the regional worship teams lead worship on a rotational basis in the evenings at Red Hill. Their dedication and service to the Lord is infectious and I am honored to have them on our team to give satan the proverbial black eye every time we minister from the platform. Thanks to all the wonderful Worship Coordinators at the regions; Bryan Furuhashi, Shena Apao, Francine Cabbab, Ronnie Pascua, and Worship Leaders and Team members for your faithful and tireless devotion to the Lord, the Worship Team and Ministry.

The Red Hill region experienced growth in our Worship Choir. We were able to split the choir into two groups that now minister on a rotational basis. It was a change for the team and we have seen the fruits of our labor as it has enhanced our evening service's worship. I applaud and thank Ps. Joshua and Lasha Harris for their outstanding worship leading at Red Hill and the musicians and singers for all the hard work and going the extra mile this year, all for the glory to God. Janice Baoec, my Worship Ministry Assistant has been invaluable to me and I appreciate all she has done over the many years.

In closing, I would like to say it is an honor to be your Worship Pastor at First Assembly and I am overwhelmingly blessed to serve the Lord, the Worship Ministry and First Assembly of God. I pray that each and every one of you are edified and encouraged weekly in your regions through the worship ministry. Please keep us in your prayers that we may continue to produce awe-inspiring worship unto the Lord, to be led into the presence of God every time we minister, and to encourage many others to join the worship ministry in record numbers in the years to come.



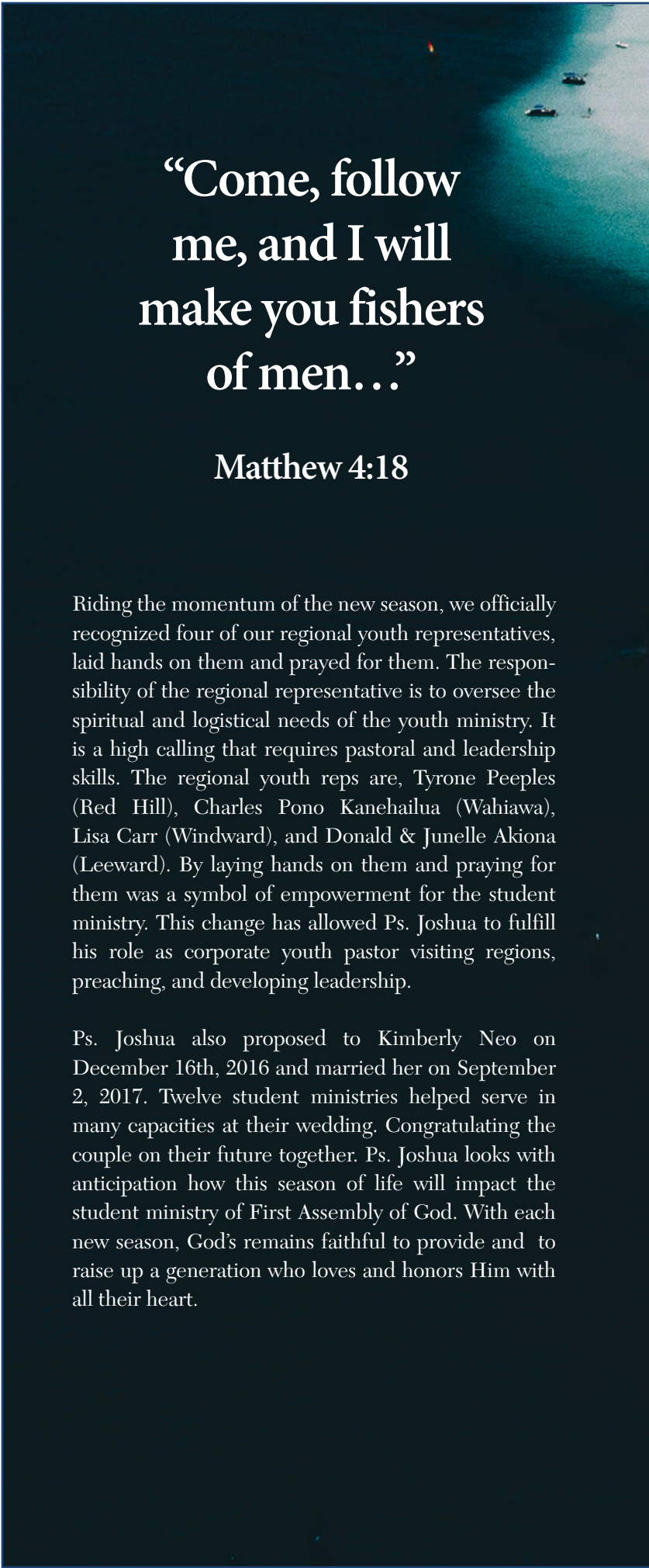
TWELVE YOUTH MINISTRY

Pastor Joshua Ko

The 2016-2017 year can best be described as a season of "Change." Henry Cloud, author of the Boundaries, said, "Everything has seasons, and we have to be able to recognize when something's time has passed and be able to move into the next season. Everything that is alive requires pruning as well, which is a great metaphor for endings." Epic Youth Ministries had a season of incredible fruit, and now the youth ministry at First Assembly of God has taken on a new name **TWELVE Student ministries**.

TWELVE is more than a name, more than a number, it is a declaration that this generation is not just Fans of Christ, but followers. They are not just Christians by name, but Christians by behavior and heart. With Christ's invitation to follow Him, we aim for a lifestyle of following Christ rather than just an event experience or spiritual encounter. We aim to instill spiritual discipline in our students as well as teach them to love and care for each other. We launched Twelve Student ministries during the Spring Camp.

God did a tremendous work at our Spring Camp. With the theme of the camp being 'SALT', we were challenged to be the salt and light of the world, Serving And Leading Together. God really touched many of the students, especially on the last night. Abi Arakawa, youth leader from Leeward Community Church, spoke on the power of the Holy Spirit. The response was powerful, unlike anything that we have seen before. Students were crying, praying, and responding to the Holy Spirit. God really changed many of the students hearts as they committed to following Him wholeheartedly.



“Come, follow
me, and I will
make you fishers
of men...”

Matthew 4:18

Riding the momentum of the new season, we officially recognized four of our regional youth representatives, laid hands on them and prayed for them. The responsibility of the regional representative is to oversee the spiritual and logistical needs of the youth ministry. It is a high calling that requires pastoral and leadership skills. The regional youth reps are, Tyrone Peebles (Red Hill), Charles Pono Kanehailua (Wahiawa), Lisa Carr (Windward), and Donald & Junelle Akiona (Leeward). By laying hands on them and praying for them was a symbol of empowerment for the student ministry. This change has allowed Ps. Joshua to fulfill his role as corporate youth pastor visiting regions, preaching, and developing leadership.

Ps. Joshua also proposed to Kimberly Neo on December 16th, 2016 and married her on September 2, 2017. Twelve student ministries helped serve in many capacities at their wedding. Congratulating the couple on their future together. Ps. Joshua looks with anticipation how this season of life will impact the student ministry of First Assembly of God. With each new season, God's remains faithful to provide and to raise up a generation who loves and honors Him with all their heart.







PROMISELAND

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pastor Trenton Oshiro

This year in Promiseland we have grown in many areas. There were many exciting events and outreaches as well as internal growth with individual children.

Hallelujah Night was record breaking with over 2,800 attendees coming to our Halloween alternative event. Our program tied in well to our Marvelous theme. We had many super heroes come out to fight the "Oppressor." At least 175 children and adults gave their hearts to the Lord, but there could have been many more as getting an accurate count was difficult. That night we featured bounce houses, a petting zoo, pony rides and over 20 game and food booths to bless our community.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a big hit! We had five age groups from one to twelve year olds who picked up 14,000 new eggs that we purchased for the event. Many happy children received TONS of candy, but more importantly many people gave their hearts to the Lord that day.

This year's theme for Vacation Bible School was Build it! A Lego VBS. We were blessed to have a creative team who were all volunteers from our Promiseland Ministry write our Lego themed curriculum. The stage was decorated with giant Lego style bricks and throughout the week our relationship with our heavenly Father was the topic. Our media team and numerous volunteers helped on average 250 children every night to be transported into the land of Legos while having a powerful teaching about God. Games were on the agenda some nights and some of the nights the children were given snacks that they could build with then eat. The best part occurred every night with many salvations, as children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior.

In Promiseland we are striving to see God move in our youngest generation and to see Him captivate the heart of every child. It is our joy to see children not only ask Christ to be the Lord of their lives, but be devoted to Him daily.

HARVEST MINISTRY

Pastor Bill Bannister



THE RED HILL HARVEST MINISTRY is going beyond in reaching out to the city of Honolulu. *"And the Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the Faith."* Acts 6:7.

R-E-A-C-H Ministry is touching the needy and homeless in Kakaako, Aala Park, and IHS. They have ministered to hundreds of souls by distributing sandwiches and the preaching of the Gospel. They also held outreaches in Waipahu, Halawa, and Kam IV communities ministering to over a 1,000 souls with hundreds giving their lives to the Lord. Another part of their ministry is to doing Street Evangelism in Waikiki. I thank the Lord for Joshua Castro and his team for answering the call to demonstrate God's compassion to the lost.

BUS MINISTRY has been faithfully bringing in over 150 saints to church every Sunday. We are believing for more drivers to go beyond so we can bus in more people from extended communities. I thank the Lord for Mitchell Santiago and his team for their commitment every day. Well done!

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST has been going beyond the call to faithfully reach communities every Saturday and bring them in every Sunday to church. They have been going to: Salt Lake, Halawa, Waipahu, Kalihi, Kuhio Park Terrace, Kam IV Housing, Mayor Wright Housing, Kukui Gardens, Pupuole housing, Ani Ani housing, Su Casa housing, Jack Hall housing, and apartments in Waikamilo, Lanakila, Kinau, Pearlridge, and Red Hill. I thank the Lord for this team for going beyond. Next year the goal is to reach 50,000 souls!



FOOD FOR FRIENDS ministers to more than 140 needy families monthly. They give away tons of food, minister in prayer and preach the Word of God. Thank the Lord for Sam and Mickey Kapuaala and their team, the Worship Ministry and all the volunteers who come out each month. Keep up the good work.

SATURDAY SOULWINNING TRAINING is for believers who want to learn how to do personal witnessing, house to house evangelism, and community outreaches bringing in souls for the kingdom. This year they have trained 40 disciples for the work of the ministry. I thank the Lord for Clifford Lum, for having such a passion to disciple believers in soul winning.

DRIVERS –SAFETY and MAINTENANCE is for all people who drive our church vehicles for ministry. This year we have equipped over 55 drivers on church policies, driving safety, and maintaining the vehicles. Thank the Lord for Danielle Merryman who worked tirelessly in putting the material together. I thank all the drivers who are volunteering in serving the Lord.

For the past three years, the Harvest team has passed out close to 30,000 tracts proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Hawaii and beyond.

It has been a wonderful year reaching out and going beyond for the Glory of God. Thank you First Assembly of God for your prayers and support. All the glory belongs to the Lord for all the great things He has done.



FREE IN CHRIST PRISON MINISTRY

Pastor Scott Sonoda

"Free in Christ" Prison Ministry of First Assembly of God, continues to move forward as the Lord leads. This has been the first full year that we have been going into the Women's Community Correctional facility in Kailua. Every Thursday night from 6 to 8 PM we get to bring the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to three different modules that house over 400 women from our state. That has prompted our Senior Pastor, Klayton Ko to open up the "House of Ruth." This will be a discipleship home for women who have been following the Lord while incarcerated to help them transition back into society. We do not have any women yet as we are still in the planning and preparation stages.

I believe because of the faithfulness and stewardship of "Timothy House," the men's discipleship home, the Lord has blessed us with a new location. It is a fully remodeled three bedroom home in Pearl City directly across from the Pearl City Shopping Center. This location is within walking distance of food, drug stores and banks, etc.

We made two separate trips to Arizona in 2017 to visit over 1,500 men from Hawaii that are incarcerated in Saguaro Prison. In nine years of prison ministry, we have ministered to over 30,000 men and women and more than 1,300 men and women from Hawaii have either given their life or recommitted their lives into the care of our Lord.

WORLD MISSIONS

CHOSEN FOR HIS GLORY

Pastor Ernie Chow

God chose us before the creation of the world to bring Him Glory by reaching Nations. He predestined us to be His spiritual sons and daughters to raise disciples as we go into all the world.

At the "Igreja Missao Aviva" (Rivival Mission Church) Ps. Celina Takahasi, Sis. Jasmine Harris and Bro. Carlos Felipe da Silva are Chosen for His Glory. God helped them celebrate two Water Baptisms, with 17 people being baptized. plus two Encounters during this last year. They are raising up the next generation to reach Brazil. Bro. Alex da Silva Souza who is 15 years old, is being discipled as a Worship and Youth Leader. As they have prayed, people were miraculously healed in the hospital and a person was delivered from cancer. With Sis. Jamine returning to Hawaii for her sabbatical, the Brazilian nationals are doing the ministry of the church.

Pastor Ko and I were able to visit Kyushu in February to meet Missionary Gonzales and Ps. Sato, the District Superintendent, to discuss future mission possibilities. We met Ps. Atsuya from Osaka in Hiroshima to look at a property that was donated to First Assembly of God. We proceeded to Tohoku to visit Ps. Keizo and Sis. Mami. The Lord is using them mightily to reach Kamaishi and build His kingdom. In Tokyo we were able to meet Rev. Terada, the Japan Assemblies of God Superintendent, Rev. Tamotsu and Rev. Honda. During our meeting they asked us about the possibility of partnering with them to reach Hachinohe.

In February, First Assembly of God hosted our first Northern Asia Pacific Conference with international speakers and our pastor's from Japan; Ps. Atsuya, Ps. Koyama, Ps. Keizo and Ps. Jamie from Ireland. We were blessed with church planting strategies from Ps. Ko, Ps. Seaward, Ps. Shane and Ps. Sandy. Our Mission Conference followed with our mission pastors ministering in main sessions and workshops. They were able to share what the Lord is doing in their lives, ministries and countries.

"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will."





Our Mexico Gideonite team with; Christianna Chamberlain, Chelsey Habenick, Nicole Knox-McAllister and Ashley Togalei Bishop, returned back to Hawaii in March. Ps. Miriam, the team leader, remained in Mexico to oversee the churches that were planted in Xetenco and Hualmalta and to raise up national leaders. Her goal is to plant two more churches next year. Let us continue to pray and believe God to help us reach more souls in Mexico.

In August 2016 and May 2017 the Holy Spirit moved mightily in our Japan Encounters. Ps Mel, Ps Siew Peng, Ps Chizuko and I were able to minister with Ps Atsuya, Ps Koyama and Ps Keizo from Japan. There was an open heaven over the Prayer Mountain in Fukushima and people were touched, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. They were set free and blessed in the Lord's presence. The members from Osaka Bible Church, Kirigaoka Kristo Kyo Kai, Kamaishi Assembly of God were able to attend the Encounter in August and the First Assembly of God Okinawa Church joined the three churches in May. It was wonderful to see our Japanese pastor's learn to flow in the anointing as the Holy Spirit ministered to the people. There is a spiritual change in Japan's atmosphere and it is a new season.

At First Gomti Nagar AOG in India, the Lord has helping Ps. Mohammed and Sis. Mariem Arsad to raise up spiritual son's and daughters to reach India. Ps. Suraj Kumar of First Assembly of God Bijnor, is reaching and discipling national leaders. Recently they were able to start a new house church in Guwari under Bro. Loukush. Next year we are hoping to send a Short Term Mission Team to help the India churches with Vacation Bible School Outreaches for children.

Sis. Ramona Tominiko has returned to Hawaii after laying a strong foundation at First Assembly of God Puipa'a. Bro. Mila and Sis. Rosie Tongamoa along with their son Toto are continuing the ministry there to help disciple national leaders. Bro. Junior Smith and James Tulaga are being trained as missionaries as we prepare them for Bible School. Please continue to pray for the Lord to help us raise up mission churches in Western Samoa and American Samoa.

In the Philippines, Bro. Orlando and Sis. Natalie continue to build His church and are experiencing breakthroughs in their ministry. Their daughter, Princess has returned from Samoa and has been helping to develop Worship Teams, Net Leaders and the Youth Ministry. They are all believing the Lord to do great things.

Ps. Sam and Sis. Lorna are transiting from the TRANALLIANCE Ministry in Dili to Luro to raise up national missionaries. They have registered a NGO(Nonprofit Organization) to do social work in Luro and will be doing a building project to have a place to train national leaders and reach Luro and East Timor.

This year the Lord helped us to send six Short Term Teams to the Nations. Ps. Bill Bannister led a Team to Canada, Sis. Trudi Smallwood took a Team to East Timor. Sis. Lisa Lebruen worked with Ps. Siew Peng Chow to take a Team to Malaysia. Ps. Chizuko Peeples led a Team to Kamaishi, Japan and Bro. David Barayuga worked with Ps. Ernie Chow to lead a team to the Philippines. Ps. Jacob Fesagaiga took a team to Western Samoa. We are so thankful for what the Lord has done this year and for the many lives that have been touched by the Holy Spirit as we are "Chosen for His Glory"



JAPANESE MINISTRY

Pastor Chizuko Peebles

Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the Lord! God is Good!

The Japanese Ministry has been blessed again this past year with God's abundant grace and guidance. He is indeed using our ministry for His awesome glory. God has used our Japanese Ministry in Hawaii to bring a great impact to the lost souls in Japan.

In February of this year, the pastors from three of our Japan church plants attended the Missions Conference in Hawaii. Each of them shared their thoughts and visions and received power and encouragement to accomplish His purpose for Japan.

Our second Encounter in Fukushima took place in May this year. Pastors and leaders, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are rising up as strong warriors to do God's mighty works in this nation.

In December 2016, one of our Japanese leaders, Kazue Okuda became a Gideonite missionary to be sent on a long-term mission to Okinawa where a church has been planted. Since the church was planted, six individuals have received Jesus into their hearts and have been water baptized. God makes miracles happen when we completely put our trust in Him.

In July 2016, God led a Japanese single mom and her family to visit the Convoy of Hope prayer tent here on Oahu where our Japanese ladies were serving as counselors and intercessors. She and her two children connected with our church and were water baptized at the Labor Day church picnic. Today they continue to serve the Lord with us. Praise the Lord!

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Outreach has become one of our major events. In 2016 we were blessed to host six new non-Christian visitors who were able to hear the Gospel and fellowship with us.

In May 2017, we did a Waikiki Outreach together with the Japan Short Term Missions team. We went out on the streets of Waikiki where we sang joyful praise songs and passed out flyers. There is freedom and joy wherever the Holy Spirit guides.

Over this past year, each member of the Japanese Ministry has experienced the goodness of the Lord and was filled with His joy as they put our trust in the Holy Spirit. We are totally excited to see how God will execute His plan for the ministry as we continue to march forward and expect more from Him. As our ministry enters this next season we will; 1) reach out to the harvest in both Hawaii and Japan through discipleship and equipping workers and laborers; 2) raise up an army of warriors for God's kingdom; 3) continue to expand our vision in ways to reach the Land of The Rising Sun!

MARSHALLESE MINISTRY

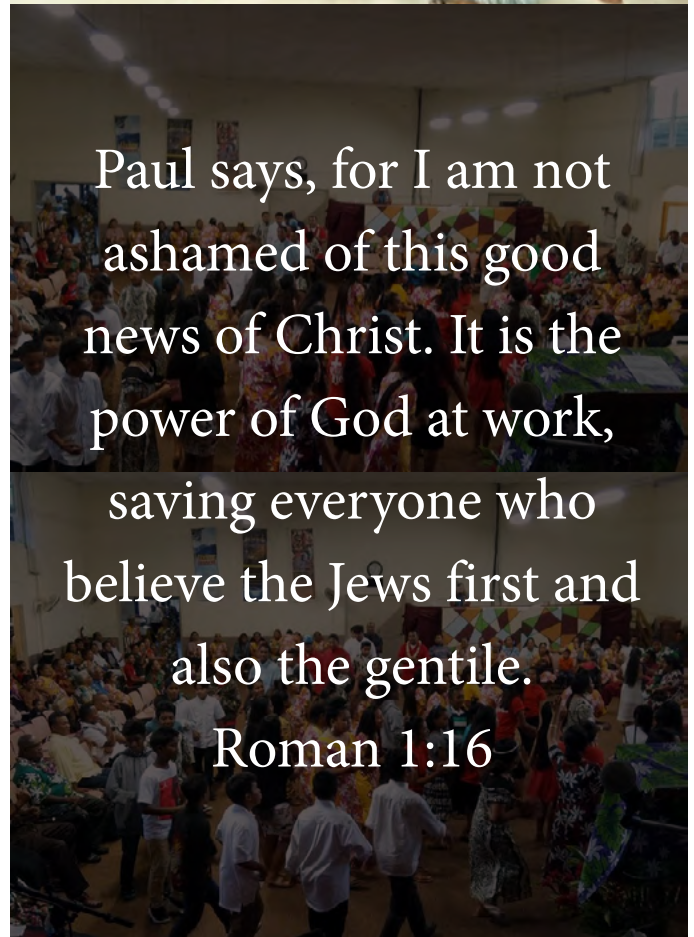
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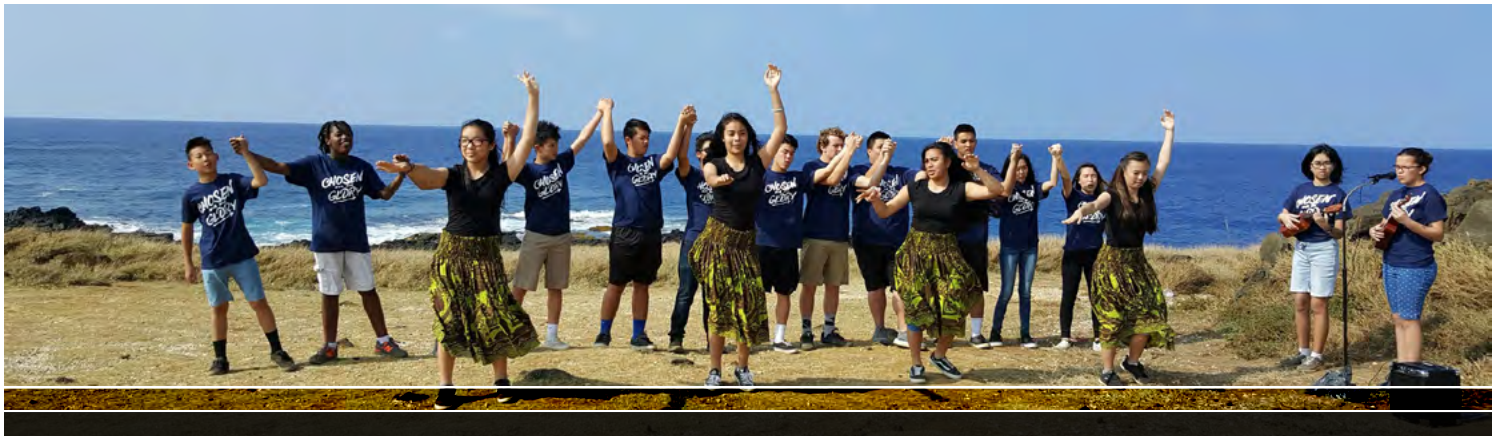
Marshallese Ministry is moving forward with the vision of First Assembly of God. With the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit we are reaching out to the Marshallese community. In December 2016, we held our Gospel Day Outreach and Christmas Outreach. Many people from our Marshallese community here on Oahu have started coming to church. Most of the leadership within our ministry have completed all the required classes to become Net Group leaders. July 2017, the Marshallese Ministry held our third Conference at the Red Hill campus which included all the Marshallese ministries from the Big Island churches. We appreciate all the pastors who attended our conference and for sharing the Word of God to our Marshallese ministry.

These are first two priorities of the Marshallese Ministry

1. To fulfilled the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
2. To take care of ourselves and our brothers and sisters as in Acts 20:28, "So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock his church, purchased with His church, purchased with His own blood over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders."

We have felt the Holy Spirit leading the way in our ministry through the years while fulfilling the vision, planting more churches and reaching out to more souls.





CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

A MIND FOR TRUTH AND A HEART FOR GOD

Rebecca Ducatt, Principal

The 2016-2017 school year began in a SUPERNATURAL way as Ms. Rebecca Ducatt, our new principal, received a confirming word from a total stranger in Washington D.C. that Christian Academy would be a “school on a hill,” where healing, miracles, signs, and wonders would take place among the children! During the Staff Orientation Week in August 2016, there was a palpable sense of awe among the faculty and staff that we needed to make way, as “the King is coming!” God also gave our Student Government president, Jessica Tokuda, a clear word that students at Christian Academy were to be “life giving vessels.” Immediately after school re-opened, during our annual Spiritual Emphasis Week in September, we even witnessed four high school students healed of knee problems as they were challenged to pray for each other!

However, in October 2016, a difficult decision was taken by the School Advisory Board to close our Wahiawa preschool location in light of low enrollment. A few of the Wahiawa students transferred to our Red Hill program during this season.

In January 2017, the leadership of the school sensed that God was calling Christian Academy to pray for a fresh wind of revival to blow over the Hawaiian Islands reminiscent of the spiritual revival that swept through the islands in the 1830s and 1840s. Through a series of “God-incidences” orchestrated by the Holy Spirit, eight key locations spanning the island chain were identified, with a specific mission to have a synchronized prayer event on the morning of Friday, March 17, 2017 to declare God’s LIFE and His BREATH over the islands.

Five prayer teams consisted of our middle/high school students on their week-long mission trip to Westside Christian Center Assembly of God in Kekaha, Kauai Lighthouse Outreach Center in Kapa’a, Lahaina Christian Fellowship in Maui, River of Life Assembly in Pahala, and Glad Tidings Church in Hilo, Hawai‘i. These prayer locations spanned the far northern and western shores of Kauai (Kilauea and Kekaha in Kauai) to the farthest southern and eastern tips of the Big Island (Ka Lae and Cape Kumukahi) and the historically key locations of the Iolani Palace grounds as well as the banyan tree in Lahaina, Maui, while the 4th and 5th graders on their annual Big Island trip were mobilized to pray at Mokuaukua Church in Kailua-Kona, and the preschool and younger elementary students prayed at our Red Hill campus on the same morning.

During the synchronized prayer event, students prayed Queen Liliuokalani’s prayer of forgiveness for her enemies; they asked for forgiveness from God for the historic injustices and sins committed in our land; declared Ezekiel 37 over the “dry bones” of Hawai‘i; sang or signed to a prophetic song Come Alive (Dry Bones); and in some locations, washed the feet of kanaka maoli as a symbolic act of repentance. In each location, students also sang the prophetic song, “Hawai‘i Aloha” and declared Hawai‘i’s motto. Students came home from their mission trips with stories of how God had also revealed prophetic words to them for random strangers, and they were emboldened to pray and witness to many in the various locations they were sent out to!



Shortly after Spring Break, 7th grader Christina Truong was one of only four local spellers who qualified to compete in the Association of Christian Schools International's national spelling bee in Washington, D.C. With new Director of Athletics Tracy Pagud at the helm, three of Christian Academy's athletic teams also shone boldly in sports to become ILH Division III Champions—our Intermediate Boys' Basketball, as well as both the Varsity Boys' and the Varsity Girls' Volleyball teams. In addition, four boys also qualified for the State Cross Country Championships. Seniors Rainena Schenbeck Chang and Isaiah Harris won the ILH Division III Player of the Year award for Girls' Varsity Volleyball and Boys' Varsity Basketball/Volleyball respectively, and several scholar athletes also won other accolades such as 1st team honors in Girls' Varsity Volleyball and Basketball as well as Boys' Varsity Volleyball.

In line with the missions emphasis of First Assembly of God, our students gave generously throughout the year, raising over \$3,800 over the course of the school year to benefit the Aria Children's Fund (to build a clean water system at a high school in the Philippines) and the Boys' and Girls' Missionary Challenge (BGMC) of the Assemblies of God. Our Parent Teacher Fellowship also sponsored several different fundraisers, which resulted in raising over \$17,000 for Christian Academy. The monies will be distributed this fall among the preschool, elementary, middle and high school, and athletics departments.

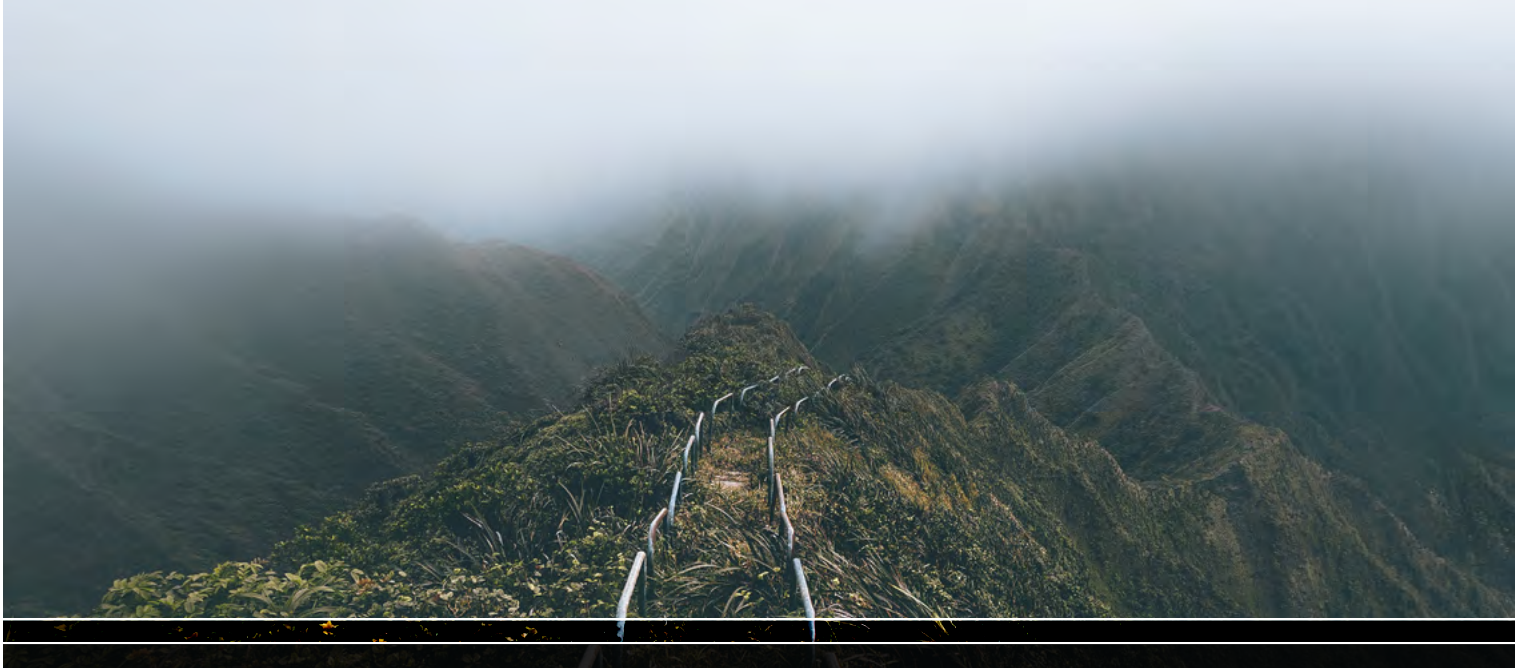
As the academic year came to a close, we were saddened as Miss Linda Kim, our vice principal and former principal, decided to step down from administration and return to the classroom as our new 4th grade teacher. However, it was exciting to witness fifteen seniors graduate from Christian Academy, as well as to welcome Mrs. Candace Yee on board as our new vice principal.

This new school year, God has already shown the leadership that we have barely scratched the surface of how He wants HEAVEN to COME DOWN upon His children. We covet the congregation's prayers as we are already gearing up for Spiritual Emphasis Week in September 2017 as well as to send four mission teams back to Kekaha, Kapā'a, Pahala, and Hamakua in the Spring of 2018. We anticipate greater things as He has truly chosen the students of Christian Academy for His glory!



INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Pastor Siew-Peng Chow



*Our Lord God says in Isa 56:7 (NLT) – “I will bring them to My holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in MY HOUSE OF PRAYER. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because **MY TEMPLE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS.**”* As a church we totally believe and practice what our Lord God says that His house (His church or sons and daughters) is a house of prayer for all nations. FAOG, as His believers and followers not only believe in prayer, we live in prayer and serve Him through prayer. Praise God for the leadership who perpetually puts prayer before the church by teaching, training and also facilitating prayer both on the personal level and also the corporate level. Over the years we have seen the faithfulness of God in pouring out His Spirit of prayer upon the church and through united and corporate prayer we have seen God supernaturally moving and answering prayers.

We have witnessed:

- the church growing in their passion for the Lord and a vision for the lost
- many souls coming into God’s kingdom
- many believers being discipled and raised up as pastors, leaders, helpers and missionaries
- five other regions in different parts of Oahu growing
- missions churches being planted in various countries and growing
- ministries being established and expanding like the Shelter ministry to the homeless
- different generations being reached and touched
- numerous outreaches growing in bringing the Gospel to the lost locally and overseas
- miracles of provisions, healings, deliverances and the impossible taking place
- we are perpetually moving towards increasing prayer and intercession in terms of the Spirit, anointing, faith and practice. There are many occasions of corporate prayer that are instituted into the fabric of our church like the:
 - early morning prayer in various campuses from 6 to 7 am
 - All Night Prayer every other month through out the year
 - a week of Solemn Assembly twice a year
 - intercessory ministry in various campuses

We know that the spirit of prayer will grow and intensify in the church as we believe what Jesus has said that “men always ought to pray and not lose heart”; also “whatever we ask” in His name, the Father will do it.

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