

# Waves of Faith

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*“...what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:4)*

I stepped out of the cabin and into the early morning chill, wondering if I should have put on a jacket. The plants were wet from the morning

dew, but the birds were awake and singing in the forest all around. The sun was shining on the tops of the trees.

In a few steps I reached the rental van and began heading down the short drive to join the larger dirt road. Suddenly a large, black-spotted pig shot across the lane and disappeared into the woods on my left.

Avoiding as many potholes as possible, I soon turned onto a paved road. As the chickens and little chicks scurried away from the oncoming van, I began driving the final four miles to the road’s end. Heading east, the sun now shown over the trees and directly into my eyes, temporarily blinding me. Fortunately, there was no traffic at this hour, and besides, the road led “nowhere”.

Parking in the lot that marked the end of the road, I walked to an overlook and beheld the grand expanse of the Kalalau Valley in Koke’e State Park on Kauai. I had done the same thing the morning before together with my father, but this morning I beheld the wonder of God’s magnificent creation alone—the wondrous,

green expanse of the valley floor bordered by steep, tall ridges as it descended to the ocean, 4,000 feet below. I was looking down into the heart of the Na Pali Coast.

Standing there alone, as the morning sun warmed my face, and the music of invisible birds filled the chilly air, I was overcome with the thrill of discovery! It seemed as if I had just stumbled into something primeval and powerful and I rejoiced in what I had found. In this moment I was the center, and Kalalau existed because I had discovered it.

It only took a moment, however, before a new realization washed over me: that this powerful presence of nature was here millennia before I had ever come to see it, and that it would remain long after I walked the earth. I was moved beyond the center of my own small existence toward the awesome wonder and glory of the eternal existence of God in creation, the true center of all things. Where at first I thought that my “finding” Kalalau had given it significance, I now felt the awesome significance of this place in its own right, and the blessing of just being able to peek over the edge and experience it. I felt small indeed, but secure in the bigger picture of all that God has been doing throughout the eons. What a blessing it is to be personally loved and valued by a God of such dynamic and awesome grandeur! “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

—Pastor Tim †



**MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH LEADER**

Times of change are always bittersweet: while I look forward to begin teaching at Mid-Pacific Institute in August, I'm also sad about leaving the position of youth leader at KCC. The past year has been great fun as well as tremendous growth for me. Looking back through my personal history, periods of growth and challenge are typically accompanied by high stress and anxiety, yet this was not the case this past year. I attribute this anomaly to the kindness and encouragement of the KCC congregation: your support was truly unconditional and gracious. The Youth group and I have always felt loved by you, our church family.

Last month, the Youth group participated in a Ropes challenge at Lani Kamaha'o, and camp director Pat Brown made several observations about our youth that pretty much sums up my experience with the church and the youth.

Working with the youth has made me hopeful. The spirit that built this church—the spirit of cooperation, faith and perseverance, self-sacrifice and love—is still very much alive in our youth. I sincerely thank the people of KCC for a most rewarding year, and for entrusting me with your Youth.

—Susan St. John, Youth Worker †



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Donald Miyaji  
Lillian Wakuzawa, Dean's Mom  
Lois Higa, Ken Nakamatsu's sister  
Scott Ling, Karel's son  
Tracy & Jeff Cloves, Diane Weible's cousins  
Lillian Ishihara



*"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17*



**MAHALO FROM FAMILY PROMISE**



Special thanks to everyone who supported Family Promise week, July 6 through 13<sup>th</sup>. Your generous donations of food items, along with your precious time and talents truly were blessings. We hosted 6 adults and 8 children. We look forward to hosting the families again in October.

—Missions †



*"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". Micah 6:8*



**MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES**



The Trustees will not be asking for a Building Fund offering in August as previously stated.

Thank you all for participating at the Church Cleanup Day on July 17th. Our women did a great job in cleaning the sanctuary and rooms on the first floor. We were able to repair or replace 13 window screens and many window crank mechanisms. The second floor window mechanisms were also oiled and freed. (continued on page 3)

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Stop by the nursery and see how it has been re-painted. The large cabinets have also been termite treated (thank you Susan Morita and the guys who transported the cabinets) and repaired. To April Jessee, thanks for all of your hard work!

Nick Shiroma continues on our roof project, we will be scheduling a roof coating project soon.

Roy Yamauchi will be organizing a second floor railing rust removal and painting effort.

—Roy Yamauchi, Trustee †



**SUMMER OF MISSION/MISSION FAIR**



Our summer of Mission continues and concludes this month. Don't forget to bring your offering to help the schools in Lesotho, Africa. As of the end of

July, we have reached the \$1,150 needed to provide a new 10,000 liter water tank. Our final goal is \$3,900 to cover the cost of drilling a new borehole. Our water jugs will be available through this month for donations/offering. And, remember, it's not just the children of the church who are participating in this but adults too. Many people have shared how they are really thinking about how they use money and something they might be able to give up in order to provide valuable water to the children of Lesotho.

We also have guest speakers during worship this month. Ted Kawabata, a missionary in Japan supported by KCC, will give the message on August 3. Shervelle Gardner, Operations Manager for River of Life will speak on August 17 and Kent Anderson from Family Promise will speak on August 24. The Missions Fair will be held after worship on August 24. Displays to learn more about the Missions we serve and ethnic/cultural pupus will be in Rooms 3 and 4. We invite members and friends of KCC

to join us to learn more and to celebrate the missions we support at KCC.

If you have any questions, please see Chris Nakamatsu or Diane Weible.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special offerings we received this spring. We collected \$986 for the Strengthen the Church offering taken on Pentecost Sunday. We also collected \$1364 in the special calabash offerings to assist victims of the cyclone in Myanmar, the earthquake in China and the tornados in the Midwest. We continue to hold these people in prayer and pray God will use our gifts to bring healing and hope to all the victims through the One Great Hour of Sharing fund.

—Pastor Diane Weible, Missions †



**RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRY**



**KCC Missions Committee** is coordinating an evening event with a ministry service and dinner at the **River of Life Mission Outreach** in downtown Honolulu at 101 N. Pauahi Street, **Thursday, Sept 4, 2008.** We are looking for volunteers to help with the event and the sign up sheet will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary. Donations of towels and clothes are always welcome.

This event is not only a chance to serve the Lord but is a great fellowship for all those involved with the service and dinner. If you wish to learn more about it, please ask anyone on the Mission Committee how you can participate. We would also like to announce that Shervelle Gardner, Operations Manager at ROLM will be speaking at our Sunday service on 17 August in conjunction with the mission's fair to give everyone a chance to learn more about this great outreach.

—Missions ROLM Coordinator †

## Habitat for Humanity



A special thank you to the Deacons Committee led by Jean Sakata for taking time on a Saturday morning in June to make lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers. Approximately thirty volunteers are building a home in Waimanalo for the Gallarde family. Our church has had many groups volunteer to make lunches over the past several years. The Wednesday Morning Bible Study ladies have kindly volunteered their time to make the next Habitat lunch on August 16 at 9 a.m. Mahalo nui to all the generous people at KCC who have helped with this ministry!

**Honolulu Habitat for Humanity** is a grassroots organization affiliated with the worldwide movement of Habitat for Humanity International. Their goal is to use local resources (both labor and financial support) to eliminate poverty housing on Oahu. Habitat recruits help from individuals, churches, and businesses who work together in equal partnership with families in need.

### **How does Habitat accomplish its goal?**

Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat builds homes with the help of the homeowners. Houses are sold at no profit to partnering families, and no-interest mortgages are issued over a fixed period. Currently, a Habitat house on Oahu costs approximately \$85,000. Small monthly payments, including mortgage payments, taxes, and insurance are repaid over 20 years and deposited into a revolving "Fund for Humanity" which supports the construction of more homes.

### **What do partnering families contribute?**

Habitat is not a give away program, but rather a joint venture in which those who benefit from the housing ministry are involved in the work at

various levels. Each homeowner family is required to invest 500 "sweat equity" hours into the construction of their home. This reduces the cost of the house, increases the pride of ownership among family members, and generates stronger relationships in the community.

### **How many homes have been built by Honolulu Habitat?**

Sixty-one homes have been completed since 1988. Honolulu Habitat for Humanity will build new homes in partnership with three more families in 2008.

### **What is Kailua Christian Church's involvement with Habitat?**

Our KCC members provide lunches for the volunteers who build the houses. Missions Committee budget pays for the groceries. About every 2 – 3 months, a different group at KCC meets at the church kitchen, makes lunch and delivers it to a Waimanalo work site. It only takes an hour or two on a Saturday morning, but many who have volunteered for this project report great satisfaction in knowing they are helping a family to have their own home!

—Barb Gomes, Coordinator †



## ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE

We now have the option of using the services of Susan and Dale Tamashiro of *Blossoming Hope* 45-333 Kaneohe Bay Drive (across Castle High School) Ph: 292-3944. The cost is \$25; however, pick up and delivery to our church must be prearranged with our church office. Checks are to be made and mailed directly to "Susan Tamashiro". Akiko and Myrtle have graciously volunteered to provide pick up and delivery services. Please call Kammy at 261-0125 if you have questions. Mahalo.



**CHRISTIAN ED HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday School**



**Teacher Appreciation Day:** Sunday, August 31 during worship. Join us as we thank our teachers and welcome on board any new comers.

**Promotion Sunday:** Sunday school begins on Sunday, September 7 at 8:45 a.m. Parents and students are invited to gather in the sanctuary for classroom assignments and to meet their teachers.

—Sharlene Yamauchi, SS Superintendent †

*Special note: Adult Sunday school will also begin on Sunday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3.*

**KCC Ohana Nights** will be held on Tuesday nights the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. We welcome everyone to this fun time of fellowship, food, and faith building. We begin at 5:30 p.m. and end promptly at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

—April Jessee, CE Chairperson †



***“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”***

—**Hebrews 4:16**



**NEWS FROM NOELANI JAI**

Noelani is now a full-time pastor at Hope Chapel Huntington Beach.

Her new address is: 8922 Baywood Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Noelani says “We are doing fine - yes BUSY! Instead of a more traditional VBS, I’m trying something different. We are having ‘Summer Musical Camp’ - 10 weeknights in a row in

which we will learn a children's musical called ‘Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission.’ It has an Olympics theme which is partly why I chose it for THIS summer. That following Sunday, we'll perform it at both services. Yikes! The closer we get, the more I realize that we have bitten off a lot! But I am excited, too. With cutbacks in music education in public schools, and kids being so into this whole Disney ‘High School Musical’ phenomenon, plus the proximity in time to the Olympics - I think it will be well. Lord-willing!

Please give my aloha to the Weibles’ and the KCC family!!!”

—Noelani Jai †



**NA ANELA NEWS**

The speaker for Na Anela Support Group for August 23 is Sarah Robinson, who is with the Hawaii Funeral Consumer Alliance. Her topic is “What you need to know about the law, ethics, myth and the reality of funerals in Hawaii.” She does an excellent presentation with much useful information about end of life issues.

The meeting on August 23 will feature speaker, Steve Sugai, licensed massage therapist and former physical education teacher. For the past 30 years Steve has been an expert in pain management, fitness and health. Steve and his family own and operate Shiatsu Therapists of Hawaii. He will be speaking on pain management with shiatsu massage, soft tissue release and kinesio taping.

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. for members and special speakers will begin at 10:30. Please join us in the sanctuary for this event.

—Mary Ann Ishikane †



The nursery is complete and open for children up to age four beginning August 3rd!!!

**KCC SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
06/29	110	14	3
07/06	89	13	7
07/13	87	17	-
07/20	104	10	-
07/27	103	19	-



**ADA'S CLASS**

Ada Lum is a Bible teacher  
with Bible Institute of Hawaii

Sipa sipa is a popular game in the Philippines where a ball made out of leaves is kept in the air by kicking it. Ada Lum, in her course, "Going Deeper with God in the Psalms" used the acronym SIPA to teach us a strategy for hearing God speak to us and responding to what we hear. SIPA stands for:

- S** Select the **SCRIPTURE** to reflect on.
- I** Write down any **INSIGHT** you get.
- P** Respond in **PRAYER** to the Lord.
- A** Decide on an **ACTION** from your insight.

In class we did SIPA with Psalm 91: 1-8. I did the following:

- S** "Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence."
- I** God will protect me from any danger to my life from human enemies or disease.
- P** Dear God, thank you for saving me from the deadly cancer that attacked my body.
- A** I am going to tell others about how God protected me.

What a neat way to study the Bible! Using this strategy I have found reading the Bible a lot more meaningful. Try it!!

—Submitted by Mary Ann Ishikane †



**HOW WE TREAT OTHERS**

A 10-year-old boy entered a coffee shop and sat down at a table. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," the waitress said. The boy surveyed the coins in his hand. "Well, how much is a dish of plain ice cream?" "Thirty-five cents," she replied. The boy again counted his coins. He said, "I'll have the plain ice cream." The waitress brought his order. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress returned, tears welled up in her eyes. There, beside the empty dish, was the boy's three-nickel tip.

We always have a choice about how we treat other people.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

August 2008						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
Diane Weible

**USHERS/GREETERS**

**AUDIO**  
Jane Shiroma  
Jane Masuno  
Janet Okumura  
Sheri Oga

Dot Suzuki  
Mildred Sakamoto  
Hazel Masuda  
Fred Masuda

**VISUAL**  
Saeko Yoshida  
Diane Lee  
Karen Miyahara

**ORGAN & PIANO**  
Ruth Masuno  
Nani Oda  
Faith Pang

**LIGHTS/SCREEN**  
June Tom

**PRAISE SINGERS**  
Nick Shiroma, Paul Grable, Pastor Tim & Joshua Weible

**CHILD CARE**  
Carol Soma, Coordinator  
3: Molly/Loa Hagmann  
Rebecca Weible, Kacy Lau  
10: Peggy Teruya, Debbie Glenn  
Justin Lau, Katelyn Wakuzawa  
17: Alice Esaki, Mary Watanabe  
Madeline St. John, Sarah Weible  
24: Stella Wakamatsu, Karen Miyahira  
Jacob Hagmann, Richelle Nemoto  
31: Nancy Arakaki, Pat Chinn  
Rebecca Weible, Katelyn Wakuzawa

**FLOWERS**  
03 – Walter & Ruth Masuno  
10 – Carl & Jean Sakata  
17 – Vi & Harry Imai  
24 – Janet Okumura  
31 – Reggie & Myra Yamada

**PARKING**  
Terry Arakaki  
Bryan Gomes  
Walter Yeda  
Loa Hagmann

**KING'S COMPANY**  
Molly Hagmann

- Missions Mtg. 8:45 a.m. Aug. 3 in library
- Playgroup begins on Aug. 7
- CE Mtg. 8:45 a.m. Aug. 10 in library
- Deacons Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Aug. 10 in library
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins on Aug. 20
- Trustees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Aug. 21
- Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Aug. 28
- KCC Ohana Night, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Aug. 12 & 26<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday School begins on Sept. 7
- No Overcomers Group until Sept. 23

**August**

- 01-Fri. KCC Garage Sale 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 02-Sat. KCC Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 03-Sun. Communion. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mtg.  
Guest Speaker, Ted Kawabata
- 09-Sat. Pastor Tim returns from Big Island.
- 10-Sun. Deacons Meeting, 11:30 a.m. Library.
- 12-Tues. KCC Ohana nite, 5:30 p.m.
- 13-Wed. Transitional Housing Mtg. 2:30 p.m.
- 16-Sat. Men's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m.  
Habitat Lunch Prep, 9 a.m. in kitchen
- 17-Sun. Shervelle Gardner, ROL guest speaker.
- 18-Mon. PRC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 20-Wed. Newsletter Deadline. Wed. Morning  
Bible Study resumes, 9:00 a.m.
- 23-Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.  
Guest Speaker, Sarah Robinson, End of  
Life Issues at 10:30 a.m.
- 24-Sun. Kent Anderson, Family Promise Hawaii  
Missions Fair, International potluck
- 31-Sun. Teacher's Appreciation Sunday



**STATE HOSPITAL MINISTRY**

Ruth Uyechi, Mitsi Higashida

**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR**

After worship service, please join the fellowship in Rooms 3 & 4 for coffee and refreshments.