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from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Martin — Executive Director & Editor

Building the Kingdom SMALL STEPS AT A TIME

It may sound a bit early, but I want to encourage you to prepare to attend the **Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention's 75th Annual Meeting**. This year's Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10 at the Hawaii Baptist Academy's High School campus in Honolulu.

But that's not all.

The week of November 6 to 11 will be filled with amazing opportunities for pastors, leaders and members to engage training and equipping on a new level.

The annual **New Workers Orientation** for all new pastors and ministry leaders will be November 6. It will be a time for pastors and leaders to be introduced to information about our HPBC churches, ministries, and staff team. The orientation also includes information about our SBC and HPBC entities, such as the International Mission Board (IMB), North American Missions Board (NAMB), LifeWay and others, as well as our own Hawaii Baptist Academy, Hawaii Baptist Foundation and Pu'u Kahea Conference Center. This experience should be a time of connecting with resources and other new ministry

leaders from across the Pacific.

Also on November 6, HPBC will host our annual **Evangelism Luncheon** with testimonies, new information and research for assisting churches and leaders in increasing overall evangelistic efforts. This year's event will be geared for long-term evangelism strategies, with an emphasis on comprehensive planning for church health.

You won't want to miss the **"Missions College"** on November 7 and 8. The International Mission Board will inspire and encourage you for a greater time of equipping and preparing our churches for missions. The focus this year will be East and Southeast Asia, with personnel from IMB leading sessions on topics like researching regions, developing master plans and evaluating your work. Whether your church is very active in missions or just beginning, this should be a top conference on your calendar!

Former SBC President Dr. Ronnie Floyd will join us on Thursday, November 9 for a **lunch with pastors and wives** and will also speak to us on Thursday night. Former IMB President Dr. Tom Elliff will bring our keynote address on Friday night.

On November 11, the **Filipino Southern Baptist Fellowship of the Pacific** will host its annual celebration.

All of these events should be the start of an annual week of interaction for all of our HPBC churches.

For all of these events and the rest of the schedule for this special week of the annual meeting, be looking for more information in the future editions of the *Pacific Connector*, *Engage* and the Spotlight Videos.

We will be releasing a special edition of the *Pacific Connector* in October highlighting the Annual Meeting with historical stories, biographical sketches on our speakers, the book of reports, video presentations and more. Please be looking for this additional information so you can plan for this special week.

As always, your HPBC staff team is ready to assist you in pursuing the vision and plans that God has given you for ministry. If we can serve you, please call on us at 808 356-8329 or email me at chris@hpbaptist.net.

Mahalo

Revive us, O Lord

July 28-30

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Wahiawa

Friday, July 28: Focus on Youth / Dinner 6p, Worship, 7p
Saturday, July 29: Cultural Mosaic Night / Dinner 6p, Worship, 7p
Sunday, July 30: Sunday School, 9:30a, Worship, 10:45a, Aloha Lunch Fellowship, 12p

with Evangelist
Phil Waldrep

All are welcome.
Please join us!





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Church Planting

A Partnership Opportunity

Pastor Yong Y. “John” Sim is a Korean pastor who started a Japanese Bible study four years ago. They have moved places several times in those four years.

Recently, Pastor Sim met with Bob Gierhart, pastor of Nuuanu Baptist Church in Honolulu. Through discussion with church leadership, the small congregation was able to meet in the former Japanese Department of the church. Pastor Sim called it a divine appointment as these two pastors desire to work together for spiritual harvest through the Japanese Bible study group.

The Scripture says, “We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” Pastor Sim and his group have devoted their time to explore the Truth of God. Former members of the Unification Church met Pastor Sim and joined his bible study group. Through exploring the Truth of God they finally found the Truth and Jesus Christ. Other members were in the middle of turmoil of their lives and they found Jesus.

The journey of the group was not easy and smooth until now. The members even wanted Pastor Sim to change from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) to their own denomination. He kept his convictions because he knew that SBC loves the Bible and focuses on the faithful transformation of life.

According to Steven Kang, “Church planting partnership creates the effective environment that produces many spiritual fruits. First, it affects the spiritual birth of a new church along with personal evangelism through the church planting. Second, it helps in the unity of the partnering church. It brings the church to have a focus on His Kingdom. Third, it helps the church be revitalized in faith. hThe church will see how wonderful God works through the church-planting ministry that they never experienced before. I believe His promise, ‘I

will be with you always, to the end of the age.’ (Matt 28:20) when they commit to disciple-making, baptizing, teaching as He has commanded.”

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SEND RELIEF Trailers Arrive in Hawaii

by Darrell McCain,
HPBC Disaster Relief
Director

SEND RELIEF is a compassion ministry under the North American Mission Board. It provides for ministry support such as medical/ dental, backpacks for kids, breaking human trafficking, hunger relief, foster care and adoption, and Disaster Relief.

SEND RELIEF ministry provided support directly to the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention by sending trailers. HPBC

Just like our Evangelism block party trailer, it is available to churches in sharing the gospel.

was allowed two trailers at a huge discount to provide ministry through SEND RELIEF. Funds for the trailer were provided by University Avenue Baptist Church, Hawaii Kai Church and several individuals. The Hawaii Pacific Missions offering was used for the cost of shipping the trailers to Hawaii.

According to Darrell McCain, HPBC Disaster Relief Director, "Our two trailers arrived in May and one will be outfitted for

a recovery trailer to help in disaster relief from flooding, chainsaw, debris removal and repair/rebuild. "Churches will be able to use this trailer for a ministry to their church members and community to help repair homes as well as the church building itself. "Just like our Evangelism block party trailer, it is available to churches in sharing the gospel."

Darrell noted that the trailers will be kept on Oahu and the current mobile kitchen trailer will be transferred to the Big Island and parked at Paradise Park Baptist Church. A shower/ laundry trailer is already on the Big Island and is now being outfitted. The recovery trailer will be outfitted first for mud-out, flood recovery and chainsaw operations. Churches may request the trailer for community ministry as well as Disaster Relief. Training will be required for use of the trailers.

The second trailer will be converted to a shower/laundry/general unit to be used for disaster relief or support for mission teams that will come to Hawaii on volunteer mission trips. The shower trailer will be outfitted late summer and can be used by churches for mission teams and VBS teams.

You can get more information from NAMB.net/sendrelief. If NAMB has extra trailers, churches can request one. The church will be responsible to get it from Georgia to Hawaii. The trailers will also have to be used for compassion ministries. Contact Darrell at 356-8343 if your church is interested in purchasing a trailer.

Photo: Two SEND RELIEF trailers were sent to Hawaii from the North American Mission Board. One trailer will be used for disaster relief opportunities. The second trailer will be converted into a shower/ laundry unit.





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Five Weeks of VBS at Lihue Church

By Clyde Kakiuchi, HPBC Leadership Development Director

For over ten years, Lihue Baptist Church members have been ministering to the children on Kauai by conducting five weeks of Vacation Bible School. The program is called Sonsation and features the VBS theme during the first week. Then each week thereafter is Extreme Art, Music, Extreme Games and Excursions. With the help of church members and volunteers, an average of 60 children come to the church every day for 5 weeks. It is also offered free for all the children.

Sarah Young, one of the teachers, says, "There is no greater joy than to begin your day in worship in a sanctuary filled with children of all ages singing God's praise! "Being a part of the children coming to what I would call their 'happy place,' truly excited and eager to participate in worship and each day's activities is truly a blessing! "For many it's a first realization that God is more than just the God who sits in heaven. "Presenting the gospel and having them respond whether it be a profession of faith or simply realizing that God is someone you can talk to at any

time just makes for many heart filled days. I am thankful for the opportunity I've been given to teach and to grow through VBS!"

Jessiah Azares, one of the parents, noted, "He loves VBS because he learns about Jesus and has fun doing it!"



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WHO SITS IN HEAVEN.**

Chris Metcalf, pastor of Lihue Church, and his wife, Michelle, are heavily involved in this unique and needed ministry to children on Kauai. One of the attendees said, "I like it because its fun and Pastor Chris is here. "We also get to meet new people."

Pastor Chris noted that so far they have averaged 72 children plus 10-12 staff. Total registration for children for the first two weeks is 105.

Each week, young lives are changed because of the dedication and perseverance of the church staff and church members. They have been willing to go the extra mile (or 5 weeks) to make the love of Jesus alive and real for many children that come to the VBS.



MORE THAN GOOD DEEDS

Have you noticed?
“Doing good” is in style.

It may be called “paying it forward” or community service. Clubs do it to help their community. Universities or businesses may encourage students or employees to do it. Fundraisers, marathons and events support worthy causes. Corporations often donate chunks of cash to charities. Volunteering may even enhance college entry or job resumes. People like those who “give back.”

“Good deeds” may be trending, but doing good in Jesus’ name is ongoing. For Christians, there’s nothing “random” about acts of kindness.

Christians are called to do good with a purpose: to point others to Jesus and ultimately to share Him with those who don’t know Him. The goal of our community project, ministry group or mission trip is not to enhance our own reputation; it’s much bigger and more eternal than that.

So you give food to the hungry or help neighbors during disaster in Jesus’ name. You intentionally share Jesus with someone at the gym while you lift weights. You help plant a church so more people can know Him. You personally represent Jesus through your community involvement. Instead of observing what a great person you are, people notice what a great God you serve.

The church is the only organization in the world with a specific charge to be evangelistic in everything we do. “[W]e are Christ’s ambassadors,” Scripture tells us. “God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” (2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT).

Summertime is a great time for your church or small group to get missional with the intention of sharing Jesus. Try some of these fresh ideas:

- Add monthly, quarterly or ongoing mission projects to your small group or Sunday School class. Our class “adopted” a low-income nursing home to send pen pal notes and do occasional hands-on projects.

- Add hands-on ministry to your women’s group meetings. We added an hour to the weekday classes and mission groups for ministry teams to serve our community. Attendance mushroomed.

- Plan a summer outreach project. For example, Olive Baptist in Pensacola, Fla., has a plan to knock on every door within a few blocks of the church to personally invite neighbors to worship. The Florida Baptist Convention challenged churches to have beach baptisms. Hundreds were baptized publicly, and many onlookers were pointed to Jesus.

So our “pay it forward” becomes “pay it upward” and our “random acts of kindness” are never random. They’re purposeful. A lost world outside our church doors needs to see and hear God’s plan for their lives. We must continually keep Christ as our goal in missions -- for all people to know Him and call Him Lord.

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

Colossians 3:17 NLT

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Diana Davis is online at www.dianadavis.org. Her newest book, co-written with her daughter Autumn Wall, “Across the Street and Around the World” (New Hope Publishers), is a resource for missions ideas for churches, small groups and individuals.





What to Do WITH YOUTH at the End of Summer...and Beyond

By Michael “Bong” Abagon,
HPBC Evangelism and
Worship Director

I always look forward to summer. It is one of the busiest season of evangelism where churches see decisions made to follow Christ through Vacation Bible Schools, summer outreaches and mission trips.

My kids love summer as well because of vacation from school and excitement due to the many camps they can participate in.

This summer started with a Youth Project event. It was a one-week creative arts camp for middle school, high school, and college students. The youth learned creative expression of worship through arts, stage drama, singing and playing various musical instruments.

So, this summer what can church youth leaders do for them?

BE AVAILABLE

Even if your youth are involved in band, football or summer school, ask them to hang out for a few hours a week with you or your youth group. They will find this refreshing. A study shows that a young person will be spending almost a day out of a week staring at a TV or a movie theatre screen. During the summer, that statistic will spike. Whatever the case, when they say they are not available, don't easily believe them. Interestingly, many Youth Project campers were part of a their school

marching band and yet they easily managed their time and attended camp.

PLAN ACTIVITIES

If teenagers are not careful, they may find someone or something that will harm them rather than help them. With your screened volunteers, create activities that youth would enjoy doing, like hiking, going to the beach, or a scavenger hunt. If not, have them hang out with you on one of those days you mow the lawn at a church.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Summer is the best time to mentor. Some of my best mentoring moments are not scheduled. For example, I called someone to go with me when I needed supplies for the Youth Project. Because we started a group chat among college leaders, I know whose available when I am doing certain things. Young people appreciate accountability. To them, this translates as “you care.”

DECISIONS

Pray that throughout the year, you can join your youth in a journey of discovering God, knowing Him more or having a personal relationship with Jesus

Take advantage of the many opportunities to share Jesus with your youth. John 9:4, Jesus said, “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.” Prioritize reaching youth this summer and beyond.

Puuhonua O Waianae Village

A SACRED PLACE

A CITY OF REFUGE

Loke never saw it coming. In 2009, reality hit. Her sons lost their jobs and she was no longer able to make the mortgage. She knew she would lose her home, and the only way to put a roof over her head was to camp out. First in Nanakuli, then in Maile, and after many shufflings, she ended up in the “village.”

Twinkle Borge, known as “biggy mama” was their number one supporter. She gave them a generator. As the homeless camp grew bigger, they insisted they keep the place free of drugs and clear of trouble makers. Twinkle and Loke became partners in managing the village. She is more of the the visionary and Loke, gifted in writing, soon became the administrator. With their exceptional management of 270 camp dwellers, Puuhonua O Waianae Village was recognized by the Waianae Neighborhood Board as a village on November 03, 2015.

This 19 acres of preservation-zoned state land, between Waianae High School and the boat harbor, has been a place of refuge for many. Puuhonua means “sacred place, city of refuge.” In addition to homeless single adults, the community includes about 15 families with children ranging from babies to high-schoolers, as well as about 140 dogs.

Often, pastor Jerrell Tate came out with the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship church (ALCF) to bring water, food, canned goods, and sometimes hot meals. The church’s presence became significant in the late Spring of that year of 2014, when the camp was devastated with high winds and many tarps were destroyed. In partnership with Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Evangelism group, Pastor Tate purchased 138 blue tarps to help shelter the community.

Another church member, Ernest, is described by Loke as an “angel” who brings a constant supply of pallets. The houseless community uses this for fencing or a stand in case of flood. “They have done a lot,” shares Loke.

No matter how poopakiki (hard head) the Puuhonua O Waianae Village people have been, ALCF continued to pour their time and love into this city of refuge. Last March, the partnership between HPBC and ALCF brought a



Crystal Kealoha used wooden pallets to create a fence around her home at Puuhonua O Waianae Village.

(photo courtesy of Dennis Oda, Honolulu Star-Advertiser)

second wave of tarps, this time given to those who had not received one prior. Since then, the community has rallied behind Pastor Tate.

An opportunity opened giving Pastor Tate permission to hold a first-ever Easter service in 2015. Since then, the door of opportunity has opened even wider allowing for a sunday worship service. It continues in their campsite to this day.

The OBN Youth Camp, a camp held every summer for one week at Puukahea Conference Center, Waianae, reaches out to Twinkle and Loke and the whole community to encourage, witness and share school supplies to children.

Please keep Pastor Jerrell Tate, OBN Camp and the HPBC Evangelism group in your prayers as they continue to minister to the houseless community.

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Sue Nishikawa



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in love for her family. Sue, the second oldest of seven children, started working at an early age to help support her family of nine.

ABOUNDING...

in the love of education. After graduating from high school, Sue got her bachelor's degree from Baylor. She then became the first Hawaiian woman to earn a Master's degree from Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary in Religious Education.

ABOUNDING...

in the work of missions. Sue spread the word about the mission work in Hawaii wherever she went. She even wore her kimono while in Texas to tell of the work in Hawaii. She spoke of missions in many of our own churches. She looked for opportunities to bring children to church and teach them about missions.

ABOUNDING...

in the work of the church. Sue served faithfully in her church and in the Hawaii Baptist Convention. She was elected to serve as the first executive secretary of the Hawaii Woman's Missionary Union in 1954. She continued to serve in every church she attended until her death in 1991.

ABOUNDING...

despite difficulties. Sue suffered a stroke in 1980 but she didn't let that stop her from serving. Although she did have to step down from state WMU work that year, she began as the volunteer editor of the state Baptist paper.

ABOUNDING...

in the legacy of her life. Her life was a legacy of missions and ministry. We continue Sue's legacy through the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. Every dollar given to this offering goes to help Hawaii Pacific Baptist ministries.

Abounding

SUE NISHIKAWA OFFERING
for Hawaii Pacific Missions

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Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be steadfast, immovable, always
Abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that your labor
is not in vain in the Lord.
~ 1 Cor. 15:58 (NKJV)

Q&A } Sue Nishikawa Offering *for* Hawaii Pacific Missions

EVER WONDER WHAT THE SUE NISHIKAWA OFFERING FOR HAWAII PACIFIC MISSIONS IS, AND WHAT IT DOES?

Abounding

HERE ARE THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THIS SPECIAL OFFERING.

Q: WHAT EXACTLY IS THE SUE NISHIKAWA OFFERING FOR HAWAII PACIFIC MISSIONS?

A: The Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions is the annual offering taken to support missions and ministries in the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. One hundred percent of the offering stays in our convention to reach the lost of Hawaii and the Pacific. The emphasis for the offering this year is September 3-10 but can be used anytime your church promotes the offering.

Q: WHO OR WHAT BENEFITS FROM THIS OFFERING?

A: This offering is intended to encourage new work, establish missions, strengthen churches, and support ongoing missions. Any church or mission affiliated and cooperating with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention with mission needs is eligible to apply for an allocation from this offering. In addition, this offering provides scholarships to educational institutions affiliated or partnering with HPBC and can also be used for leadership development courses for certification or

credit. Part of the offering is set aside each year to help provide scholarships for individuals who wish to attend HPBC or associational-sponsored camps and retreats.

Q: WHO CAN RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION FROM THIS OFFERING?

A: Any affiliated and cooperating church or ministry in the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention can apply for an allocation. Churches can request an allocation for evangelistic ministries such as block parties, VBS, camps, and outreach ministries in their community. Workshops and trainings to help churches strengthen their health can also be funded. Ministries sponsored by the convention or association can also apply for an allocation.

Q: HOW CAN A CHURCH APPLY?

A: The application is found on the HPBC website. Go to the Ministries tab, click on Mission Offerings and scroll down to the Sue Nishikawa tab. Click on that tab and scroll down to the bottom of the page where the

application and instructions are found. Complete the one page application, along with an attached budget for the request and return it to teresa@hpbaptist.net. Applicants can request up to \$2,000 per application.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER AN APPLICATION IS TURNED IN?

A: After an application is received, the Hawaii WMU Allocations Committee will review the request and make a recommendation regarding funding. If the offering goal is met, the approved request can be funded at 100%. If the goal is not met, the approved request will be prorated based on the percentage of the offering goal received. Typically, the application can be processed in two to three weeks after receipt.

Q: WHAT DOES THE RECEIVING CHURCH HAVE TO DO ONCE THE ALLOCATION IS RECEIVED?

A: Once an allocation is granted to a ministry, a report describing the impact of the event must be returned within 90 days of completion of the event. Sending in a

report promotes a spirit of "Ohana" through awareness of mission needs and the sharing of the results of those programs and institutions that received funding.

Q: DOES THE OFFERING DO ANYTHING ELSE?

A: Yes, it does! In addition to helping our churches and ministries, the offering also provides monies for the Church Emergency Fund, the Disaster Relief Fund, and helps with the administration of HPBC WMU. A small portion of the offering is used for promotion and communication of this offering.

Now that you know more about this very important offering, pray about your part in support of the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions.

PRAY, GIVE, DO!

The Significance of Partnership

YOUTH LEADERSHIP LUNCH

by Jeff Mullis, Minister of Youth and Discipleship,
Olivet Baptist Church

August will mark my tenth year in youth ministry with eight of these years spent in a small church in Colorado and the last two at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu.

...If I got to know other youth pastors and partnered with them I could serve my youth better.

Jeff and Mary Mullis



During this time, I have learned many lessons. Some lessons came through the wise counsel of men I respected, and others through trial and error. One lesson I was slow to learn was the significance of partnership or working together. When I started in youth ministry, my church had no particular reason in working with other churches. I simply didn't take the time to forge relationships with other youth leaders and explore how we could work together. My insular perspective was simply by default as I didn't know a better model.

About four years into my career as a youth pastor, I came to realize that if I got to know other youth pastors and partnered with them I could serve my youth better. I realized that by partnering we could share the cost of events, the workload would be alleviated, we would serve our youth better, and it would be more fun. This changed how I approached youth ministry, rather than trying to do everything myself. I built friendships with other youth pastors and we worked together to reach youth for Christ. Because we were a small church with few resources, working together made it possible to do things that



otherwise would have been out of reach. We began doing missions trips together, planned our winter and summer camps as a team, and served our local communities. Our youth got to know other kids that loved Jesus and grew further in their faith.

To help foster this kind of unity among Oahu youth pastors, we gathered for the first time on May 3 at First Baptist Church of Pearl City. We spent this time getting to know each other and discussed what it might look like if we partnered together. We agreed to meet quarterly and explored the possibility of doing some events together. There was a strong agreement that we would love to do a youth ministry training to grow in our ability to serve youth. Our next youth leader lunch is scheduled for July 20. We hope all of our youth pastors will be able to make it.

Seafarers Medical Team

AN EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

by Clyde Kakiuchi, HPBC Leadership Development Director

When Jerry Saludez went to see his physician, Dr. Craig Nakatsuka, he mentioned that he was ministering to the fishermen located at the pier in Honolulu. He had noticed that the fishermen needed more medical care than the volunteers could offer.

Dr. Nakatsuka, an internal medicine physician with Kaiser Permanente, was invited to visit one evening in May, 2016, to see if he could help with the medical needs of the fisherman that gathered at the pier with the Seafarer's Ministry team.

After a few visits, Dr. Nakatsuka made a commitment to provide medical service to the hard working fishermen. He recruited Dr. Jose Deleon and medical students, Abigail Sy, Shantel Pascual, Arlene Kiyohara, and McMillan Jude Nicol Ching.

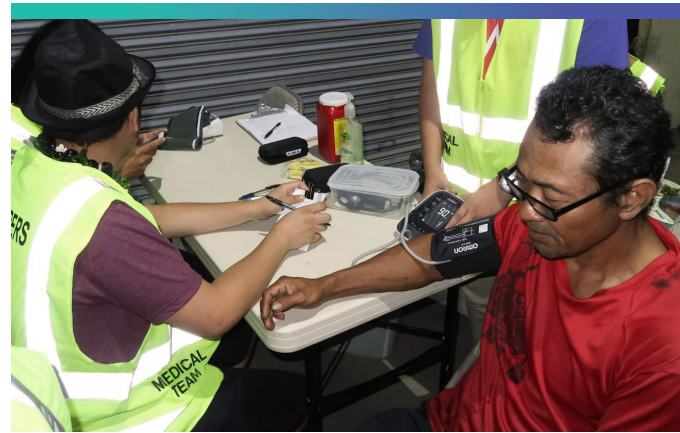
Within months, the medical team grew from one doctor and one medical student to two doctors and four medical students. From a simple blood pressure kit and over the counter medicines, the ministry grew to two stations giving blood pressure checks, diabetes testing, dispensing medicines and other treatments. The ministry mushroomed into additional doctors and medical students. Later in the year there was an opportunity to minister to Vietnamese fishermen at Pier 17. The medical team split into 2 teams ministering at Pier 38 and Pier 17. Three mothers of the Vietnamese medical students offered

to translate and usher the fishermen from the boats to the medical station. Now the medical ministry provides services on Tuesday near Pier 38, Thursday and Friday near Pier 38 and at Pier 17.

When Stanley Togikawa, president of the Shiraki Foundation, found out about the medical team, he observed that they loaded all their supplies in the trunk of a car and didn't have proper tables or lights to treat the men. He offered the use of the Foundation's truck and purchased needed tables and trays. The Shiraki Foundation had already been involved in medical missions in Asia and Stanley provided some of the contacts he knew to help with the medical team.

On May 27, 2017, two years after the start of the medical branch of the Honolulu Seafarer's Ministry, the Shiraki Foundation hosted a "Thank You" dinner for the medical doctors and interns. The program featured testimonies from the interns and presentations to Dr. Nakatsuka and Stanley Togikawa. The students were glad to be involved on the team and learned a lot from helping the fishermen. One intern said that she was surprised to learn that many of the fishermen were Filipino and was glad she could talk to them in their

Jerry Saludez saw a need,
shared it with his doctor
and from that encounter,
a medical ministry was born.



The Seafarer's Medical team treats a seafarer patient at the pier.
(Photo courtesy of Clyde Kakiuchi)

country's language. She also said that she found out that relatives in the Philippines mentioned that they were thankful that someone was looking out for a relative working on a boat. She realized that these men were separated from their families for years at a time and sent most of their earnings home to provide for their families. She was grateful to be able to be of service to these men who sacrificed much for their families.

Seafarer's Medical Team was treated to a "Thank You" dinner for their ministry to the Seafarer's Ministry in Honolulu. far right: Dr. Craig Nakatsuka; far left, Dr. Timothy Kim.



Around the Islands



**HPBC Ex. Director Honored
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
LUNCHEON** — Chris Martin, HPBC Executive Director, was honored by receiving a Distinguished Alumnus Award during the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon in Phoenix, Arizona in June. Also attending were (L-R): Niece, Emily, sister-in-law Tammy, brother Scot, Chris Martin, wife Wendy, daughter Taylor Toa, and granddaughter Meleana.



Yokohama International Baptist Church Hosts Training **NELSON CHAPMAN, PASTOR OF SONGTAN CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, KOREA** —

The Bible Training Center for Pastors (BTCF) in coordination with the Asia Baptist Network & Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS), conducted a two-day workshop, May 11-12. Dr. Mike Morris, a missions professor at SWBTS taught the class along with his assistant, Ariel Lee. The training was held at Yokohama International Baptist Church, an international church in Yokohama, Japan and affiliated with the HPBC.

Those who completed the workshop now have access to a theological curriculum translated into over 37 languages that provides 520 hours of classroom instruction. BTCF's method is to provide the "irreducible minimum" for pastors and leaders and is church-based. The topics focused on the need for systematic

theological education in native languages as well as practical application of lesson preparation and teaching.

"I praise God for this workshop," said Asia Baptist Network Moderator and Songtan Central Baptist Church pastor Nelson Chapman. "It is extremely flexible for our church's needs and gives ABN churches a common resource for discipleship and planting churches."

Ben Howard, Associate Pastor for Discipleship/Education, Yokohama International Baptist Church, Japan, noted, "This opportunity was the first of its kind. Participants were from four countries including Japan, Korea, Thailand, and the United States represented at least 8 different language groups. "It is our prayer is that this training is a first step towards a robust theological training program for native speaking pastors and church leaders in each of those languages."

Pastor Howard also said, "Besides the great opportunity to learn and train together, we were able to get to know each other better and spend time laughing, praying and sharing what God is doing in our respective places of ministry."

BTCF training uses a biblical, systematic, portable and comprehensive approach to providing the foundational equivalent of a good Bible college or seminary education.

If you would like more information on this training, please visit bibletraining.com (BTCF) or the Patterson Center for Global Theological Innovation (SWBTS).

**Anniversary Celebration
HAWAII CHRISTIAN BAPTIST
CHURCH** — Hawaii Christian Baptist Church in Waikale celebrated its 10th Anniversary on June 4, 2107 at Mililani Recreation Center. Pastor of the church is Rudy Gomintong.



Photo courtesy of Clyde Kakiuchi

**Retirement Party
CLYDE KAKIUCHI / JERRY SULLIBAN** — The HPBC staff held a luncheon for Clyde Kakiuchi, HPBC Leadership Development Director who is retiring effective June 30, and Jerry Sullivan, Business Services Administrator who is retiring effective July 31. They were presented with leis and monetary gifts representing their years of service.

Photo courtesy of Clyde Kakiuchi



Mother's Day Banquet **MAUI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** —

The Maui County Baptist Association's WMU Mother's Day Banquet held in Wailuku, Maui on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Approximately 130 attended the banquet held at Dani's in Wailuku. Members from Maui and Lanai churches attended.

Laurita Miller was the guest speaker. Her portrayal of Mary, the mother of Jesus, was riveting and poignant. Laurita is a member of Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu.





FROM THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR
Teresa McCain

REFLECTIONS

2017 Wives in Ministry Retreat



The Wives in Ministry Retreat was held at Puu Kahea Conference Center, April 27-28. About 40 women attended the three-day retreat featuring speakers, worship, crafts, massages, movie and coffee hours.

"Reflections: Do you need a makeover?" was the theme of this year's Wives In Ministry retreat. The theme verse was 2 Cor. 3:18, "We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit."

For the third year, the Wives in Ministry Retreat was held at Pu'u Kahea Conference Center on Oahu, April 27-29. Forty women attended this three-day retreat which included Bible study led by Shauna Pilgreen, worship led by Meredith Palicte.

Our retreat speaker, Shauna Pilgreen, is a pastor's wife from San Francisco. She and her husband, Ben, are raising four children and started Epic Church in the heart of San Francisco in 2010. Their previous church ministries were among youth and college students and

beginning a new service at a thriving missional church in the Midwest. Shauna also writes for NAMB's church planting blog (www.flourish.me) and is the author of ebook, "Live Sent: 31 Days in the City" and a young adult Christian fairy tale, "The Same Page: Living Your Happily Ever After."

Accompanying Shauna to the retreat was her mother, Phyllis Malcom. Phyllis is also a pastor's wife. She and her husband, Harris, have been married over 43 years and both had roles in the movie, "Fire Proof," as the parents of Kirk Cameron's character. Phyllis led a break out session where she shared her life's testimony.

Our very own, Meredith Brunson Palicte, led in worship. Meredith currently serves as the Minister of Worship and Internationals at University Avenue Baptist Church in Honolulu. Originally from the state of North Carolina, she has

lived in Hawaii since 2009. She has served in international student ministry on Oahu for over 10 years.

The wives also had breakout sessions, massages, crafts, movie and coffee house times. This year, the retreat offered a "Pop-Up" shop where the wives could purchase Lularoe clothing, Paparazzi jewelry, Worldcrafts, Tupperware, and more during Friday's afternoon free time.

One wife declared, "It was a great time together and I am thankful for the time to connect with other women in similar situations and circumstances as me." Another wife affirmed, "I felt so pampered and loved during the weekend."

Mahalo to the Wives in Ministry committee for another great retreat.

BI-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Held in Las Vegas, Nevada

Bi-vocational church planters

have become the norm for ministers starting new churches. This according to the North American Mission Board, “In the midst of this proliferation of church planting, one of the most significant trends is the starting of new churches by bivocational leaders. Historically the

phrase ‘bivocational pastor’ was used to refer to a leader who served a church that was unable to compensate a pastor with a full-time salary. Therefore, the pastor would work a second, or third job, to supplement what the church could provide. In many cases, it was out of necessity not preference. However, today there is a new movement among bivocational leaders. More church planters who are choosing to plant bivocationally. They are making this decision out of conviction that bivocational church planting actually provides a more desirable way to plant a

new church, rather than on the basis of limited funds. In other words, it is becoming a first option, not a last resort.”

In May, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention hosted a Bi-Vocational Church Planting Training in Las Vegas, Nevada. The location was chosen because of the reasonable cost that potential attendees would have to cover for the training which would include travel and lodging.

Speakers for the training were Dr. Terry Dorsett, Executive Director-Treasurer for the Baptist Convention of New England, and Dr. Steven Echols, president of Brewton-Parker College. Topics included “Setting Realistic Goals by Knowing Today’s Trends,” “Juggling Family, Work, Church and Personal Time,” “Community Outreach,” and “Steps for Gathering and Training a Team.”

Chris Martin, HPBC Executive director, had conversations with other directors in the Western States region of the SBC. They were in full support of the training. Once the training was announced, offers of books and resources from the seminaries, LifeWay Christian Resources and other state conventions came in. Support also came

in from Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma, and Second Baptist Church of Springfield, MO.

Participants came from Wyoming, Colorado, California, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii and even from Tennessee. Participants from Hawaii were Moe Tapusalaia, Roberto Villatoro, Eldon Kaeo, Vince Tabudlo and Stephen Ventura.

Stephen Ventura said, “Being a bi-vocational pastor puts me shoulder-to-shoulder with the everyday guy and this is a great value. In the middle of ‘talking story’ I’m able to share Jesus. A co-worker may be more willing to hear the Gospel because he’s working beside me. He sees me as a regular guy instead of a pastor—I’m real to him.”

Bi-vocational church planters feel that there is a level of trust and because they know the church planter is a pastor, they might ask questions about Christianity.

NAMB further states, “Perhaps the most significant benefit of planting as a bivocational leader is that it gives the planter greater opportunities to connect relationally with people in the community. Their jobs give them access into a mission field that is not readily available to a full-time pastor. Many traditional pastors find themselves working inside a church bubble, spending the majority of their time talking with church people about things of the church.” “It is important to understand that bivocational church planting is not simply about having two or more jobs; it is really about aligning one life. It’s about blending our calling to support our families and ourselves, with our calling to live a life engaged in God’s mission. We are called to be a missionary people sent into the world to participate in God’s redemptive purposes. One vital and urgent means to accomplish that task is to plant new communities as bivocational, kingdom leaders.”

For more information about church planting, go to namb.net, or contact Steven Kang at steven@hpbaptist.net or 808-356-8331.

**A CO-WORKER...
SEES ME AS A
REGULAR GUY
INSTEAD OF A
PASTOR**

*Thirty-five church
planters from seven
states participated
in bi-vocational
training in Las
Vegas, Nevada,
May 18-20.*



Now Is the Time to Prepare for the Hurricane Season

**Hurricane season for Hawaii and the Pacific is from
June 1 to November 30.**

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) is recommending residents prepare an “emergency kit” of a minimum of 14 days of food, water and other supplies.

“The reason we’re increasing the recommendation to 14 days (previously 7) is based on the documented experience from other states and jurisdictions that have gone through similar disasters. If our residents are resilient, able to take care of themselves during an event, we can focus more on restoring critical infrastructure such as our ports, roads and power plants,” said Vern Miyagi, the HI-EMA Administrator. “Depending on the damage, it will likely take 2 weeks or longer for the critical infrastructure to be fully or partially operational.”

Miyagi recommended putting together an emergency kit now and maintaining it throughout the hurricane season to avoid long lines at stores and gas stations shortly before and after a potential tropical storm event. Miyagi also noted, “The time to prepare your kit is now. Get ahead of the game. Don’t try to purchase your 14 days of supplies or fill your tanks with gas the day before the hurricane arrives. It will be too late!”

HI-EMA also recommends residents and visitors take the following actions to prepare for any possible hurricane or tropical cyclone.

- Talk with family members and develop a clear understanding what you will do if a hurricane or tropical storm threatens. Prepare an action plan that includes details such as whether your family plans to shelter in place or evacuate.
- Know if your home is in an inundation zone, flood zone, or susceptible to high winds and other hazards. Know if your

home is retrofitted with hurricane resistant clips or straps.

- Stay tuned to local media and websites/applications regarding weather updates.
- Sign up for local notification systems (i.e., HNL Info, Blackboard CTY).
- Get to know your neighbors and community so you can help each other.

■ Download the “Ready Hawaii” app from the iTunes or Google Play! store. This app can aid in your emergency planning and will list shelters opened for evacuation.

■ Walk around your property and check for potential flood threats. Clear your gutters and other drainage systems. Remove and secure loose items. Keep your car gas tanks filled.

■ Prepare your pets by checking or purchasing a carrier and other preparedness items. A pet carrier is necessary for your pet’s safety if you plan to evacuate to a pet-friendly shelter. Don’t forget 14 days of food and water for your furry family members.

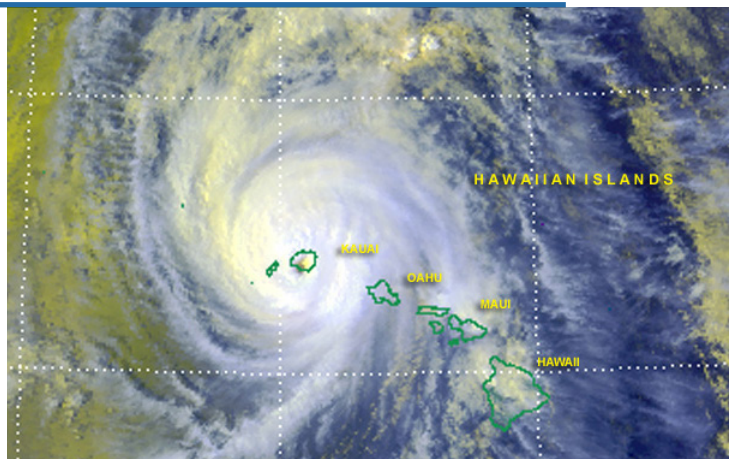
■ Set aside an emergency supply of any needed medication and keep a copy of your prescriptions in case you run out of medication after a disaster.

■ Secure your important documents in protective containers.

■ Visitors should download and read the Hawaii Tourism Authority’s Travel Safety Brochure at travelsmarthawaii.com.

■ Build an emergency kit—now.

Last year, the Pacific hurricane season produced a record 18 named storms, 11 hurricanes, and 5 major hurricanes.



Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in 1992.

Fortunately, for the Hawaiian Islands, the storms did not pass directly over the islands.

When Hurricane Iniki hit Kauai in 1992, the island was devastated and the people were without food and water for several days. When tropical storm Iselle hit Puna district on Big Island in 2014, survivors were without power for up to 5 weeks. Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan in 2015 and survivors were without power and water for several weeks.

If you do not have an emergency kit, it is time to start one. Things you need to consider are non-perishable ready to eat foods - like MRE’s, freeze dried, and canned, water, medicine, cash in small bills, toilet paper, non electronic games for children, batteries, radio, solar charger, etc.

Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief has a family preparedness manual available for download on our website at www.hpbaptist.net/ministries/disaster-relief. Contact Darrell McCain, DR Coordinator, for more information about Disaster Relief Resources. Darrell is also available to train volunteers in Disaster Relief.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

In Hawaii, when a new member joins a local church of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), they may be introduced to a new concept known as the Cooperative Program. The synergy that the local SBC churches are part of contribute both nationally and here locally in fulfilling the “Great Commission.” Recently, Dr. Frank Page shared part of the history of why the Cooperative Program was developed and why it continues to exist to this day. This question comes up every year our churches prepare their budgets and being great stewards of the resources God has provided for their ministries.

“In 1919, the leaders of the SBC proposed the 75 Million Campaign, a five-year pledge campaign that, for the first time, included everything - the missions and ministries of all the state conventions as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Though falling short of its goals, a God-given partnership of missions support was conceived — The Cooperative Program. Since its launch in 1925, the effectiveness of the Cooperative Program has been dependent upon individuals, churches, state conventions, and SBC entities cooperating, working toward a common goal of sharing the gospel with every person on the planet.”

As part of the team, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention (HPBC) collects from its churches and passes on 31.5% of all the Cooperative Program to the Executive Board of the SBC every year. This collection is put in the Cooperative Funding Pool that all of our other SBC churches contributes to. The Executive Committee of the SBC distributes the funds to other SBC entities for the purpose of developing and spreading the Gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of the SBC entities that receive your contributions are the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, to our various seminaries (to name a few, Gateway Baptist Theological Seminary (former Golden Gate), Southwestern Theological Baptist Seminary, Southern Theological Baptist Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary and there are a few more not mentioned, along with other SBC groups.

In addition, the remaining 68.5% of this contribution stays here in Hawaii and allows your HPBC to support the work here. This allows for our great resources to help our local churches to plant, grow, and nurture God’s people while reaching the lost. When it comes to Church Planting, your 31.5% comes back to the HPBC is multiplied by three and goes to assist our missionaries in the field to start new churches and ministries reaching diverse cultures in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim sharing the message of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you asked yourself this question, “What’s in it for me?” Well, when you give or gave, you helped with fulfilling the “Great Commission” (Matt. 28:19-20) by contributing at least a \$1 to help reach someone for our Lord Jesus Christ! Investing in lives for eternity, you can rejoice when one of our own students graduate from seminary with a Master of Divinity, or Master of Music, or a PhD degree, you played a role in helping that individual get educated. Remember, our job is to be fruitful by being faithful. By being faithful, we will rejoice in the Lord when you hear, “Well done our good and faithful servant.”

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SEND LUNCHEON — Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), leads a discussion centered around evangelism as the heart of the church at the Send Luncheon, part of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference. Pastors in the audience were challenged to lead by example and intentionally and regularly have gospel conversations.



Read More: <http://tinyurl.com/evangelize-fossilize>

SENDING CHURCH — Messengers to the 2017 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting pray for 31 new International Mission Board missionaries as they are commissioned. "Southern Baptists, this is part of, if not the primary reason we came together in the first place..."



said IMB President David Platt. *Photo by Matt Jones.*

Read More: <http://tinyurl.com/31missionaries>

MISSION TRIP — Short-term mission trips are a strategic way to involve church members directly in making disciples of all nations. Consider this before your church plans a short-term mission trip: incorporate short-term missions into a long-term relationship.



Read More: <http://tinyurl.com/missions-short-trips>

Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim His praise in the islands.

Isaiah 42:12



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CALENDAR

view the online calendar at
hpbaptist.net/hpbc-2017-calendar

JULY

- 3 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday
- 4 Independence Day – Office Closed
- 4-8 Keiki Camp
- 21 Giving in His Spirit
- 23 Loveloud Sunday
- 28-30 Revive Us, O Lord

AUGUST

- 6 Social Issues Sunday
- 13 Student Evangelism Day
- 18 Statehood Day
- 20-26 Worship Music Week
- 25-26 Gather, Grow, Go — Church Planting Conference

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Single Adult Sunday
- 3-9 Sue Nishikawa Missions Offering for Hawaii Pacific and Week of Prayer
- 4 Labor Day — Office Closed
- 16 Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Anti-Gambling Sunday

OCTOBER

- 1-31 Cooperative Program Emphasis
- 1 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 8 Global Hunger Day
- TBD HBEEA Conference

NOVEMBER

- 5 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 6 New Workers Orientation
- 7-8 Missions College, Olivet Baptist Church
- 6 BWA World Day of Prayer
- 8 General Elections
- 9-10 HPBC 75th Annual Meeting, HBA
- 10 Veterans' Day
- 23 Thanksgiving Day — Office Closed



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*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that
the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every
good work. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17*