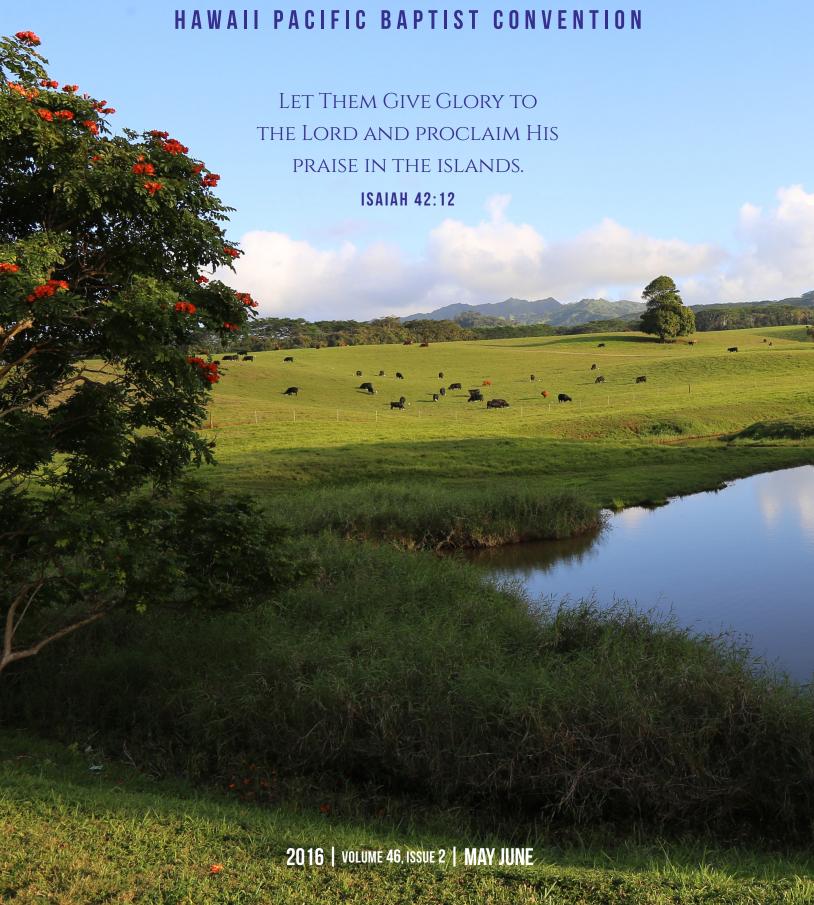
# Pacific CONVECTOR HAWAII PACIFIC BAPTIST CONVENTION



# from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Chris Martin Executive Director** & Editor

# Aloha Kākou,

Welcome to the second edition of the Pacific Connector, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention's new magazine. As God brings incredible works through our convention churches, we hope to share the stories of a few of them, inspiring you to continue to confidently follow Him.

From the islands of Hawaii, through the South Pacific and into Asia, our churches are embracing a renewed vision of cooperative ministry, strengthened by a greater interaction in resourcing and missions. This vision, given by God, is true to the Biblical understanding of His church: comprised of the many nations of the world, yet serving Him faithfully in harmony and unity.

Your HPBC resource team is transitioning into a new style of ministry to better serve you. With our Four E's of Purpose—Engage, Equip, Empower, Encourage—we are preparing for a much more effective support system for all of our churches that allows us to come alongside of you in any place that God is leading. As we move forward in this transition, we want to keep you informed to the changes in each area of ministry, with structure and personnel responsibilities also.

Even in all of the upcoming changes, one thought has continued to hold firm in my mind regarding our relationship as a state convention staff with you, as our churches. We have always been considered a separate entity—sometimes looked to simply provide resources, at times to provide strategic input, or to just coordinate training events or meetings. These are not bad things, but they are very limited ideas in understanding the scope of ministry that we can provide to you.

We are now striving to truly pursue the Four E's in your ministry. We *Engage* to know you and your dreams of ministry-We **Equip** through training or resourcing to prepare you better for the work of ministry—To then *Empower*, by releasing and supporting you as you follow the plan as God designed—Joyfully, we **Encourage** as we share in the future, either continuing to support and develop with you, or to share in the celebration of what God is doing through you.

A more accurate concept for the future is that we are a part of your church, just like your members that serve in different capacities and with differing gifts. As you would call upon them, call upon us. We are here only because of you.

Your HPBC staff team exists to serve you and your church that we may assist you in maximizing the vision that God is giving you to reach your world with the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Remember: We are always better together! We are the HPBC!

> Aloha in Christ, Chris

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# An estimated 2,100 people came to the Hawaii State Capitol to join their fellow Hawaiians in praying for America.

by Bong Abagon, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention

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~ FRANKLIN GRAHAM

The word Ohana in Hawaii means Family. It is exciting to see the whole Baptist Ohana come from all over the state of Hawaii join the thousands of people in praying for the nation and pledging to take action for God at the State Capitol Grounds last February 24. This urgent mission was called Decision America Tour and was hosted by Franklin Graham. Hawaii was the 7th state out of the 50 Franklin plans to visit.

"Our nation is falling apart. The walls are crumbling." remarked Franklin in his opening statements. Hawaii's 1.4 million people face many social issues like homelessness and abortion. "We have gotten ourselves into a mess as a country," he added and said there's only one source of hope.

"I don't have hope in the Republican party or the Democratic party. The only hope that I have is in the Church if it would repent of its sins," he said. "And if we confess our sins individually and then repent, then I believe God... can use us." Franklin focused on Nehemiah's journey and how God richly favored him because He sought the Lord first. He added, "do you think God can give Christians across this country favor again? Yes. So what can we do? Be willing to vote for candidates that stands for biblical truth ... God honors those in high places who honors him."

The people were engaged throughout the prayer rally. Cheering and clapping and most importantly, responding by signing pledges or typing in their decision that day through texting to a phone number Franklin provided.

"We just need to be involved and we need to lend our support...our family was here and we are a part of it" comments Glenn and Lynn Arakawa of Waianae, former IMB missionary, who brought their two boys and was featured in the Decision America Tour website.

This is the spirit we pray all Baptists would have, not just in this coming election but every day. Let's continue to pray for our nation and for our state.



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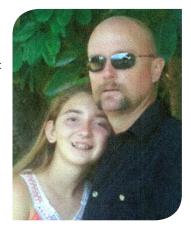
# Prized Catch for Molokai ERIC HAWKINS BLESSES A COMMUNITY

by Jerry Sulliban, Finance and Business, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention

is a mild mannered Christian man from the Southern part of the U.S. who just wanted to share his faith and lead music for the Kaunakakai Baptist Church along with his family. His unassuming disposition however will change because of this one event. I had a chance to visit Kaunakakai recently and everyone was talking about Eric and his recent catch.

It was just one of those normal days. Hopie and her dad went out to go fishing. They knew they snagged

something huge. In fact, it took them 6 to 8 hours of fighting and reeling just to control their catch. Eric thought he caught an 850 lbs Marlin. He was going to release it, but it died as they brought it to the boat. Eric decided to tow it and it took them 4 hours to motor back to the harbor at the speed of 5 mph.



I have seen large catches of Marlins before while living in Lahaina. They come to a glorious 550 to 650 lbs. As I continue to talk to Eric however, he later confirmed that their catch was not nearly close to 850 lbs — but a whopping 1,222 lbs.

Here is the real significant part of this miracle story. At some point, you just need to decide what to do with the fish. Eric continued his story, "I cut it up, 8-10 lb. chunks, put each piece in a vacuum sealed bag and drove around the community and gave it away piece by piece. You know Molokai is a small island and by the time I got to other housing communities, people were already outside their home waiting for me to drive by."

He filled five coolers to the brim with each one being five feet long. The next day an individual came by his house and asked if he had any more. Eric didn't hesitate. He went in the house and gave his last bag that he kept for himself. This is not only saying "I am a Christian, this is walking the walk and not just talking the talk!!!"

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BRING IT BACK
TO SHORE.

This is a man of God, and a family of God, in the Kaunakakai **Baptist Church** not only reaching people for Christ, but sharing their blessings from God with people on the island of Molokai. This is not a GEICO fishing story, like the commercial where the guy exaggerated his catch, this is a true story and it made it in the "Hawaii Fishing News" reports. See it for



yourself in the picture attached to this article. A man of God putting his faith into practice.

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# GOD CONTINUES TO CALL

by Bong Abagon

"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:38

rdination is an ageold practice that denominations do to set apart people who are led to a special call to ministry. Paul experienced this when he was set-apart as a missionary to the gentiles (Acts 13:2-3). Timothy was encouraged to keep the flame by remembering the "laying on of hands" (1 Timothy 4:14).

God continues to call people today. Recently, Brad McDaniel sat on the "hot-seat" of ordination where 16 pastors, deacons and leaders gathered (April, 2016).



HFLM is a mission organization that provides godly homes for children who have been abandoned, negleced, and abused. As these homes receive children, HFLM encourages the body of Christ to come alongside and support foster and adoptive families to share Jesus with the birth families in their time of need. To learn more, you can reach the McDaniel family at (808) 694-9900.



Brad and Esther McDaniel (left, front, 2nd and 3rd) with members of the ordination council.

This preliminary process was convened under the leadership of Brad's pastor, Pastor Steve Gray of First Baptist Church of Wahiawa. Indeed God was moving through his people to confirm those whom He had called.

Brad and Esther were HBA graduates and pastors' kids. They had been in ministry since as far as they could remember. Their passion would point them to foster care through Harvest Family Life. He had been serving Hawaii families by partnering with the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services and Family Court since 1995 in various capacities such as foster parent, pastoral advisor, and advocates for children and family.

Questions were hurled as the group examined Brad's belief about the Bible, the Trinity, and Baptist Distinctiveness. It felt that every stone had been turned. Hot subjects were fair game: gifts of the spirit, perseverance of the saints, spiritual disciplines, personal holiness, and accountability, were just some.

After an hour and a half of questioning, and twenty minutes of deliberation, the 16 member council unanimously approved the ordination of Brad McDaniel. It was clear that the body was not just ordaining him for pastoral ministry but as a missionary.

Being ordained as a Baptist minister is a huge privilege. Chris Martin, Executive Director and Treasurer of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, explained it this way as the body concludes the process, "...ordaining you (Brad) means we approve your presence in our churches...our commitment is not just here but for the rest of your ministry. You are sent out, together with us."

Brad and Esther are directors of Harvest Family Life ministry, a non-profit organization working with at-risk children and youth through foster care. "Without a doubt, Brad's ordination is to set him a part to a work only few ordained ministers feel comfortable doing" says Don Buenconsejo, deacon chair at FBC of Wahiawa. "This is definitely my calling but I will not say no for pastoral ministry" affirms Brad. Further he said, "The right thing to do is to do His will."

Just this year, HPBC experienced three ordination to the gospel ministry and two deacon ordinations. Jeff Mullins of Olivet BC, Jarod Juriga of Mililani Baptist Church and Ed Meza of Hawaii Kai Baptist Church were ordained to the gospel ministry and Al Aguilar and Nicholas Ramirez from Word of Truth were ordained as deacons in different times. God has not ceased to call individuals to deacon ministry and full-time ministry.

Should you have questions about ordination, don't hesitate to talk to your pastor or to your association leaders. The staff of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention is also here to serve you. Contact us at info@hpbaptist.net.

# IAMA

**SURVIVOR** 

by Darryl McCain

eaching children to survive this world is one thing, but for them to realize that they are loved and secured by God and that He has a perfect plan for them is another thing. Challenging them to be on missions everyday, that is what Girls in Action (GA) and Royal Ambassadors (RA) Adventure Camp is all about.

Fun times littered the 14-acre Pu'ukahea campsite with archery, paintball/slingshot, water games, relay games, swimming in the ocean, crafts, and camp craft skills. And let's not forget the dearly loved "critter race."

Brad and Sherry Chow were featured missionaries at the camp. The Chows served in East Asia and have recently retired from the International Mission Board. Brad and Sherry shared with the children how they were called to go on the mission field and some of the exciting stories of sharing Christ with their people group. Brad also shared his gift of telling bible stories through balloon animals with the children.

Some of the volunteers are actually RA and GA alumnae. They came back and lent themselves to assist. It is not even surprising to see three generations of RA and GA come to camp. Children also enjoyed praise and worship by Red C and

Many of these volunteers have a deep rooted history, not just with the RA/GA program but with the campsite itself. Retired Pastor John Vaughn, one of the counselors recalls his life story with his campers at Barker 1 the night of the bonfire. "I was once there in your shoes. As a young child I recall playing the games, enjoying camp and meeting new people. It was also in RA camp that God called me to

Pastor Michael (Bong) Abagon gave

message and asked the children if they would like to make a decision for Christ. Thirty-one children and Jr. Sponsors responded to the call and made decisions during the three-day camp. Twenty of those children professed belief in Jesus for the first time. Five made decisions to



take the next step in baptism. There were six decisions to follow Christ in Christian ministry and service.

When campers were asked about their favorite thing about camp, Providence said, "My favorite part of camp is archery because I never shot an arrow before." Others expressed their favorite was learning more about the Bible stories and about Jesus. The theme for the Bible stories was "A Really Bad Day". They revolved around the really bad days that Jonah, Joseph, the disciples, and Jesus experienced. But the stories didn't end with the bad day — God always provided a good ending to the story!

Pray for all the campers that they may live a missional life. They are excited to return next year and we pray your children and your church will be a part of the next Adventure Camp.





# Why I Love Vacation Bible School



As a young child growing up in church, I always enjoyed participating in the two week long Vacation Bible School. **Why?** 

Because the songs were fun, the crafts were cool, the Bible stories fascinating and the snacks were always abundant and delicious. I still love Vacation Bible School as an adult. Why? Because of the same reasons listed above plus the opportunities to share Jesus in a fun way, positively impact the community, rejoice with those who accept Jesus and assimilate the new believers and prospects

into the life of the church. I never get tired of seeing people come to Christ. Lives are transformed for an eternity!

For those churches who are still going strong with Vacation Bible School, I encourage you to continue this evangelistic outreach. For churches who have not done VBS in a long time, I have good news for you! You now have an option of doing a theme related VBS but on a smaller scale. It's called a Backyard Kids Club. Designed for up to 20 preschoolers and children, it can be hosted in a church member's

backyard, a park, beach, or wherever you can host a small group. If you have six adult volunteers, you can have a Backyard Kids club.

The Backyard Kids Club Kit costs only \$39.00, and it contains the worship rally CD and video choreography, individual folders for the host and leaders of Bible study, craft, recreation, music, along with promotional items. You have the option of purchasing individual student guides. The 2016 Lifeway VBS theme is "Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface," based on Psalm 139:23-24.

# BACKYARD

Churches who have moved from the big theme related VBS to a Backyard Bible Club are doing so with great success. Some do it during spring or fall break (not limiting it to summer only). Schedule wise, some have it Monday through Friday, some have it for five consecutive Friday nights, and a few have it in a weekend retreat. More and more of our churches are hosting a two-hour Backyard Kids Club in their community, in the United States, and internationally. How exciting!

For those who are on a budget, there is even more good news. You can have your VBS in late summer or the fall and use the resources that the churches have generously donated. You can recruit a team from the mainland or use local people from other churches to help. The only thing needed is your commitment and follow up.

Please call (808-356-8331) or email me (clyde@hpbaptist.net) if I can be of help to you. I know that many have great stories to share about your VBS and I look forward to hearing your stories, seeing your pictures, and passing on your valuable insights.

I love Vacation Bible School. Do you?

### WITHOUT WALLS

Here's what you can do to plan an out-of-the-church VBS experience:

**PUT VBS ON THE ROAD-MAP.** Find a location.

**PLAN.** Construct a VBS program that is accessible to most everyone around you.

**TRAIN**. Develop a community-minded team.

**PROMOTE**. Think of how you can best get the word out.

**TEACH**. Use a material like Lifeway's 2016 VBS program, "Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface."

**EVANGELIZE.** Give a chance for students to hear the gospel have them respond.

**FOLLOW UP.** Following up with those who participated.

Source: VBS Without Walls by Facts & Trends, January 25, 2016



# A Field Goal for Leeward and Hilo

It was a divine providence that God allowed two regions to be blessed by the presence of one of the most famous NFL players of all history.

by Bong Abagon, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention

**JASON ELAM**, a Denver Bronco football kicker for 15 years joined Baptist local churches to help reach the lost.

Leeward Oahu and Hilo Big Island took advantage of this evangelism outreach (April 10 & 11). Pastors from both areas gathered together for a time of planning, a time of prayer, and a time of soul winning. "It was surreal," said Karl Sunagawa, associate minister at Kinoole Baptist Church. "How often do you get this opportunity to have a fine man of God come alongside and reach lost people?" Pastor Alan Krober of Mililani Baptist Church comments, "we will adopt this as



Jason Elam takes pictures and signs autograph during the Oahu and Hilo event.

Jesus. He encouraged the listeners to seriously consider the same.

"The Bible is an important instrument, you can trust it." He recalled a story of how he was flying a plane in the midst of a storm when all of a sudden all instruments indicated immanent failure, but he felt just fine. It's a good thing he remembered his early training that pointed him back to trust his instruments. In the same way, the Bible is God's instruments to point us away from imminent danger and towards safety through His Son.

## The Bible is God's instruments to point us away from imminent danger and towards safety through His Son

our evangelism strategy—we will even cancel our evening service."

A prayer gathering happened a week before the event. It was graced with scripture verses, reminding the baptist ohana that "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1). The prayer meeting focused on praying for collaboration, communities, clarity and connections. Oahu focused prayer on Jason's clearness and boldness of the message and good health.

Jason Elam is no stranger to Hawaii. He played for University of Hawaii (UH) as a place kicker for four years. "UH was not really a top grade football team but the coach believed in me and in us," as Jason emphasized to each listener that they matter to God. Jason recalls one of the games they played against the rival team Brigham Young University (BYU), who at that point was 3rd in the nation, and they were the best. UH Coach Bob Wagner encouraged his team to stick with a surprise play that no one would expect even though they were the underdogs. UH won by a big margin, 56-14.

The two-time NFL Superbowl champion recalled his days of searching for God. As he studied the Bible and other evidences, all his questions undeniably pointed to His existence and to the reality of His Son



The crowd amazed at the two NFL Superbowl rings being passed around.

This back-to-back outreach that brought 461 people will surely keep local churches busy. Collectively, 41 salvations, 1 baptism, 7 need connection with church, 9 not ready, and 24 asked or prayer requests.

Participating churches gets to help harvest and follow up. Pastor Zeke Tomaselli of Ohana Church, Hilo puts it, "do not let the authenticity of the response concern you, just be thankful that people responded by filling out the card, and that He has given us an OPEN DOOR (Colossians 4:2-4) to make a personal gospel connection with the individual." Without a doubt local churches who joined in should not wait long to connect with the individual.

for photos and other stories, go to: hpbaptist.net/jasonelam





# A Relaxing Success WIVES IN MINISTRY RETREAT

RESTORE. The dictionary defines it as: To bring back *return* or *reinstate*. "*Restore* to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me," Psalm 51:12 NIV was the theme for this year's HPBC Wives In Ministry Retreat.

For a second year it was held at Pu'u Kahea Christian Conference Center in Waianae on Oahu. Over fifty wives from throughout the convention were able to attend this 4-day retreat.

The guest speaker,
Diana Davis,

challenged the wives to relax

in God's
restoring
faith.
Diana is
an author,
syndicated
columnist,
and
minister's
wife. Her "Fresh
Ideas" articles

often appeared in the Hawaii Pacific Baptist paper, and she has recently completed her latest book, Six Simple Steps: Find Contentment and Joy as a Ministry Wife (New Hope Publishing 2015). She loves encouraging Christian women, playing with grandkids, and reading a good book on the beach. Diana's husband, Steve, is Vice President of North American Mission Board and they reside in Pensacola, FL.

We were blessed with Autumn Wall from Indiana leading the worship. Autumn runs marathons, plays the guitar, and designs websites. She's a foster mom and a popular speaker. Her joy is finding ways to use every aspect of life as worship to her Creator. Autumn leads worship at Living Faith Church in Indianapolis, IN—a downtown church plant where her husband, Yale, is the lead pastor.

Diana and Autumn are mother and daughter. Together, they have co-authored a new book, Across the Street and Around the World—Ideas to Spark a Missional Focus. It is scheduled for release



Autumn Wall leading worship

by New Hope Publishing this fall.

After the retreat, several of the wives posted on social media thoughts like, "What a REFRESHING time!"...



An enjoyable whale watching excursion delighted the wives.



"Amazing weekend! God is so good!"...
"This is just what I needed. What a
wonderful time of fellowship and
encouragement!" and "I feel renewed
and restored. God truly blessed our
time. It's always a great time seeing old
friends and making new ones."

This HPBC-sponsored event treated the wives to amazing activities including massage, Refit workouts, jewelry making, and free crafting time. A movie and campfire were a perfect ending to the first night of the retreat as the wives enjoyed watching "Moms' Night Out". Every night there was a coffee house for a place to gather for coffee and crafts. In addition to these activities, they took a two-hour whale

watching cruise where one whale really showed off his tail for them! And there was free time each afternoon for wives to spend time alone with God or with small clusters of friends sharing their hearts.

Additionally, there were several choices of break-out sessions for the wives. The women learned more about leading worship, dealing with difficult people, couponing, making cards, and about this year's VBS "Submerged!" And, as usual, the food was first rate at Pu'u Kahea. Thank you, pastors and churches of HPBC, for allowing these wives to have a wonderful weekend celebrating them and their ministry and to, hopefully, be RESTOREd!

Watch Diana and Autumn's video at hpbaptist.net/wivesinministry for more encouragement.







# CP in the HP

# **BCM** Ministries

by Chris Martin, Executive Director, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention

uring the course of the year, the Cooperative Program gifts sent through the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention support many incredible works of ministry. For every dollar given, 68.5 cents remain in the HPBC, supporting ministries such as, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Women's Ministry/Wives in Ministry, retirement benefits for pastors and more.

This regular installment to the Pacific Connector will highlight some of those works of the Cooperative Program in the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, or CP in the HP for short.

## CP in the HP

One of the fantastic ministries supported by your Cooperative Program giving in the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention is the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, or BCM. All of our BCM Ministries, coordinated by Arjay

Gruspe, serve to reach our college campuses in Hawaii and the South Pacific. On the Big Island, the BCM at the University of Hawaii at Hilo is led by its director, Anita Bice.

Among the many ministries to the students at UH/Hilo, Anita has encouraged the students to engage missions through an opportunity at Kaunakakai Baptist Church on Molokai. To hear it in Anita's words:

"We led a day camp for 4-18 year olds and hosted three night events to meet adults. The name of our week was Hoe Like (Ho-eh LEE-keh), a canoe paddling term meaning Paddle Together, or teamwork. We wanted the people of Molokai to know we were there to work with them, not to come in from outside to force things on them. The small island of Molokai is plagued with poverty, drugs, alcoholism, abuse, and generations of incest, but it is not known to be a community open to outside help. A popular t-shirt design says "Molokai mo betta, but no come unless you invited." Fortunately we were invited—again.

A group from Hilo BCM had gone to Kaunakakai last year, and we learned that children in the church had prayed all year for us to return. They dropped written requests into a prayer box created to allow them privacy when asking for prayer for needs like a place to live, enough food to eat, or for their parents to stay off of drugs. For an entire year, children with those needs dropped in requests for God to send a group of college students back to Kaunakakai. Thank God we listened when He called us to be the answer to their prayers."

The team was truly an answer to prayer. God blessed their Spring Break week by using them to minister to the residents of Molokai and Kaunakakai Baptist Church. And it appears that God is planning to use their willingess to serve again next year!

Mahalo for your investment in giving through the Cooperative Program!





# AROUND the SBC



#### **NEPAL: A Year After Devastating Earthquake**

GRATEFUL—A Nepali woman drinks from a water spigot. Sources say 3 million Nepalis drink contaminated water and 85 percent drink water below international safety standards. The need for clean water and jobs grew post-earthquake.

Read More: http://www.bpnews.net/46780

by Caroline Anderson, IMB

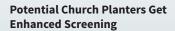


#### **Businessman to Give Day's Profits to Overseas Missions**

FAITHFULNESS—Robert Johnson, owner of a Harrodsburg, Ky., farm supply store, is donating a day's worth of profits to international missions. Johnson, a member of Salvisa Baptist Church, has set aside May 6 for the initiative.

Read More: http://bpnews.net/bpnews?id=46769

Photo: Kentucky Today



PLANTING—Assessment and training by the North American Mission Board of new Southern Baptist church planters has been enhanced by assessors who provide more comprehensive guidance to prospective planters and their wives.

Read More: http://www.bpnews.net/46759

by NAMB Communications Staff Photo: John Swain/NAMB

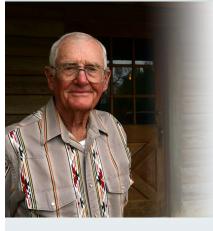


#### **Beyond Alcoholism, Aimlessness**

GRACE—Ellis Brasher, 83, testifies today to the saving power of the Gospel from his life as a drifter. Brasher wants to encourage Christians to share their testimony with others and to not give up if they don't see results because, to this day, the coworker who witnessed to Brasher many years ago by planting the seeds of the Gospel, does not know how the story ended.

Read More: http://bpnews.net/46782

by Michael Foust/Southern Baptist TEXAN Photo by Gary Ledbetter



#### Southern Baptist Convention, ST. LOUIS: 'Awaken America, Reach the World'

MINISTRY—With the theme of this year's June 14-15 gathering being "Awaken America: Reach the World—Agree, Unite, Pray," the SBC continues to point to passionate prayer as a critical tool for a "nationwide and global spiritual awakening."

Read More: http://www.bpnews.net/46730

by Shawn Hendricks, Baptist Press





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**UNIVERSITY AVE BAPTIST CHURCH** hosted an Easter egg hunt with featured games, shave ice and picture with Easter bunny on Saturday, March 26. Around 500 members of the community, including 250 children, attended the event. This event served as a practical way for UABC to serve and make connections with members of their community.

**DR. CHRIS EVANS**, missionary for the "At The Crossroads" Seafarers Ministry reports 62 professions of faith and 1 baptism for February and March 2016. They meet Tuesdays and Fridays at Pier 37. Timely medical help that these fishermen could not afford was also provided by Dr. Amy Jacang of Liliha Medical, Dr. Craig Nakatsuka, and Dr. John Yates and their nurse Joji in recent months. Mahalo Doctors!





**THANKFUL NO ONE GOT HURT.** Strong winds uprooted 10 trees and hit a structure on Pu'ukahea Conference Center last March 9 that "forever changed its landscape." Jimmy Tucker and the rest of the staff are thankful that no one got hurt. Continue to pray PKCC and its road to recovery.

**NEW MINISTRY** began at the Waianae Boat Harbor with its first worship service last Easter. Pastor Jerrell Tate and Abundant Life Christian Fellowship have been ministering with the homeless village for over a year until the Lord opened this new venture. You are welcome to help, bring mission teams and pray. For more information email him at TateJerrell@gmail.com



**OVER 1,000 PEOPLE** attended the Kaanapali Beach Ministry Easter Service held at the Hyatt Regency Maui. Richard Murray had been leading this ministry for years and have picked up considerable following of snowbirds and tourists. Be in prayer for Richard and this exciting Ministry. Visit their website at beachministries.org and drop by their ministry in case you are around.

FIRST BAPTISMS SINCE 2011. Pastor Kurt Simon, the new pastor of Voyage Ministries on the Waimea Big Island (formerly known as FBC of Waimea) celebrated five baptisms and eight more recent decisions for Jesus on April 10th. Pray for these new disciples and for Pastor Kurt. You may reach him at kurt. simon@voyagewaimea.com for words of encouragement.



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# **GOOD THINGS BECOME Greater Things!**

hen God moves within the hearts of His people to reach into new ideas and thoughts of ministry, good things often materialize as the result. And God designs for those good things to spread into greater things!

Darlene Ronquillo. Darlene is a member of Maui Philippine Baptist Church in Kahului and

One example of those 'greater things' is the recent Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gift boxes from the Maui County Baptist Association's WMU team, guided under the leadership of

nissions for life www leaders

Darlene Ronquillo

wife of Pastor Bong Ronquillo. She has been heading the MCBA WMU team for the past few years.

As the team met in the end of 2015 to discuss the upcoming events for 2016. Darlene noticed a shift in the team's desire to be more active in missions rather than gathering for social events. This shift prompted Darlene to ask the team about finding missions opportunities for specific ministry targets on a quarterly basis. This began a 'good thing'.

Starting with the intent of finding a spring-time mission, the team chose to encourage the MCBA churches to select a missionary family from the Annie Armstrong Prayer Calendar, provided by the North American Mission Board. In choosing a family, each church would reach out to contact them and inquire as to how the church could minister to them, in addition to prayer. The church then prepared a 'care

package' of letters of encouragement with additional various items as gifts of aloha, such as t-shirts, coffee mugs and candy.

Four MCBA churches participated in the event and it was received with great excitement. The churches responded to requests from the families in the items and the letters that were sent. As the boxes were sealed on Sunday, March 13th, prayers were lifted that the boxes would be a special token of love and support to our mission families throughout North America. All ages groups were involved in the gift selection, letter-writing, and more.

In the remainder of 2016, the WMU team has chosen to target a local pregnancy center on Maui for Mother's Day, the Baptist Collegiate Ministries on Maui for the month of August, and a focus on our International Mission Board families around Christmas to coincide with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These events are planned in addition to a Women's Day of Prayer gathering and a possible Women's Seminar, supported by one of the MCBA churches.

When God spoke to the ladies of the Maui County WMU, they listened and began to work together to see how He could use them to impact their churches and the world for His glory. Through His guidance, they are finding the greater things that He has planned with a view for more to come.

Find out more how you can get involve through missions offering and the stories behind this article at hpbaptist.net/annie-armstrong.





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#### MAY

- Senior Adult Sunday 1
- 8-15 Christian Home Week
- 15-22 **Baptist Association Emphasis** 
  - 21 **HPBC Executive Board Meeting**
  - 29 Life Commitment Sunday
  - 30 Memorial Day

#### **JUNE**

- King Kamehameha Day 10
- Baptist Men's Emphasis 19
- 26 Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 6-26-7-2 **Children's Creative Arts Camp**

#### **JULY**

- Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday
- 4 Independence Day
- Serving Your Community Sunday 17

#### **AUGUST**

- Social Issues Sunday
- 7 Student Evangelism Day
- 19 Statehood Day
- 24-27 Worship Music Week

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Single Adult Sunday
- **Week of Prayer Hawaii Pacific Missions** 4-10 **Sue Nishikawa Offering** 
  - 5 Labor Day
  - 18 Anti-Gambling Sunday
  - Discipleship Rally 19
  - **HPBC** Executive Board 24
- 30-10/1 Missions in the Hawaii Pacific



ISAIAH 42:12



