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Building the Kingdom

Small Steps At a Time

In the last edition of the Pacific Connector, we shared elements of a new vision for the Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches. In continuing a description of this vision, this article will bring a second set of features into play.

Building upon the last issue of the Pacific Connector, we want to share additional elements to facilitate the view. As we mentioned, we can envision **every Hawaii Pacific Baptist Church working together to be leaders in impacting God's Kingdom throughout the Pacific and Asia**. Underneath this view, **together, we will empower and mobilize** Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches to engage Hawaii, the Pacific, and Asia with intentional efforts for God's Kingdom.

In empowering and mobilizing the churches of the HPBC, together **we will support the efforts of the HPBC staff team**. The Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention staff team exists to assist the HPBC churches in accomplishing the mission that God has given each church. Similarly to a missionary team, the HPBC staff team strives to serve you, bringing their experience, networking, communication, strategic thought, and more to your ministry. All of this effort is for the strength of the individual local church as part of a significant network of HPBC churches across Hawaii, the South Pacific, and Asia.

Through the ministry of the HPBC staff team, together, **we will provide excellent resources for Hawaii Pacific Baptist churches**. The days of attending an event without a purpose are over. Every form of support must contribute to the strengthening of the HPBC churches. Our staff team is committed to bringing only the best to our churches, whether that involves speakers, materials, partners, or information - because our excellence in supporting each other in pursuing God's Kingdom work is a top priority. Your HPBC staff team strives to provide access for every church to be deeply connected to the very best available resources to enhance and empower ministry efforts.

Finally, **we will strengthen integrity and accountability in institutional stewardship and structure**. Our actions are not privately conducted, but we choose to hold each other accountable in every area of ministry.

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The HPBC Executive Board guides the cooperative work of our churches while your HPBC staff team reports to our boards and committees. These actions are not to “rubber-stamp” board or staff functions but to exhibit integrity in all of our efforts in responsible stewardship. Our cooperation provides each church with measures of safety, security, and accountability, allowing for a sharper focus in following Christ.

Over the coming issues of the Pacific Connector, we will continue to share portions of this vision to encourage and motivate you to share in the task. Continue to pray and search for ways to serve God in obedience together. As always, your HPBC staff team is ready to assist you in any way that we can to advance and support your ministry. If we can serve you, please call us at 808 356-8329 or email me at chris@hpbaptist.net.

Mahalo,

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Sue Nishikawa Offering *for Hawaii Pacific Missions*

Week of Prayer and Offering FOR HAWAII PACIFIC MISSIONS

The Week of Prayer for Hawaii Pacific Missions (September 1-8, 2019) and the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions is an amazing way to support the work that God is doing throughout Hawaii and the Pacific.

HPBC Executive Director/Treasurer, Chris Martin shares, "As we move forward together as Hawaii Pacific Baptists, we see every Hawaii Pacific Baptist Church working together to be leaders in impacting God's Kingdom throughout the Pacific and Asia."

"And the Sue Nishikawa Week of Prayer and the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions are a vital part of that vision. God is doing incredible things through our churches as we cooperate together for the sake of reaching Hawaii and the Pacific for Christ."

"In 2018, we were challenged, as Hawaii Pacific Baptists, to give more to the work that is going on in Hawaii and the Pacific through the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. And we responded. In fact, we gave 50% more. We were also challenged to find new ways to reach our communities for Christ and you responded! We made more requests from the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions than ever."

- This year, your gifts helped Pahala Baptist on the Big Island do outreach ministry with Kaunakakai Baptist on Molokai. They saw six students give their lives to Christ.
- You helped our newest church, Waiehu Community Church, do an outreach event to Makani Kai Hale including a distribution of school supplies.

- Your gifts helped Lanai Baptist put on several 5th Sunday Community Outreach Events.
- You also helped Guam Christian Life Fellowship host a Block Party
- You helped Word of Truth Church host an outreach to the Filipino community.
- These generous gifts helped Kauai House Network reach new communities with a mobile-ministries trailer.
- You also helped Olivet Baptist Church host a huge Easter Outreach Event.
- That's not to mention the Vacation Bible Schools around the islands, the Children's Creative Arts Camp in Kaneohe, the Sports Camp Outreach in Kohala on the Big Island, and a Children's outreach program in Ewa Beach.

We are advancing God's kingdom through faithful prayers and support of the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions. We are challenged to continue to pray for the work that is being supported through our gifts to the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions.

Together, we are advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ around Hawaii, the Pacific, and Asia.



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2019

Prayer Guide

DAY 1 - SUNDAY

"I am Hawaii Pacific Missions"

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 CSB

- Ask God to stir your heart for the lost.
- Ask Him to give you creative ways to reach your community for Christ.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

Tim & Mary Belcher

Lanai Baptist Church
Lanai City, Lanai Island

Your gifts have helped Lanai Baptist Church serve their community in practical ways such as mowing, trimming weeds, and making home repairs.

- Pray for continued opportunities to serve the kupuna in their community.
- Ask God for opportunities for them to share the Gospel with the people of Lanai.

DAY 7 - SATURDAY

Jay & Melissa Haynes, Rocky & Emily Komatsu

Waiehu Community Church
Waiehu, Maui Island

Your gifts have provided this new church plant with funds to purchase school supplies and backpacks for a nearby housing community.

- Pray for the core team of the new church to put into practice their evangelism training.
- Ask God to meet the needs of the community and for the community to accept the invitation to visit the new church in Waiehu.

DAY 2 - MONDAY

Marino & Josie Ramones

Pahala Baptist Bible Mission
Pahala, Hawaii Island and Kaunakakai, Molokai Island

Your gifts have helped to prepare and support the youth of Pahala Baptist Bible Mission to reach out to the youth on Molokai. Their goal is to help grow the youth group at Kaunakakai Baptist Church.

- Pray that the youth of Pahala and Kaunakakai will boldly proclaim Christ.
- Ask God to grow the youth groups at both Pahala and Kaunakakai churches.

DAY 5 - THURSDAY

Jamie & Liz McElrath

Olivet Baptist Church
Honolulu, Oahu Island

Your gifts have supported an Easter outreach into the community immediately around the church. The community members heard the Gospel many times that morning.

- Pray for this church to continue to impact their community for Christ.
- Ask God to nourish the Gospel seeds planted in hearts during the Easter Outreach to bring them to salvation.

DAY 8 - SUNDAY

"I am Hawaii Pacific Missions"

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

- Ask God how you can use your gifts to serve others.
- Pray that God will give each of us courage to reach our community for Christ.

DAY 3 - TUESDAY

Stephen & Diana Ventura

Kauai House Church Network
Kalaheo, Kauai Island

Your gifts have helped to provide equipment KHCN can use to reach out to many communities on Kauai with the love of Christ. Because they have no church building, this trailer allows them to meet people by missionally going into communities.

- Pray for KHCN to proactively engage their island and create opportunities to get to know people.
- Ask God to provide opportunities to engage in Gospel conversations as they serve Kauai.

DAY 6 - FRIDAY

Vacation Bible Schools

All Around Hawaii and the Pacific

Your gifts have helped to support VBS around our islands and in the Pacific. VBS is often the biggest evangelistic outreach opportunity for our churches.

- Pray for children and their parents to respond to the Gospel through VBS.
- Pray for the VBS programs to bring glory to God and further His kingdom.

Learn more about these ministries at
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REACHING KIDS AND FAMILY FOR CHRIST

FUN FACTS about 2019 VBS at Yokohama International Baptist Church (YIBC)

from YIBC pastor, Ben Howard

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Only 30 of the 138 enrolled in YIBC VBS were part of the church.

138



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unsaved moms joined an adult class during VBS where they discussed the gospel and the lessons about Jesus in detail each day, primarily in Japanese.



YIBC used Lifeway's "In the Wild" VBS curriculum

but, since more than

90%

of the children speak primarily only Japanese, the curriculum was heavily translated and adapted to work in a Japanese context.

YIBC'S VBS

Ran
Tuesday
thru
Sunday



FOR DADS

The last regular day of VBS was Saturday so that dads who normally work weekdays, could join in!



Along with Lifeway's VBS songs, YIBC used songs with Japanese, and memorized the key verse **John 20:31** in both Japanese and English.



VBS ended with an evangelistic worship service during which the children SANG SONGS to the many parents, and the GOSPEL WAS PRESENTED IN JAPANESE AND ENGLISH to go along with the message the children gave in the songs.



Kauai House Church Network and Eleele Baptist (Kauai) worked together to provide VBS, July 23–27, 2019, at the Eleele church site. Stephen Ventura is pastor of Kauai House Church Network and Larry Hale is pastor of Eleele Baptist Church.



Legacy Community Church (Hawaii Island) held their VBS in the evening, during the week of July 8–12. A mission team from First Baptist Church of Pearl City (Oahu) assisted. They had a total of 34 children who attended the event with 38 volunteers. They had 5 children make professions of faith. Shane Miura is pastor of Legacy and Sterling Lee is pastor of Pearl City.



Mililani Baptist Church (Oahu) held VBS in the evenings from June 17–21. They had 81 children, 45 volunteers, and 5 prayed for salvation during the week. Alan Krober is pastor of Mililani Baptist.



Lihue Baptist (Kauai) Holds Month-Long Summer SONsation Lihue Baptist Church held their month-long Summer SONsation VBS on week-day mornings from June 3–July 3 with over 150 kids attending. Lihue Baptist saw the Lord provide 42 professions of faith and 25 candidates for baptism. Chris Metcalf is pastor of Lihue Baptist.



Koza Baptist, Okinawa, Japan

Koza Baptist Church held their VBS July 29 – August 2, 2019 with 359 kids and 130 Servant Leaders. John Reimer is retiring as pastor of Koza Baptist as Chris Eyre begins as the new pastor.

Around *the* Hawaiian Islands

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Fifty-seven Children Attend Keiki Adventure Camp at Pu'u Kahea

57 children from 8 HPBC churches attended the 2019 Keiki Adventure Camp at Pu'u Kahea Conference Center (PKCC) in Waianae on Oahu. Along with the staff and volunteers at PKCC, Dani Beth Crosby from University Avenue Baptist Church (UABC) was the camp speaker. Others who joined us to help were Darrell and Teresa McCain and a 4-person mission team from Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, GA. The next Keiki Adventure Camp is scheduled for June 2-6, 2020.



Waikoloa Baptist Ordains Six Deacons in June

As one of his last duties as Transition Pastor, Dr. Henry Webb led the church to select and train 6 new deacons. They were ordained by the church on June 23, 2019. As part of the ordination service, the deacons and congregation read out loud a covenant between the deacons and the church.



Reading the covenant





Oahu Baptist Network Youth Camp at Pu'u Kahea

120 Students and 40 Leaders from churches all over Oahu joined together in July for a week of worship, teaching, fellowship, and community outreach at the Pu'u Kahea Conference Center.

Thank you Waianae church for hosting the worship events.

Waikoloa Baptist Church (Hawaii Island) Welcomes Jim Woods as New Pastor

Pastor Jim Woods began serving as their new pastor in July. He and his wife, Alicia, are originally from Western New York and have also served in Virginia. Their children are Victoria, Mason, Logan, and Samantha.



University Avenue Baptist Church (Oahu) Welcomes Dr. Chris Irving as New Pastor

In July, the University Avenue Baptist Church (UABC) welcomed Dr. Irving and his family to Hawaii after a 9 year pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Gonzales, TX. Dr. Irving writes for the Renovate National Church Revitalization Conference and serves as a breakout speaker for Renovate. He and his wife, Amber, have six children: Matt (24), Jake (22), Karalyn (14), Katie & Kylie (9), and Benjamin (5).



Kona Baptist Church (Hawaii Island) Welcomes Pastor Brian Frable as New Pastor

Brian Frable and his wife, Amanda, are pictured along with their children (left to right) Johannah (10), Jon Mark (18), Joshua (19), Josiah (16), Jedidiah (9), Jessica (14). Brian and his family come to Kona from First Baptist Church, Ringwood, Oklahoma.



HAWAII PACIFIC CHURCHES

In Mission.

Central Baptist Church (Okinawa) Holds 1-Day VBS with 5 Sunday Follow-Up



On Saturday, August 11, 2019, Central Baptist Church (Okinawa) hosted a 1-day VBS named "Boot Camp." The emphasis was on "putting on the full armor of God," and being prepared to fight by not using our own tools, but trusting in God and using His armor. For the next 5 weeks during Children's Church, the kids learned in detail about each piece of the armor of God. Instead of crafts, we conducted a physical training activity that resembled fitness activities like one might see in boot camp. Brad Boyd is pastor of Central Okinawa.



Olivet Baptist Church (Oahu) Holds Sports Camp



This year Olivet Baptist Church held a week of Sports Camp in July (22-26). Soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and activities for preschoolers were featured. Jamie McElrath is pastor of Olivet.

Waiehu Community Church (Maui) Moves to Waihee Elementary School



Continue to pray for Pastors Rocky Komatsu and Jay Haynes in this new church. They recently moved to a new venue to better reach the Waihee Community.

International Baptist Church (IBC) of Manila Missions



A mission team from IBC Manila, led by Missions Pastor Roderick Jacinto, helped to lead an Essential Truth Conference for the pastors, workers, and church leaders of Zamboanga Peninsula Baptist Convention on August 7-9, 2019. They worked alongside Calvary Baptist Church in Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay. David Crim is pastor of IBC Manila.

Pahala Church and Kaunakakai Partner for Week of VBS

Learn more about this by visiting the Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions page that includes a video telling of this great story.

Mariano Ramones is pastor of Pahala Church.

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Oklahoma Native Americans Minister on Oahu in June

This past June, Oklahoma Native Americans from the Church of Cushing Baptist came to minister to the Oahu Community. They partnered with North Windward Baptist Church in Hau'ula and reached out all around Oahu including the communities of Mililani, Kaneohe, Kahuku, and Wahiawa to name a few. They used their culture to share the gospel and through song and dance, testimonies and preaching, people got to experience the exciting vibrant side of these Native Americans. The group would like to continue their ministry next summer in Hawaii. If you are interested you can contact Pastor Warren Pratt at 918-399-2156.



New Disaster Relief Trailers on Maui and Oahu



In July, Maui County Baptist Association received a Disaster Relief Recovery trailer donated to HPBC by Texas Baptist Men and Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. The trailer is designed for flood cleanup. It will be housed and cared for by Lahaina Baptist Church. Jay Wright is pastor of Lahaina Baptist. HPBC's Disaster Relief ministry also received their new Quick Response Feeding Unit this past May 2019. Darrell McCain is HPBC Director of Disaster Relief.

OlaNui! Members Part of Mission Trip to Vietnam



Worship leader Mike Kahue and church member Angela Hoan from OlaNui! (Oahu) went on a missions trip to Vietnam in April 2019. They worked with house churches, orphanages, and college students. Part of the mission included putting on a luau. Rick Lazor is pastor of OlaNui!.

Several churches from the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention impacted Japan with the Gospel by sending mission teams there this past summer.

"It is always difficult to measure the impact a short-term team has on an area," said Ryan Edwards, associate pastor at **Makakilo Baptist Church**. "We trust that God is the author and perfecter of faith and salvation belongs to Him."

Edwards led a team of six people from Makakilo Baptist Church who partnered with **Yokohama International Baptist Church (YIBC)** from July 19–30, 2019. One hundred-fifty children registered at YIBC's Vacation Bible School and "they came pretty close to that in actual daily attendance," Edwards said. Ben Howard is pastor of YIBC.



Pastor Howard said the mission team from Makakilo Baptist played a vital role in reaching children and families with the gospel.

"Having extra workers also means that our Japanese speaking teachers can focus on teaching the lessons more clearly since 90 percent of the children speak Japanese," Howard said. "God worked as a result of our dependence on him." "For us, VBS is only the first step in reaching families with the gospel. It's a continuing process as God allows us to develop relationships with the unchurched families we met through that week."

Nelson Chapman, senior pastor of **Central Baptist Church** in Honolulu, led a team of eight people from his church that partnered with **Sawara Baptist Church** and **Lifetree Church** in Fukuoka as well as **International Mission Board** missionaries on a missions trip from July 25 through August 5, 2019.

"We saw God work in so many ways," Chapman said. "Over 40 children attended Vacation Bible School and a number of them indicated faith."

Chapman also reported that at least five non-believing mothers requested Bibles and over 70 people attended the outreach events. As a result, many nonbelievers said they would attend Sawara Baptist Church or Lifetree Church to learn more about Jesus.

"By God's grace, our team was told that the partnership was inspiring to the local churches, so that they are encouraged to keep making disciples for Christ there in Fukuoka," Chapman said. "These young pastors are getting evangelistic outreach into the DNA of their churches."



The Gathering led a team of 18 people to serve Jesus in the Tokyo area from July 19-31, 2019. This team included two from **Ohana Church** in Hilo (Pastor Zeke Tomaselli and his sister Ulu-Micah Tomaselli) and four from **International Baptist Fellowship** in Honolulu (Pastor Con Wilson, his wife Chiyo, and their two children).



"Because God graciously placed on our hearts a passion to serve children," said Jennifer Preston, VBS director at **Kanto Plains Baptist Church**, "we pressed on towards the prize, all the while impacting not only the children but their parents.... At the end of the day, God's Word will not go out void, and the name of Jesus will be exalted over all other names."

The Gathering also partnered with **Praise Church**, **Grace Church**, **Grace House Church**, and **Okubo Baptist Church** as well as the **Ark English School**. In addition to VBS, The Gathering led or participated in worship services in four churches, led three community outreaches, prayer walked several times, and participated in a homeless ministry.

This was the third consecutive year that The Gathering sent a team to Tokyo. James Shiroma, pastor of The Gathering on Oahu, said he sees the strengthening of this partnership with pastors, churches, Christians, and missionaries in Japan.

"Our church truly believes that Japan is where God called us," Shiroma said. "We love serving Jesus there."





13 Students Graduate from Celebrate Recovery Program in Guam

Pastor Ed Perez and his wife Luz, of Tamuning Baptist Church in Guam have been leading a Celebrate Recovery Program in Guam's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Center every Wednesday for 29 weeks. Thirteen students graduated from the treatment program and the Celebrate Recovery Program.



Guam Christian Life Fellowship (GCLF) Family Camp

GCLF, under the leadership of Pastor Pancho Madrid, held their second annual Family Camp. Guest speaker, Dr. Craig Webb, HPBC Assistant Executive Director, and his wife Barbara, enjoyed being a part of the weekend. The camp included a day-and-a-half focused on youth and young adults then the whole church family and guests joined them on Saturday and Sunday.



Calvary Baptist Church to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, Calvary Baptist Church on Guam will celebrate 60 years of ministry. Pastor Rob Puckett and his wife, Dlorah, have been serving at Calvary for 14 years. They will also hold a Community Outreach Event on Saturday, September 21. Dr. Craig Webb, HPBC Assistant Executive Director, will represent HPBC and be the guest speaker for the celebration.



**Lanai Baptist
(Island of Lanai)
Holds Evening VBS,
Gives Goats!**

Lanai Baptist Church held an evening VBS from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with about 43 kids each day and 18 leaders. For the first time in more than 30 years the church family was able to plan and lead VBS with no outside help. For their VBS missions project, they partnered with Baptist Global Response (gobgr.org) and the children were able to give money to purchase 7 goats to be given to a village overseas. Tim Belcher is pastor of Lanai Baptist.



Wahiawa Baptist (Oahu) Holds VBS for Kids and Adults

58 children and 16 adults attended along with 29 workers. Steve Gray is pastor of First Baptist of Wahiawa.



Cornerstone Christian Fellowship of Kona (Hawaii Island) Held 2 Vacation Bible Schools This Summer

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship of Kona (Hawaii Island) held 2 Vacation Bible Schools with two mission teams helping. First, Calvary Baptist of Lake Havasu, Arizona assisted them and 81 children attended. Then, the Korean Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor (Oahu) came over and 76 kids attended. We were encouraged to have 48 workers during these 2 weeks of VBS. The 2-week VBS culminated with our biggest event of the year, a Family Fair/School Supply Giveaway. One hundred sixty-nine students were given free school supplies/backpacks, more importantly, they and their parents heard the Gospel message. Throughout the two weeks, 28 decisions were made for Christ. Jeff Buchholz is pastor of Cornerstone.

2019 HPBC Annual Meeting

Thursday and Friday
November 7-8
Olivet Baptist Church
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The HPBC Annual meeting is not only our chance to affirm new member churches, approve the operating budget, and select new officers, it's family time. The annual meeting is for biblical fellowship, mutual encouragement, ministry celebration, and worship.



University Avenue Baptist Church
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HPBC Missions College One Day features missions training by International Mission Board (IMB) personnel for pastors, mission trip leaders, and missions team members. **This year we will have 3 tracks of training:**

- 1. Pastor Track** — 3 sessions covering how to become a sending church, resources for missions, and updates from the mission field focused on IMB Asia.
- 2. Missions Team Leader Track** — 3 Sessions covering recruiting for, leading, and funding mission trips, planning and logistics, and safety and security.
- 3. Missions Team Member Track** — 3 Sessions covering personal and spiritual preparation for missions, what you need to know to go on an overseas mission trip, and cross-cultural evangelism.

Missions College One Day is co-sponsored by the International Mission Board and the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention and is supported by your church's gifts through the Cooperative Program. Thank you!

To register online, go to cvent.me/evgDo or scan the QR code:



UPDATE from IMB's Scott & Julie BRADFORD

Scott and Julie are International Mission Board (IMB) Missionaries and part of IMB's East Asia Affinity Group. They are liaisons between IMB East Asia and the HPBC as part of our missions partnership agreement. The Bradfords were stationed in Honolulu for 5 months, January—May 2019, and made wonderful connections with many of our pastors and churches. They will return to Hawaii in November to connect with churches, do training during Missions College One Day (Nov. 6), and represent IMB at the HPBC Annual Meeting.

If your church would like to have a missionary share in your worship service, are in need of partnership information, or missions training, Scott and Julie, in partnership with our HPBC staff team, can help! You may contact them directly by e-mailing them at jmbradford102288@icloud.com.

