

Aloha partners in ministry,

We hope your summer has been going well. Summer on Oahu is warm and we have quite a few people traveling this month.

I think we last wrote in anticipation of Easter. We thank you for your prayers regarding our Easter outreach and church wide brunch. It was a great event. We had many visitors from our community, both family and friends. We were able to see success in our follow up and have visitors from that day that are still attending. We had our first mother/daughter brunch as well. Yes, we apparently, enjoy fellowshipping with coffee and bacon. We had quite a few brunches this year. We have many moms attending whose daughters are not in church and this was done as a church-wide event, but with hopes of bringing some of those daughters to church who would never come on a Sunday. It was a great event. We had several unsaved daughters come for their moms, and we had some fun games as well as a Bible study.

This summer we hosted our Grom Club again. This is a program we do on Sunday mornings to encourage church attendance. The program was centered on the book of Esther. There are games, crafts, popsicles, and more, but along with an ind depth study of Esther the focus has been on Bible memory. We were encouraged to see more kids than anticipated jump in and participate in the contest. It is still ongoing, but it has been great to see the keiki memorizing Scripture. Please continue to pray that God would bring the next generation to church so they can have a relationship with God. It is a big challenge to have parents commit to church on Sunday morning.

The last Sunday of June, we celebrated America Sunday. We are thankful to live in a country that 249 years later still stands for religious liberty. We spent some time in prayer for our country during the servcie, and then finished with a bbq after church. It was a great time as a church family.

This August we are looking at having our first two deacons voted on and incorporated into church leadership. That is a pretty exciting growth step for us. Please be in prayer for God's wisdom and leading in this area.

On a personal note, our family finally moved into our home. It was a long journey but God saw us through. We were in the construction phase for over a year and in many temporary housing situations. We thank the Lord daily for this great blessing and have already used it to host many people from church on a weekly basis. To God Be The Glory!

Thank you for your prayers for our church and ministry!

Much aloha.

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