

**Soto Family Prayer Letter —New Year 2026**

Kai Point Baptist Church — Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Warm greetings from Hawai‘i! We are so thankful for your continued prayers, encouragement, and faithful partnership in the ministry of Kai Point Baptist Church. The Lord is doing exciting things here, and we are grateful to labor together with you in reaching families and individuals with the Gospel.

Major Ministry Expansion-Remodel, Preschool & 3-Acre Development

We are thrilled to share that we have recently received the green light to move forward with a significant expansion project. We are currently in the preliminary phases of meeting with architects and engineers as we work toward finalizing drawings, timelines, and a full budget analysis.

This project will include a complete remodel of our current church space. Needed upgrades include new sound equipment, improved lighting, updated screens and visuals, replacement of our aging air-conditioning system, ceiling insulation improvements, and the expansion and relocation of our nursery and children’s classrooms. These updates will greatly enhance our ability to minister effectively to the growing number of families attending Kai Point.

Another key component is the build-out of a new Early Education Preschool Center designed to accommodate at least 60 children. Plans include multiple classrooms, a large multipurpose room, bathrooms, a kitchen, teacher preparation areas, and a beautiful welcoming lobby with a receptionist area. We believe this ministry will be a powerful outreach tool to connect with young families in our community.

In addition, we are prayerfully pursuing the development of three acres of raw land. At this time, zoning allows us to construct a large community playground that will serve our church, preschool, and surrounding neighborhoods. We also plan to install a multipurpose sports court for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball. This space will be used for community events, youth activities, and outreach opportunities. Alongside these features, we hope to build a covered fellowship pavilion that can serve our school children during the week and host church-wide events such as fall festivals, barbecues, and community gatherings.

Contractors are estimating that the combined cost of these projects could be in the ballpark of \$1,000,000 or more. This represents the largest step of faith and expansion our church has ever undertaken. Opportunities like this in Hawai‘i are rare, and we are praying that God will help our church family catch the vision of reaching people with the Gospel and rally together in both prayer and financial support.

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping financially with this project, please feel free to reach out to me at Pastor@kaipoint.church. I will be sending a follow-up email soon with more specific information on how churches and individuals can partner with us in this endeavor.

Small Groups Ministry

In February, we launched our Small Groups Ministry, and we are already seeing tremendous fruit. Attendance is strong, and many in our church are growing spiritually, building deeper relationships, and taking meaningful steps forward in their faith. Please pray that God continues to strengthen and expand this ministry as we seek to disciple believers more intentionally.

Easter Outreach-2026

As part of our Easter outreach this year, we are sending out over 10,000 Every Door Direct Mail invitations into our surrounding neighborhoods. We will also be hosting a community-wide Easter morning breakfast prior to our celebration service. Our prayer is that many visitors will attend and that souls will come to know Christ through faith in Him. Please pray with us for a great harvest during this special season.

Family Update-Baby #6

On a personal note, we are excited to share that Cara is pregnant with our sixth child. God has blessed us with another girl, and we are amazed at His goodness. We will soon have three boys and three girls! Cara is due the first week of May. Please pray for a healthy remainder of the pregnancy and a safe delivery.

Historical Flooding in Hawai'i

Many of you may have seen reports of the historic storms and flooding that have recently impacted the Hawaiian Islands. Thousands of people have been displaced, and many communities have experienced extended power outages. The estimated cost of damage is being reported in the billions of dollars.

Our family lost power for over a day, and both our home and church experienced some minor leakage due to the torrential rains. However, we are thanking the Lord for His protection and that there was no major damage. Please pray for the people of Hawai'i during this difficult time. Many are hurting and facing significant loss.

Specific Prayer Requests

- Wisdom and provision as we finalize plans and funding for the church remodel, preschool center, and 3-acre development
- That our church family would catch the vision and unite in faith for this historic expansion
- Continued growth and spiritual depth in our Small Groups Ministry
- A great spiritual harvest through our Easter outreach efforts
- A healthy pregnancy and safe delivery for Cara and baby girl
- Comfort and provision for those affected by the recent flooding across Hawai'i

Thank you again for your faithful partnership in the ministry here at Kai Point Baptist Church. Your prayers and support are making an eternal difference. We look forward with anticipation to all that God will continue to do in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Pastor Rafael Soto & Family

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