



Soto Family Prayer Letter —2026
Kai Point Baptist Church — Honolulu, Hawai'i

Dear Praying Friends,

We want to begin by simply saying thank you. We are incredibly grateful for every church, pastor, family, and individual who faithfully prays for our family and the ministry here in Hawaii. This year has already been filled with tremendous blessings, unexpected challenges, and many reminders of God's faithfulness.

As we look back over the last several months, we can truly say, "The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." — Psalm 126:3

Soto Baby #6!

One of the greatest blessings of this year came on May 2, when we welcomed our sixth child, Anuheia Blythe-Elaine Soto, into our family!

It is hard to imagine our family without her now. She has brought so much joy to our home, and we are thankful to report that she is healthy and doing wonderfully. Mom and baby are both doing great!

We are incredibly grateful for all the prayers, messages, gifts, and encouragement that were sent our way during this exciting season for our family.

A Busy Summer of Ministry

This summer was an exciting and busy time at Kai Point Baptist Church. We had the privilege of hosting two ministry groups from two different churches who came to Hawaii specifically to serve alongside our church.

Our first group came from Liberty Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pastor Michael Battle brought a group of 14 high school seniors who helped us conduct our Vacation Bible School. These young people went above and beyond in serving, loving, and investing in the children of our church and community. Their energy and willingness to serve were a tremendous blessing to us!

Our second group traveled all the way from Friendship Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their team helped us canvas our community and distribute invitations in preparation for our church's 10-year anniversary. They also completed a tremendous amount of work and improvements around our church and coffee shop facilities.

We are so thankful for churches that are willing to invest not only financially and prayerfully, but also by sending people to labor alongside us.

Celebrating 10 Years!



On August 23, we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of Kai Point Baptist Church!

It is difficult to put into words what this milestone means to our family. Ten years ago, we stepped out by faith to plant a church in Hawaii Kai. There have been victories, challenges, changes, difficult seasons, and countless answers to prayer along the way. Through it all, God has remained faithful.

We were honored to have Pastor Kevin Cormican of Cranberry Baptist Church in Beckley, West Virginia, as our guest speaker for the anniversary weekend. It was a wonderful time of remembering what God has done while also looking forward with anticipation to what He still desires to do.

We do not want the first ten years to simply be something we look back on. We are praying that they will be a foundation for an even greater season of ministry ahead.

Church Expansion & Early Education Center

Please continue to pray with us concerning the future expansion of our ministry.

Over the past year, we have been exploring several opportunities to expand our facilities and potentially begin an Early Education Center as another way to serve families in our community and further the ministry of our church.

Some of the opportunities we initially pursued have closed, while other doors remain open. Right now, we are asking the Lord for

wisdom, clarity, and direction.

We do not want to move simply because an opportunity looks good. We want to know that we are moving in the direction God has for our church.

Please pray specifically that God would make His will unmistakably clear and provide the resources, people, and opportunities necessary if this is the direction He desires us to take.

A Challenging Season

Along with the many blessings, the past several months have brought some significant challenges.

Living and ministering in Hawaii comes with a unique amount of transition. Recently, we have lost several key families and individuals because they have moved off island. Our music leader also recently accepted a job on the mainland and relocated.

These transitions have left some significant gaps in both the manpower and financial support of our church.

At the same time, the cost of living in Hawaii continues to increase significantly. In addition to pastoring Kai Point Baptist Church, I am currently working two additional jobs to help support our family and allow us to continue serving here.

We share this not to complain, but simply to ask you to pray with us. We still firmly believe God has called our family to Hawaii, and we remain excited about the ministry He has entrusted to us.

Please pray that God would strengthen our church, bring new families and laborers, and continue to provide for both the ministry and our family.

Immediate Facility Needs — \$24,500

We have also recently encountered several significant and unexpected facility needs.

Two of the primary air-conditioning units serving our church have reached the end of their usable life and need to be replaced. The total cost to replace both units is approximately \$22,000.

We are preparing to replace the first unit immediately, with the second needing to be replaced shortly afterward. In Hawaii, functioning air conditioning is extremely important for our Sunday services, children's ministries, and weekly activities.

At the same time, our sound board and several of our microphones are no longer working properly and need to be replaced. The estimated cost for a new sound board and microphones is approximately \$2,500.

Together, these immediate needs total approximately \$24,500.

These were not expenses we anticipated, especially during a season when our church finances have already been stretched. However, both the air conditioning and sound equipment are important to the weekly operation of our ministry.

We are trusting the Lord to provide for these needs, and we would greatly appreciate your prayers. If the Lord would lead any individual or supporting church to have a part in helping us meet these needs, it would be a tremendous blessing to our church.

Looking Ahead

There are also additional improvements that will eventually need to be made to our facilities, including improved lighting, updated screens, and visual equipment.

Our desire is not simply to have newer equipment, but to be good stewards of the facilities God has entrusted to us and to create an environment where we can effectively preach the Word of God, teach our children, reach families, and minister to our community.

How You Can Pray:

Would you specifically pray with us for:

1. Our Family — Pray for wisdom, strength, health, and balance as we raise our six children while serving in ministry.
2. Laborers — Pray that God would bring faithful people to serve and help fill some of the ministry gaps created by families moving off island.
3. Church Finances — Pray for continued provision and increased faithful giving as our church navigates this challenging season.
4. \$22,000 AC Replacement — Pray that God would provide the funds necessary to replace both failing air-conditioning units.
5. \$2,500 Sound Equipment — Pray for the funds to purchase a new sound board and replace microphones that are no longer working properly.
6. Early Education Center — Pray for unmistakable direction concerning this opportunity and that God would open or close doors according to His will.
7. Souls to Be Saved — Above everything else, pray that we would continue to see people reached with the Gospel, saved, baptized, disciplined, and added to the church.

Looking Forward

Ten years ago, we could not have known everything that God would do through Kai Point Baptist Church. We simply knew that God had called us to Hawaii and that we needed to obey.

Ten years later, that calling has not changed.

There are certainly challenges ahead, but we are excited about what God can do in this next season of ministry. We believe there are still families to reach, children to disciple, people to be saved, and lives to be changed through the Gospel.

Thank you for standing behind our family. Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. Thank you for encouraging us. And thank you for having a part in reaching Hawaii with the Gospel.

We could not do what God has called us to do without faithful people and churches standing with us.

The best is yet to come!

For Hawaii and His Glory,

-The Soto Family



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