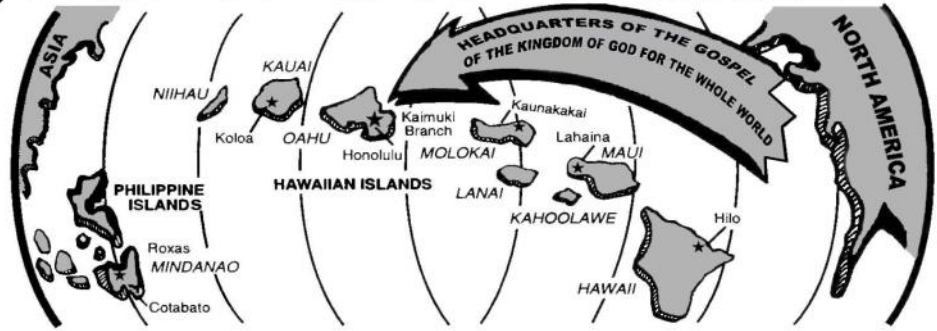


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Molokai Branch Church 81st Anniversary Service

81 Years of Good News

By Sis. Jessie Ann Castanares

It was indeed a day of rejoicing! A gathering of Saints, loved ones and friends from here and across the waters, at The Apostolic Faith Church, Molokai Branch located in the hills of Kaunakakai to celebrate the 81st Anniversary of the Gospel work on Molokai. The celebration commenced with The Lord's Prayer led by Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. followed by a rousing opening rendition of "Let's Talk About Jesus!" Musical selections by the orchestra, choir, soloist, instrumentalist and congregation told the story in music and song. We had indeed gathered to talk about Jesus; and to glorify Him with praises and thanksgiving. "The Fight Is On" declared the spiritual position of the Saints of God in life; with a cry to the Lord for safekeeping in "Till The Storm Passes By," and with advice of where to hide in "Hide You In The Blood." Selections of music and song promoted hope: "Looking For That Blessed Hope," "It Is No Secret," "Hold The Fort," and "When The Saints Go Marching In." A medley by the choir of "What A Day That Will Be" and "What If It Were Today?" called the congregation to attention.

With the musical program concluded, Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. proceeded with his sermon: "81 Years of Good News." It was a declaration of history, thanksgiving, purpose and definition of the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus Saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus Baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and Jesus is coming soon. He recalled the generosity of Sister Christina Lima's donation of the land for the church in Pukoo. He related how the mission of Molokai had begun in the home of the late Pastor Gus Nihoa at his homestead in Hoolehua. It was on March 26, 1944 that the first Molokai Branch Church, located in Pukoo, was dedicated to the glory of God; the only

church built of all new building and construction material during the war years. In July 1964, Pastor Rodney Asano, Sr. was raised up as the Pastor for the church in Kaunakakai. On August 3, 1997, Pastor Reginald V. Castanares was ordained and raised up as Pastor for the Molokai Branch Church.

Rejoicing, Pastor Billy Han, Jr. declared: "This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it" for when we walk with the Lord, "we walk by faith and not by sight" (*I Corinthians 5:7*). What is Faith? "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (*Hebrews 11:1*) In *Genesis 17:1*, the Lord says to Abram: "I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect." Yes, we know that there is only one Lord and only one God, and His name

is Jesus! In answer to an inquiry as to the greatest commandment of all, Jesus replies: "Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." We must love our Lord God with all our hearts, minds and souls and work towards unity becoming more Christ like each day that we not be deceived by false doctrines and cunning craftiness (*Ephesians 4:13-14*), and love our neighbors as ourselves. God's ways are immutable and we should fear before him. (*Ecclesiastes 3:14*). This fear is our love for the Lord. We must walk before God in truth with our whole heart and soul (*I King 2:4*) and stay in the Lord's light as we walk with Him. (*Romans 6:1-5*) While we await the Lord's call to "Come Up Hither," we must be ready. The invitation went forth to choose Jesus and believe and obey the Gospel. Pastor Han expounded



L-R: Sis. Jessie Ann Castanares, Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr., Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. & Sis. Roslyn L. Han at the 81st Anniversary Service of the Molokai Branch Church.

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Gospel Message

Jesus Christ Our Risen Lord

By Associate Pastor Edwin H. Sproat, Sr.



Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God the Father (I Peter 3:22). And now from that vantage point, He continues to work through the power of His Holy Spirit. And it is the same Holy Spirit that worked through His Apostles and old time Saints, and on out to you and me today as His Church, and faithful Body of Believers. The Gospel rests upon the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as defined by Paul in I Corinthians 15:3-4, *"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."* The unique fact of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Resurrection, whereby all other religions record the death of their leaders, and only the Christian faith records the Resurrection of its founder. All other religious leaders are dead, and Only Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, is alive today in heaven above.

Jesus Christ proclaimed to Martha, *"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"* (John 11:25-26). And during His 40-Day resurrection period, Jesus Christ being assembled with His apostles and disciples, *"...commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight"* (Acts 1:4-5, 8-9). And after tarrying for 10 days, the 120 on the day of Pentecost were filled with the Holy Ghost, *"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance"* (Acts 2:4), thereby establishing God's first true Church upon the earth. Peter then preached using His God-given keys, to unlock mankind's personal plan of salvation in Acts 2:38, and 4:12, *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remissions of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

The Lord Jesus Christ comforts us as His believers today, just as He did then with His disciples saying, *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe*

also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). Hence, God's Word teaches us of the imminent and impending second coming of Jesus Christ for His Church, the Bride of Christ, in I Thessalonians 4:13-18, *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."*

God's Word gives mankind this final warning, when Jesus Christ will return to rapture His waiting Bride, the Church, in Revelations 4:1, *"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was open in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."* We, His Church, will then be caught up to meet Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, in clouds of glory, and we shall receive everlasting life in heaven above forever, and ever.

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Souls Saved

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:38



Lorenzo Calderon
03-14-25
Oahu



Danielle M. Lenix
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Molokai

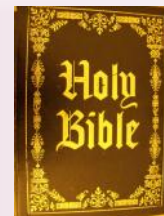


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Balogo



Jesus Christ our Redeemer

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



I was pleasantly surprised to look up the word “redeemer” in one of the available dictionaries and found the definition: “Jesus Christ, regarded as the savior of humanity through his death on the Cross.” In the Old Testament, a redeemer is defined as one who bought back one’s debt, penalty or avenged the wrongs done to his kinsman or relative. Jesus, no doubt, fits this definition.

There are many songs that portray Jesus as man’s redeemer and that His blood cleanses one from all sins (*Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14*), but one of the old-time hymns that we have learned and, remembered and that we still sing today is the song entitled, “WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD.” The words of the first verse reads as such:

Christ our Redeemer died on the cross, Died for the sinner, paid all his due; Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb, And I will pass, will pass over you.

Those who truly have been saved by the blood of the Lamb can most assuredly say with jubilation, “Our Redeemer lives!” Jesus lives! He spilt His blood for all humanity, paying the sinful debt mankind incurred. Jesus unselfishly shed His blood on the cross of Calvary. He was the one and only perfect sacrifice, once and for all, for it was not possible that the blood of goats and calves could wipe out and redeem mankind from their sins. By His sacrifice, Jesus obtained eternal redemption for us (*Hebrews 9:11-15*).

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer (*Isaiah 47:4*), the Holy One of Israel, was made flesh and dwelt among us (*John 1:14*) paying our debt (*I Corinthians 15:3,4*), delivering all who will come to Him from the bondage of sin (*Romans 3:25, 6:23*).

The introduction to the book of Job tells us that Job was a man regarded as perfect, upright, fearing God and hating evil. The quality or attribute of “perfect” describing Job does not mean he never sinned, for all men sin and come short of the glory of God (*Romans 3:23*). What the author was saying was that Job’s relationship with God was right, in that he lived by the Psalm that points out that “*The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether*” (*Psalm 19:9*).

God allowed Satan to test Job. Job’s livelihood, servants, sons and daughters all perished. Job was tested even further by being afflicted with boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. With all the calamities that had befallen him, Job was encouraged by his wife to curse God and die! Yet, in all this, Job sinned not with his lips nor did he charge God foolishly (*Job 1,2*).

Job, suffering greatly, answered one of his miserable comforting friends, “*For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me*” (*Job 19:25-27*).

Job had no certain hope of future life. Job could not be sure of what happened after death, but he had remarkable faith that he would one day see God. At this particular point in history, it may have been impossible or improbable for anyone to have a sure hope of everlasting life. But this hope of everlasting life

became sure after the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the wonderful message of the Gospel. The Gospel which is the Good News that Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and last but not least Jesus is Coming Soon!

God sent His Son into the world that all would come to Him not willing that any should perish. Jesus, the Lamb of God, without spot, without blemish, the perfect sacrifice, shed His blood at Calvary, paying the penalty for all of mankind’s sins. He was laid in the tomb and arose from the dead and is alive forever more! Jesus is alive and because He lives, all who come in faith believing that He is alive, have that wonderful promise of eternal life. This is possible because our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is our Redeemer!

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Cody Okahashi
4-13-25
Oahu



Kapena Libokmeto
4-13-25
Oahu

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”
Acts 4:12



Kamaehu Libokmeto
4-13-25
Oahu



Abel Libokmeto
4-13-25
Oahu

Monthly Update of Souls Saved

From March 14, thru April 13, 2025
seven souls were baptized in Jesus’ Name
According to *John 3:5, Acts 2:38*

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on the Gospel: *Mark 1:14-15, John 3:3-7, Acts 2:38, Acts 4:12, Acts 2:1-4*. He noted the nine hundred and sixty nine year life span of Methuselah (*Genesis 5:25*) and the fact that Enoch was translated “that he should not see death” because he pleased God” (*Hebrews 11:5*). By faith we will be translated! Believe! For without faith it is impossible to please God. We have that faith! Pastor Han declared: So, Walk With God Every Day!

To God be all glory, praises and thanksgiving for Danielle Marie Lenix who accepted the Lord and took on the name of Jesus Christ in waters of baptism. The service concluded with the singing of “When We All Get To Heaven” and a benediction by Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. We thank the Lord for confirming His Word with signs following; for the sweet fellowship enjoyed by all; for the labors of love of the Saints and for prayers and answers to prayer and for the sumptuous feast that followed our service. Thank you Jesus!



L-R: Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr., Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. & Sis. Brenda Aea on the piano.



Mixed chorus by the saints



Sis. Roslyn Han with the Molokai saints at the 81st Anniversary Service.



Molokai Branch Church and neighbor island saints celebrating the 81st Anniversary Service.



Back row L-R: Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. & Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr. Center L-R: Sis. Jessie Ann Castanares & Sis. Brenda Aea. Front row L-R: Sis. Mapuana Aquino, Sis. Florence Bush & Sis. Terry Poaha.



L-R: Sis. Roslyn L. Han & Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



Sis. Jessie Ann Castanares & Molokai Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr.



Molokai Branch Church Choir



Molokai Branch Church Orchestra



An instrumental selection by Sis. Terry Poaha on the ukulele accompanied by Sis. Florence Bush on the guitar, Sis. Jessie Ann Castanares on the ukulele & Sis. Mapuana Aquino on the bass.



Balogo Branch Church

86th Youth Service

By Sis. Deborah Aspera



L-R: Sis. Rea Mai Albaran (Announcer) & Bro. Alfredo Pizarra III (Preacher)

The Youth of the Apostolic Faith Church Balogo Branch, presented its 86th Bi Annual Youth Service, February 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Hani-bal Aspera opened the program with the Lord's Prayer. Sis. Rea Mae A. Albaran did an awesome job as she presented each selection with confidence, poise and grace.

The Youth Choir lifted their voices to the two anthems "How Great Thou Art" and "When Love Shines In." The Youth Orchestra strummed to the tune of "All I Need" and "No, Not One." An instrumental selection was performed by Bro. Jayvee Yñion on the lyre, accompanied by Bro. Gian Cepeda, Sis. Kezia Aspera and Sis. Althea Tumbali. The saints were treated with two beautiful and harmonious duets, first by Bro. Gian Cepeda and Sis. Kezia Aspera singing "Wonderful Merciful Savior" and second by Sisters Shane Lara Yñion & Melissa Gabrino singing, "Shout To The Lord."

Sis. Rea Mae introduced our Youth Preacher who was none other than Bro. Alfredo Pizarra III. His Spirit inspired sermon was entitled, "Can The Lord Depend On You," to obey His commandments, to serve Him, and to be a good Christian. These three are equally important. The Word of God is good for all, it applies to all Christians no matter if we are rich or poor, small or big, Pastor or member; what is good for one is good for all.

We praise and thank the Lord Jesus Christ for a successful and blessed 86th Youth Service. Thank You ,Jesus.



L-R: Bro. Gian Carl Cepeda & Sis. Kezia Aspera



L-R: Sisters Melissa Gabrino & Shane Lara Yñion



Youth Choir



Instrumental L-R: Bro. Gian Carl Cepeda, Bro. Jayvee Yñion, Sis. Kezia Aspera and Sis. Althea Tumbali



Youth Orchestra



Balogo Youth Participants



President Roxas 52nd Youth Service

Stand Up In Faith For Jesus

By Sis. Maribel Aspera



L-R: Pastor Vesper Aspera, Youth Preacher Sis. Marve Jane Aspera, Youth Announcer Sis. Lorrie Mae Poblador and Sis. Maribel Aspera

God blessed the President Roxas Branch Church in Mindanao, Philippines, with a bright and joyful Sunday morning as the congregation celebrated their 52nd Youth Service on February 23, 2025.

The service began with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Vesper Aspera. Sister Lorrie Mae Poblador, our dedicated Youth Announcer and daughter of Brother Edgar and Sister Mercy Poblador, led the program with enthusiasm and grace.

The Youth Choir filled the church with their uplifting voices as they sang the beautiful hymns, "Praise the Lord" and "Send the Light." The church orchestra played with harmony and passion, performing the inspiring pieces "Go and Tell" and "Hold the Fort." Their music created an atmosphere of worship and joy.

Sister Marve Jane Aspera delivered a powerful and heartfelt sermon entitled, "Stand Up in Faith for Jesus." Her message encouraged and inspired the congregation, reminding everyone of the importance of living a life of faith and holiness. She called on everyone to stay strong and stand firm in their belief in Jesus, following His example of righteousness and love.

Indeed, it was a celebration of faith, unity, and dedication to God's Word. Thank You, Jesus, for the victory and the blessings of this wonderful day!



Youth Choir



Instrumental L-R: Sis. Lorrie Fe Cantomayor, Sis. Gavrielle Angela Aspera, and Sis. Alona Provideo



Vocal Trio L-R: Bro. Jon Earl Aspera, Sis. Lorrie Mae Cantomayor and Bro. Carl Jayson Cantomayor sang, "Arise O Youth Of God."



President Roxas Youth Participants



President Roxas Saints



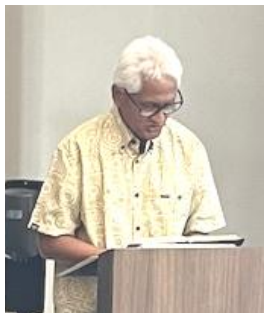
Colonel Ronald Han, Jr.

A Dream Fulfilled

By Sis. Cherlyn Abing



General Major
Stephen Logan



L-R: Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. had the honors of blessing the multipurpose room for a home for all the Veterans. Hawaii Governor Josh Green gave a heartfelt speech and presented a Proclamation to the late Associate Pastor/Trustee Ronald Han, Jr. and proclaimed, on March 26, 2025 as "Ronald P. Han, Jr. Day."

Right side: A bronze plaque was presented to the late Colonel Associate Pastor/Trustee Ronald Pa'aluhī Han, Jr.



L-R: Sis. Tehane Han, Sis. Terrylynn Han-Back row: Bro. Ron Han, III, Bro. & Sis. James (Shondie-Rose) Takemoto.



Family & friends

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, along with dignitaries and the community, family and friends, attended the dedication of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. This Veterans Home, located in Kapolei, was the brainchild of the late Associate Pastor/Trustee Ronald P. Han, Jr., in his capacity as the Director of the Office of Veterans Services for the State of Hawaii. After years of laboring long and hard with his many trips to Washington, DC as well as lobbying the state legislature for funds to purchase the land and to build this Veterans Home (and all future Veterans Homes in Hawaii), his dream was fulfilled and had come to fruition. A beautiful campus to house the well-deserved veterans who served our Country, and who are now in need of medical services and healing. Being a veteran himself, this was all part of Bro. Ron's master plan. To build a place where veterans could heal in a peaceful, beautiful surrounding. His children shared that it was Bro. Ron who chose the color scheme, flooring, wallpaper, wall color and furnishings for this Veterans Home, forever leaving his lasting mark at this facility. After touring the bedrooms, community areas and parts of the facility, one could see how much love and dedication that went into the design and construction, all spearheaded by the late Ronald P. Han, Jr.

The highlight of the day for his wife TerryLynn Han and children Ronald Han, III and Shondie Takemoto (as well as the entire family), was the blessing of a multipurpose room named "The Ron Han, Jr. Room." A beautiful, open, airy multipurpose room designed by Bro. Ron himself because he envisioned a room where activities and meetings should take place. After his passing and because of Bro. Ron's labor of love for the facility, certain officials decided that this multipurpose room would be named in his honor. Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. had the joy and privilege of blessing the multipurpose room named after his cousin, Associate Pastor/Trustee Ronald P. Han, Jr. Many dignitaries were in attendance such as the Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Stephen Logan and State Representa-

tive Kanani Souza, and several others. All had an opportunity to say a few words about Bro. Ron, which were truly defining and touching. Hawaii Governor Josh Green gave a heartfelt speech about the genuine person that Bro. Ron was. He then went on to set a Proclamation and proclaimed March 26, 2025, as "Ronald P. Han, Jr. Day," honoring Bro. Ron's hard work and determination in building the facility and to also remember the beautiful human being that he was. It became amusing as to what Bro. Ron would have thought about all the wonderful things said about him. Bro. Ron was never one to appreciate accolades for himself; instead, he was never short on handing out compliments and thanking those around him. Above all, he was never ashamed to publicly give God all the praise and glory for all he accomplished. In fact, many words said about him on this day was that one could see the exuberance of the love of God in him, and that he was a literal "angel among us." Finally, it was time to unveil the plaque engraved with a picture of Bro. Ron, in military apparel, listing his military and civilian work life. Also engraved is the fact that Bro. Ron worked under three different Governors. All who reappointed him in his position as the Director of Veterans Services simply because of his hard work and love for the well-deserved veterans of our Country. Upon seeing the beautiful plaque, it brought tears to those who loved and respected him not only because of his hard work and determination but because he is sorely missed and will always be remembered for his beautiful soul and the many hard-fought battles he faced, in more ways than one. This plaque will be hung in perpetuity in the newly named Ron Han, Jr. multipurpose room. On behalf of his family, Bro. Ronald Han, III thanked all those in attendance and shared his father's labor of love and vision for this Veterans Home and future Veterans Homes on each Hawaiian Island. It was truly a remarkable day of events honoring and remembering Bro. Ron.



CASSANDRA LEIGH L. PIDO was born on February 14, 2025 at Kidapawan Medical Specialist Hospital. She weighed 6.3 lbs and was 19.5 inches in length. Parents are Mr. Mark Ace Pido & Sis. Blythe Llaban. Maternal grandparent is Mrs. Ma. Lyn Pido. Paternal grandparent is Sis. Phoebe Llaban. She was blessed on March 12, 2025 by Pastor Hanibal Aspera at Balogo Branch Church in Mindanao, Philippines.



NOAH OLA KARALOE PAGAY-YOMES was born on November 27, 2024 at Maui Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs and 6 oz and was 18 inches in length. Parents are Natasha Brown & Lee Yomas. Parental grandparents are Daralynne Higashi & Jay Pagay & Char Rodrigues. Maternal great grandparent's are Mamo & the late Paul Pagay. He was blessed on March 16, 2025 by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. at the Maui Branch Church.



Bro. Ron Han, III thanked all those in attendance and shared his father's labor of love and vision for this Veteran's Home and future Veteran's Home on each Hawaiian Island.



L-R Millannie "Akaka" Mattson (Senator Akaka's daughter) & Sis. Terrylynn Han



Mr. Tommy Driscoll, Sis. Terrylynn Han, Bro. Ron Han, III and Sis. Shondie-Rose Takemoto at the unveiling.

Upcoming Events

*Balogo Branch Church
51st Anniversary
Sunday, May 4, 2025*

*President Roxas
Branch Church 30th Anniversary
Sunday, May 11, 2025*



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