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Kauai Branch Church Celebrated

44 YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL!

By Kauai Pastor Leonard K.Y. Asano, Sr.

The Independence Day weekend was blessed with excellent weather, being that Omao, Kauai is noted for its wet weather yearround.

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 7, 2024, members of the Apostolic Faith Church (Jesus Coming Soon) assembled at 4461 Omao Rd. Kauai, Hi., to celebrate 44 wonderful years of the Gospel of

preached on the island of Kauai.

The atmosphere was nothing short of being divine and God sent! Song and instrument graced the celebration service thus blessing and uplifting every one that was in the midst. The vocalist for the morning was Sis. Puuwai Asano who sang, "There Is a Hope!" It was comforting, strengthening, moving, and inspiring, and was more than coincidence that it aligned with the Sermon by Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., "44 years of Good News!"

Articulating the steps for entrance into the Kingdom of God and its significance of the celebration, we rejoiced with unspeakable joy, thus His presence in Spirit, ignited a Spirit inspired sermon as the Head Pastor proclaimed, "Hope! Hope! Hope!" resonating deeply to the marrow of



the Kingdom of God being L-R: Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr. and Kauai Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr.

not only filled once but that days later there was subsequent powerful manifestations of His Spirit, that Jesus added many more Souls to the Body of Christ, and that the outpouring of His Spirit upon His church occurred many times thereafter even to the present day.

our bone, a testament to the

power of God! Hence, the hope

of the church is Christ in you,

the hope of glory, and that Je-

sus is coming very soon! As-

sociate Pastor Makana Asano,

Sr., expertly taught and guided

the congregation in the Adult

On Friday, July 5, Hawaii

Island Pastor Walter Tinloy

tarry service. He expounded

how the 120 (Acts 2:1-11) were

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

The 44th celebration was "a day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24)!

We press onward, laboring to be found accepted of Him. "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13)! One truth became abundantly clear through the sermon, "no time to go back! But go forward!"



L to R: The Youth and Adult Choir sang, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Vocal soloist Sis. Puuwai Asano sang, "There is a Hope" and an instrumental selection by Associate Pastor Theodore Williams, Jr. rendered, "At Calvary." Kauai Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr. and Hawaii Island Pastor Walter I. Tin Loy. Continue on page 4



By Associate Pastor Seth M. Asano, Sr.





"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12), an inspiring hymn written by the anointed leader of the Israelites, King David. Though his life consists of decisions that were not perfect and strayed from being Spirit directed, God nevertheless describes him as "... a man after mine

own heart, which shall fulfil all my will" (Acts 13:22). Nearing the end of his life, King David wrote his final words as the "sweet psalmist of Israel." "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God" (II Samuel 23:1-3). It is our duty and privilege to hold on to and to perpetuate sound doctrine (II Timothy 1:13).

Written in the Declaration of Independence, a highly treasured document of the United States of America, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," with patriotic lyrics that evoke and eulogize the history and traditions of America, speaks to the heavenly power by which our great nation is preserved. Lyrics of the unheard 4th and final verse of the anthem proclaim, "Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land, Praise the Power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation! ... And this be our motto - "In God is our trust." Has America become complicit in advancing unbelief and have shunned God and His principles in exchange for prosperity (Jeremiah 2:11)? Jesus tells us, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26). America does not have a national religion but an approved diverse belief system. However, in God's eyes, there is but "...One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all..." (Ephesians 4:1-7).

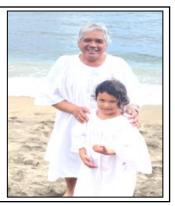
Despite the perilous times (Matthew 24, II Timothy 3), we remain compliant to Godly principles and convictions of our God-fearing patriarchs (II Peter 1:21). We will sing the praises of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Jesus set the oppressed and those in the bondage of sin free (Luke 4:18, Romans 8:21). We must obey the pattern of good works He set in place and take the necessary actions towards our salvation. Jesus provided simple, clear, and definitive instructions to enter in the Kingdom of God. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The reference of being "born of water" is to be baptized, fully immersed under water, in

the name of Jesus; whereas to be "born of the Spirit" refers to a Spiritual baptism as He bestowed upon the 120 believers tarrying on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:15, 2:1-4). Hence, born again through the gospel of Jesus Christ, a new creature in Christ emerges (I Peter 1:23). On that same day, the emboldened apostle Peter spoke and fearlessly admonished a curious and awed onlooking multitude to get right with God. Peter said, "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). Jesus is the only name that can save us from the consequences of our sin. for "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). Salvation is not limited to King David and the Israelites! God is no respecter of persons as He looks at the repentant heart (Acts 10:34-35).

Confident in the promises of God, we gladly march on and with song and instrument (Psalm 98) sing anthems of praise to Jesus Christ. The promise of inheriting the Kingdom of God and eternal life awaits those who obey God's Word (Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 4:9). "....Through faith Hebrews and patience..." (Hebrews 6:12) we prepare ourselves to be a part of God's inheritance that is, "incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:4). "...We shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52), and as Jesus ascended into heaven, (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8) we, too, shall be "caught up" (1 Thessalonians 4:17) and victoriously sing with the power of His Spirit "as it were a new song," an anthem that only the 144,000 Bride of Christ, who have been redeemed from the earth can learn (Revelation 14:3). These are those who have not been led astray from the foundation established by the Creator of all things and will sing with joy unspeakable and full of glory (Ezekiel 12:1, I Peter 1:8), praising Jesus our Lord! "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." (Romans 11:36).

Maui Baptism

Shaiana Souza, age 7, was baptized in Jesus' name by Associate Pastor Timothy Han, Sr. at Waihee Beach Park on Saturday, July 13, 2024.



Editorial

SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.





The Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian Church encouraging and exhorting them to "Rejoice evermore" (I Thessalonians 5:16). We of The Apostolic Faith Church headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii look forward to a day of joy unspeakable and rejoicing!

On Sunday, August 4, 2024, we will celebrate the 101st Anniversary of preaching The Gospel of the Kingdom of God, in the State of Hawaii. The Apostolic Faith Church was founded by Pastor Charles and Ada B. Lochbaum on August 4, 1923 and carried on by our late Chief Pastor William M. Han, Sr. until the Lord took him home on September 26, 2006.

The Lord called Bro. and Sis. Lochbaum through the power of the Holy Ghost at a "prayer meeting" of Spirit-filled believers in California on March 5, 1923. On August 4, 1923, Bro. and Sis. Lochbaum and son, August Otto, arrived here via the *S. S. Calawaii* from Los Angeles. They obeyed the "Divine call," forsaking all and coming to the Hawaiian Islands to preach The Gospel of the Kingdom of God and to baptize believers in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of their sins, that they might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, according to *Acts 2:38* and *John 3:5*.

The Lord confirmed His work here in Hawaii with signs following, as miracles were performed in the name of Jesus. Many were healed, baptized, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many came out of the water speaking in tongues, according to *Acts 2:1-4* and floating on the water.

During their ministry, Bro. and Sis. Lochbaum preached the Gospel, in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, to all who came to hear it. The Gospel is that Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and Jesus is Coming Soon.

In November 1949, Bro. Lochbaum arranged for the release and transfer of all real and personal property of the church to the members of the church and arranged for the property to be held as a perpetual trust by five trustees who would ensure that the preaching of The Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the doctrines of The Apostolic Faith Church would be carried on for the benefit of all members and all those that come to hear and believe in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The current Trustees are: Associate Pastor Edwin H. Sproat, Sr., Kauai Branch Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr., Sis. Roslyn L. Han, Sis. Bobbi Lynn Eugenio, and myself, Head Pastor and Chairman of the Board, William M. Han, Jr. On March 5, 1959, after thirteen months of pastoring the work at Lahaina, Maui, Head Pastor William M. Han, Sr. was brought back to the Headquarters in Honolulu. He was then appointed by Bro. Lochbaum to succeed him as the Full-time Pastor and overseer of the work in the Hawaiian Islands.

Over the years, the church has expanded and branch churches have sprung up like an oasis in a desert, amongst them the Kaimuki Branch (Palolo Valley, Oahu); the Molokai Branch (Kaunakakai, Molokai); and Maui Branch (Lahaina, Maui). The headquarters has also expanded including the construction of the Temple, Sunday School Complex, offices, parsonage, music rehearsal rooms and Prayer Tower (Honolulu, Oahu); the Hawaii Island Branch (Hilo, Hawaii); Kauai Branch (Omao, Kauai); Cotabato Branch Philippines Headquarters (Balogo, Pigcawayan, Mindanao, Philippines); and the President Roxas Branch (President Roxas, Mindanao, Philippines).

The Kingdom of God Crusade broadcast was aired over the radio waves dating back to August 1968. On January 1980, the first telecast of the Kingdom of God Crusade Telecast aired on the station formerly known as KHVH, channel 4. Forty-Four years later, the telecast continues to be a blessing to all those who tune in, not only here in Hawaii on KITV 4, but also at various locations throughout California (San Diego, Palm Springs, Sacramento, Chico, Fresno, Eureka, Los Angeles, San Bernadino, Monterey and El Centro); Eugene, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Yuma, Arizona; Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah; and parts of Wyoming; Nevada, and New York City. Since September 2006, the internet has been a source of viewing The Kingdom of God Crusade Telecast.

The Lord has surely blessed His work. We look forward to the many promises and victories ahead. We thank the Lord for those who have gone on before us, leaving us a legacy of love, righteousness and unwavering faith.

Yes, 101 years of preaching The Gospel of the Kingdom of God is quickly approaching. Just imagine, it was all started by two humble and obedient servants, with services held in a tent, amongst a patch of Kiawe trees and tangled shrubbery, near a seldom traveled dirt road now known as Middle Street. We look forward to the 101st celebration slated for Sunday, August 4, 2024! Though I pray, "Lord, come Quickly," all I can say is, it is "Sweeter As The Years Go By!"



L to R: Associate Pastor Makana Asano, Sr. teaches Adult Sunday School; Sis. Windeelou Martin with Bro. Lyle and Sis. Renee Otsuka; Sis. Cindy and Bro. Edgar Desamparado and Bro. William Combs; Mr. Kevin Huff and Sis. Patti Huff of Lawai, with Kauai Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr.



Kauai Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr. (left), with Family celebrated the 44th Kauai Branch Church Anniversary on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

The historical beginning of The Apostolic Faith Church (Headquarters) "JESUS COMING SOON" with The late Founders/Pastors Charles and Sis. Ada B. Lochbaum

L to R: The Founding Pastors - (August 4, 1923) Charles and Sis. Ada B. Lochbaum; The exterior of the first Gospel Tent; Some of the many souls that were baptized in Jesus' name at Waikiki Beach, with Pastor Lochbaum in a black robe.



L to R: The front view of the first addition (the Prayer Tower) to the church, completed and dedicated in April 1925, one year after the dedication of the first church. SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: On March 11, 1929, as the children were at prayer, about thirty of them came under the power with ten receiving the Holy Ghost.

The late Chief Pastor William M. Han, Sr. and Sis. Evangeline L. Han from January 29, 1958 until September 26, 2006



L to R: Chief Pastor William M. Han, Sr., Sis. Evangeline L. and family. Pastor Emeritus Charles Lochbaum, Chief William M. Han, Sr., Trustees and Saints of God gathered together at the Ground Breaking for the Temple on June 1958.

Our Present Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., and Sis. Roslyn L. Han from August 3, 2003 until the present.



L to R: Head Pastor Billy and Sis. Roslyn Han, Jr.; Pictured is Pastor Bill at age 4, front row, fourth from left, in Lahaina Branch Sunday School and Branch Church Pastors.



L to R: The Jesus Coming Soon Church lighted sign in an evening photo; Head Pastor Bill served the Lord Supper (Lahaina, Maui); Saints at KITV-4 on Saturday, March 4, 2023, and Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr., preached God's Word.

Baby Blessed



"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16)



AVIA WAILANA RUBY GAIL MERCURIO was born on February 20, 2022 at Queen's Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 22 1/2 inches in length. Her parents are Leonaka Mercurio and Jensine Nahoopii. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Richard and Jewel Mercu-

rio and maternal grandparents are Bro. & Sis. Gordon & Freida Nahoopii. Precious little Avia was blessed on Sunday, June 16, 2024 by Associate Pastor Melvin Honda in the Temple.

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Monthly Update of Soul Saved One soul was baptized in Jesus' name According to Acts 2:38 from June 10, 2024 to July 14, 2024

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16). Update of souls baptized in Jesus' Name and filled with the Holy Spirit. January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 (six months) January - Honolulu 1 February - Hilo 2 Pres Roxas 1, Maui 3 March - Hilo 1, Balogo 1, Molokai 1, Honolulu 2 Pres Roxas 1 Hilo 2 Balogo 1 April -May -Honolulu 2 Balogo 4 June -Honolulu 1 TOTALS: Twenty three souls were baptized in Jesus' Name and none filled with His Holy Spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

101st Anniversary of the Mother Church (Headquarters) Sunday, August 4, 2024 **Labor Day** - Monday, September 02, 2024 **Grandparents Day** - Sunday, September 08, 2024



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