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Balogo Branch Church Anniversary

51 Years of Good News

By Pastor Hanibal Aspera



L-R: Sis. Maribel Aspera, Pastor Vesper Aspera, Pastor Hanibal Aspera & Sis. Deborah Aspera.

Fifty-one years of good news of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God was preached in this place, that Jesus saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus Baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire and Jesus is Coming Soon.

Fifty-one years had passed and we are still here in the House of God assembling ourselves together for one reason, that we all want to be saved.

The House of the Lord was filled to overflowing as the saints of God gathered together to attend the 51st Anniversary Service of the Balogo Branch Church, located at Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippines on May 4, 2025. Saints from President Roxas and Alamada were gathered in Jesus' Name to join the celebration.

The Balogo music department did their best for Jesus following a month of preparation for this event. To start the program, both Pastors, together with the Church Choir marched down the aisle to the sounds of our pianist Sis. Deborah Aspera. The service started with the Lord's Prayer followed by the opening song, "A Glorious

President Roxas Branch Church Anniversary
30 Years of Good News
By Sis. Marve Jane Aspera



L–R: Sis. Maribel Aspera, Pastor Vesper Aspera, Bro. Ephraim Insular (auditor), Pastor Hanibal Aspera and Sis. Deborah Aspera.

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, the President Roxas Branch Church on the island of Mindanao, Philippines, celebrated its 30th Anniversary on May 11, 2025.

The service was officiated by Pastor Hanibal Aspera, who opened the gathering by welcoming the saints with the Lord's Prayer and the opening song, "A Glorious Church." The joint churches of Balogo and President Roxas beautifully prepared a splendid choir performance featuring "Jesus, Hold My Hand" and "Living Hope." Vocal renditions included "Sing to Me of Heaven," "The Power of Your Love," and "My Mother's Prayer," while the orchestra performed "Lily of the Valley" and "May God Depend on You." An instrumental medley using the xylophone, ukulele, and guitar featured "Come and Dine," "When Jesus Returns for His Own," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

A special tribute was offered to all mothers through a mixed chorus in celebration of their beautiful role, in honor of Mother's Day.

Gospel Message



What Lies Ahead?



By Molokai Branch Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr.

From the cradle to the grave, the question arises for every human being: WHAT Lies ahead? What does the future hold? food or famine? poverty or prosperity? success or failure, an excellent or substandard education/job training opportunities to name a few areas of concern. These matters indeed do apply to our physical lives; but, what should be of utmost concern and importance and take priority to EVERYONE of us should be the condition of our Spiritual lives. THIS is the priority of The Apostolic Faith Church.

The MOTTO of the Apostolic Faith Church is to obey the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in its fullness and to live a life above sin. In so doing, we will prepare ourselves to be ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in clouds of glory. Obedience and Preparation are in fact the keys. The Gospel is the Good News that JESUS SAVES: The disciples were instructed by the Lord Jesus to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). Peter instructs the house of Israel: "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. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:38-39). Baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12) is essential to salvation and is a symbol of the death, as you go into the water; burial, as you go under the water and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you come out of the water. Jesus set the example when He was baptized by John the Baptist as we read in Matthew 3:13-17. JESUS HEALS: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." Jesus STILL heals today through the anointing of oil and the laying on of hands of the Head Pastor and the Pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church. Come with a believing heart for nothing is impossible with God. JESUS BAPTIZES WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH FIRE: Acts 2:38 gives the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:1-4 tells of the wonderful Day of Pentecost: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Romans 8:9 in part admonishes "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Tarrying to receive the Holy Ghost is a privilege and a necessity; so turn your footsteps to the House of God on Friday evenings to tarry to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. JESUS IS COMING SOON: As the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, two men who stood by in white apparel declared: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Luke 21:27 tells us: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." The time of his coming is unknown: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). The Lord wants us to be ready (Matthew 24:44); to wait patiently (I Corinthians 1:7) and blamelessly (I Thessalonians 5:23); to be obedient, "fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life" (I Timothy 6:11-14) and abide in Him (I John 2:28).

The bold and prophetic sign JESUS COMING SOON stands prominently upon the rooftop of the Temple of the Apostolic Faith Church located at 1043 Middle Street in Kalihi on Oahu. This sign JESUS COMING SOON also stands upon the rooftops of all of the branches of the Apostolic Faith Churches located in the State of Hawaii and in the Philippine Islands: i.e. on OAHU in KAIMUKI at 1361 PALOLO AVE.; on MAUI in LAHAINA, so miraculously still standing after the Lahaina Fires, at 1211 FRONT STREET; on MOLOKAI AT 345 ALA MALAMA AVE. in KAUNAKAKAI; on HAWAII ISLAND AT 2529 KINOOLE ST. in HILO; on KAUAI at 4461 OMAO RD. in KOLOA; and in the PHLIPPINE ISLANDS in BALOGO, PICAWAYAN and in PRESIDENT ROXAS, COTABATO on the island of MINDANAO. YES! JESUS IS COMING SOON!

Kauai Branch Church
45th Anniversary Service
will be celebrated
on Saturday, July 5, 2025
4461 Omao Road,
Koloa, Kauai

Baptism in Jesus' Name



Lemuel C. Ledda 5-18-2025 President Roxas

Monthly update of souls saved, between May 12, 2025 and June 8, 2025, one soul was baptized in Jesus' Name.

Editorial



The Old Time Religion

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



The Old Time Religion to many may mean different things and that's why the world is led so easily away from the Lord. The word religion is defined as "a personal set or institutionalized system of attitudes, beliefs and practices." As we find in the *Word of God*, this definition fails, because it shows man's wisdom and lets man decide what he wants to do. The greatest part of this Old Time Religion is The Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The good news is that, Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost, and with fire, and Jesus is coming soon.

Jesus instructed the Apostles, "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Salvation is for everyone, every man, woman, and child, no matter what color, creed, or nationality. If you believe, you must be baptized! The signs that follow true believers are found in Mark 16:17, 18. These scriptures prove to all where the truth is and that is at The Apostolic Faith Church, located at 1043 Middle Street, Honolulu, HI and all its branches. Many devils have been cast out, many have been healed of sickness and disease in the name of Jesus and the "new tongue" is spoken as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:4, I Corinthians 14:22).

On the day of Pentecost the Apostle Peter spoke to the multitudes saying, "...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). You see how The Old Time Religion does not change? Here Peter tells all to first repent. Repentance is Godly sorrow for sin, humbling ourselves before the Lord. Then one needs to be baptized in water, in the name of Jesus Christ. Why? Because only the name of Jesus can save, Acts 4:12 states, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." In John 3:5, "Jesus answered, 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." This message that Jesus shared with Nicodemus, He shares with you and I. We must be born again to enter into the Kingdom of God.

To hold on to The Old Time Religion, we must stand fast to what Jesus has given us. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27). For us to stand fast we must always keep the gospel (the Word of God) in our

hearts and continue to talk about Jesus, letting the Holy Spirit work in our hearts so that the Lord can always find the Body of Christ in unity. In *Philippians 1:28* we are further instructed, "And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God." When we stand fast in The Old Time Religion we should never be afraid of anyone or anything because nothing or no one can take away our salvation as long as we stand fast. As we are taught, "...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

The Lord and His doctrines are unchanging. The *Word* He preached on the shores of Galilee to all, is The Old Time Religion that we preach today. The Lord and His Apostles preached it then, we preach it now, and will continue to preach The Old Time Religion until Jesus comes again in clouds of glory to take His people home. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Like the song says, "it was good enough for Paul and Silas, then it's good enough for me."

Babies blessed



CZAR WILLIAM KUUOLUOLU-OLUOLAMALULANI FREITAS was born on March 31, 2024 at Hospital BSW-Temple, TX. He weighed 10 lbs. and 14 oz. and was measured 19 inches in length. His parents are Sheyla Kahalehoe & Colin Freitas. Paternal grandparents are William & Isabelle Freitas. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. MaryAnn & Bro. Christopher Kahale-

hoe and great grandparents are Bro. & Sis. Anthony (AnnaMarie) Kahalehoe.



SHEZERAY MIA HEALANI FREITAS was born on April 22, 2025, at Hospital HCA-Florida. She weighed 7 lbs. and 3 oz. and length was 20 inches. Parents are Sheyla Kahalehoe & Colin Freitas. Paternal grandparents are William & Isabelle Freitas. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. MaryAnn & Bro. Christopher

Kahalehoe and great grandparents are Bro. & Sis. Anthony (AnnaMarie) Kahalehoe.

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Church" and then continuing with different musical renditions. The Orchestra selections strummed to the tune, "We Shall See the King" and "Lead On, Lead On." An Instrumental number was picked by Bro. Charles William Aspera on the electric guitar accompanied by Bro. Michael Aventura on the bass guitar and Sis. Deborah Aspera on the ukulele. The congregation was blessed by two vocal selections, first a vocal trio by Sis. Eva Tumbali, Sis. Annabelle Cepeda and Bro. Charles William Aspera "This World is Not My Home" and a vocal duet by Bro. Michael Aventura and Sis. Bernadette Gabrino "Lord I Offer My Life To You." The two Choir anthems under the direction of Sis. Deborah Aspera were entitled "Zion's Call" and "Shine, Jesus, Shine." It was truly a real blessing to the congregation.

After the prayer, the most important part of the service, the reading of God's Word, highlighted the 51 years of



Instrumental: L-R: Bro. Michael Aventura, Bro. Charles William Aspera and Sis. Deborah Aspera.

the Gospel of the Kingdom of God preached that souls might be saved, the salvation of souls still offered to everyone (*John 3:5, Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16*). "Salvation is an individual matter" it is a gift from God, accept the offer and you will enjoy the blessing from God.

Our 51st Anniversary service was a victorious one for one soul accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour in water of baptism. We extend our deepest gratitude to all the saints for their labor of love and support for the Gospel work making our celebration a victorious one.

After the service everyone was treated to a luncheon donated by the generous saints which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You for the VICTORY....



L-R: Balogo Church Choir: Front Sisters L-R: Bernadette Gabrino, Kezia Aspera, and Annabelle Cepeda, 2nd Row: Sis. Eva Tumbali, Bro. Alfredo Pizarras III & Sis. Betty Regudo & 3rd Row: Bro. Charles William Aspera, Michael Aventura & Pastor Hanibal Aspera.



Left: Members of the Balogo Branch Church Orchestra. Right: Bro. Michael Aventura & Sis. Bernadette Gabrino



Left: A Vocal Trio: L-R: Bro. Charles William Aspera, Sis. Annabelle Cepeda & Sis. Eva Tumbali. Right: There was much rejoicing from the Saints of God at the 51st Celebration of the Balogo Branch Church Anniversary Service on Sunday, May 4, 2025, as the congregation sang in unison entitled, "When We All Get To Heaven."

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Pastor Hanibal delivered a powerful message entitled "30 Years of Good News," emphasizing the importance of staying rooted in God's Word and the enduring faithfulness shown over the past three decades. A heartfelt message of thanks was given by Pastor Hanibal and Pastor Vesper to our former Liaison Pastor, Clifford J. Soares, for his sacrifices, time, and love in leading the construction of our church, which began on April 14, 1994, and was dedicated on April 22, 1995. Thank you so much, Brother Soares.



Group song by all the Mothers in the Choir: Front L-R: Sis. Betty Regudo, Sis. Deborah Aspera, Sis. Annabelle Cepeda & Sis. Eva Tumbali. Back: L-R: Sis. Mailie Joy Cantomayor, Sis. Maribel Aspera, Sis. Eunice Provido & Sis. Mercy Poblador.

As the President Roxas Branch Church steps into a new decade, the congregation remains anchored in the same hope that started it all, that with God, all things are possible. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the victory.



Left: Combined Balogo and President Roxas Music Department Members.



Pastor's Vesper and Hanibal joined the Church Choir



Combined Church Orchestra of the Balogo and President Roxas Branch Churches.



(Left:) Instrumental Selection: L-R Sis. Alona Provido. Bro. Greame Aspera, Pastor Vesper Aspera, Sis. Marve Jane Aspera & Sis. Maile Joy Cantomayor. (Center:) Vocal Duet: L-R Bro. Seth Michael Aspera & Sis. Gavrielle Angela Aspera. (Right:) Vocal Quartet: L-R Sis. Bernadette Gabrino, Sis. Marve Jane Aspera, Sis. Alona Provido & Bro. Greame Aspera.



A combined chorus by all the Mothers in the congregation

Balogo Branch Church Easter Program

Resurrection

By Sis. Deborah Aspera



Sis. Kezia T. Aspera Announcer

The Resurrection Morning Service, the annual Children's Easter Program on April 20, 2025, Balogo branch located at North Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippines, started promptly at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Hanibal Aspera, leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer, following with the opening song, "He Was Nailed

To The Cross For Me."

Our Mistress of Ceremony for the day was Sis. Kezia T. Aspera, daughter of Pastor Hanibal and Sis. Deborah Aspera, 16 years of age, who recently completed her Junior High at the top of her class, receiving multiple academic awards. Kezia welcomed all the congregation and encouraged everyone to Rejoice, for Jesus Christ arose from the dead.

Each Sunday School Class from Nursery up to Hi-Teen and their teachers, took a turn presenting recitations and songs for the enjoyment of the saints. The program went very well as our children performed to the best of their ability their respective parts.

Pastor Hanibal Aspera personally thanked all the members of the Sunday School Department who participated in the program, for their love and effort in making the program a marvelous and successful one. Thank You, Jesus for guiding us all and for the Victory. It was indeed a Happy Easter Day.



Beginner Classes



Nursery Classes



Beginner Classes



Primary I-IV Classes



Junior & HI-Teen Class



Balogo Sunday School Department Members

President Roxas Branch Church Easter Program

All Praise Forever to the King of Kings

By Sis. Marve Jane Aspera



L-R: Pastor Vesper Aspera, Easter Announcer Bro. Carl Jason Cantomayor & Sis. Maribel Aspera.

April 20, 2025, was a joyful and unforgettable day for the saints of the President Roxas Branch Church on the beautiful island of Mindanao, Philippines. With grateful hearts, we came together to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Easter Service began with the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Vesper Aspera. He warmly introduced our Easter Program Announcer, Brother Carl Jason Cantomayor, a Grade 9 honor student from Agustin M. Valdevieso Sr. High School in Marva Taguranao, Matalam, Cotabato. He is the proud son of Brother Laulito and Sister Devina Fe Cantomayor. With charm and confidence, Brother Carl guided the program smoothly and joyfully.

The Sunday School Department from the Nursery to the Hi-Teen classes brought the spirit of praise alive through heartwarming performances. Each class offered something special to honor our risen King. The little ones from the Nursery Class stole our hearts with their energetic singing and dancing, filling the room with joy and smiles.

The Easter Program was a true blessing, both a celebration and a reminder of Jesus' deep love and sacrifice for us. It was a day filled with faith, hope, and gratitude. Thank You, Jesus, for Your love that saves.



"PEACE IN CHRIST" Sis. Margaux Phoebe Cantomayor



"BECAUSE CHRIST AROSE" Bro. Jericho Fortin



Choral Recitation Nursery Class: "REJOICE" L-R: Bro. Harry John Ingatan, Sis. Zoie Diana Ingatan & Sis. Margaux Phoebe Cantomayor.



Primary Class: L-R Sis. Francheska Cordero & Sis. Nathalie Fortin



Junior Class: "WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?" L-R: Bro. Carl Jason Cantomayor & Bro. Denver Ingatan.



Hi-Teen Class "EASTER HAPPINESS" L-R: Sis. Lorrie Mae Poblador, Bro. Seth Michael Aspera, Sis. Lorrie Fe Cantomayor & Bro. John Earl Aspera.

Honolulu Church Picnic at Kaiona Beach Park on Saturday, May 17, 2025

What a wonderful and blessed day for all the Saints of God who gathered together to enjoy a fun filled time under God's beautiful sun shiny skies. Games, Bingo, prizes, swimming, scrumptious meals, desserts, visiting and talking story and laughing with one another, all under the charge of Head Pastor Billy & Sis. Roslyn Han, Jr. & their awesome committees. Thank You, Jesus!



Pastor Billy, Sis. Emilia & Saints unloaded containers of prizes.



Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. & Sis. Roslyn Han displayed our church sign.



Sis. Amiah Sproat with grandpa Bro. Edwin Sproat, Sr.



Sis. Roslyn with her great granddaughter.



Sis. Roslyn Han and Sis. Maraea-Rose Nelson



(Left): Sis. Donna Lou Carter with her Ohana. (Right): The AFC Chef's, Bro. A.J. Carter and Bro. Herman Koko at the grill.







Saints and Sunday School children played games at the church picnic.



Sis. Sierra-Lynn Han & Sis. Kristie Han waited for the Bingo game.



Sis. Tehane Touli



Sis. Elise Maddy & Sis. Elsie Miraflor.



Saints & family enjoyed the water.







(Left) Sisters Oceana, Tiare, Liana and nephew, "Jr."; (center) Sunday School children smiled for the camera and (right) our yummy and delicious chocolate cake donated by Sis. Starr Kalilikane and family.

Sis. Jessie Ann & Molokai Branch Pastor Reginald V. Castanares, Sr. praised and thanked the Lord for the saints of God for there love, prayers and generosity for making the church picnic a success.

Molokai Church Picnic

By Sis. Jessie Ann Castanares

A very beautiful, clear, sunny day provided the perfect atmosphere for our Molokai Branch Church picnic held at the One Alii Park in Kawela. Sweet fellowship, joyous voices raised and laughter did abound. Delicious food, burgers, hot dogs, variety of entrees, salads, noodles and delicious pies thrilled the palate and the heart. Thanks to Sis. Piikula Keoho who prepared and conducted a version of "Jeopardy" based solely on facts from the Bible. This experience caused a "ruckus" of shouting and laughing with players shouting out answers with decibels constantly increasing. Attending Sunday School and hearing and listening to the Word of God proved to be a blessing. YES, Thank You, Jesus, it was indeed a beautiful and blessed day of joy, sweet fellowship, good weather, delicious food and excellent cooperation by all. Thank You, Jesus!



Molokai saints enjoyed a delicious lunch and a beautiful day at the picnic.



Sis. Mapuana Aquino



Molokai saints all ready to play games



The saints enjoyed all their blessings.



Little Ayla Albers waited for the children's games.

Hawaii Island Church Picnic

By Sis. Shanna Naho'opi'i

The Hawai'i Island Branch Church celebrated its annual church picnic at Onekahakaha Beach Park on May 17, 2025.

Weather forecast for the day, in Hilo, cloudy with lots of rain.

But the rain didn't dampen the saint's spirit, who are accustomed to the rain.

The saints enjoyed the fellowship, swimming, games which included the infamous bingo, trivia and Bible jeopardy headed by games leader, Sis. Juvette Gomes.

Menu for the day was a mixed plate of tasty foods made by our chefs, Bro. Jarritt and Kamuela Pang. Thank You, Jesus for a great day of fellowship!



A delicious lunch was prepared by the saints.



Chef: Bro. Jarritt Pang



Saints enjoyed the games



Saints waited for the next BINGO



The Chefs Bros. Jarritt & Kamuela Pang

Graduates of 2025

Congratulations on all of your amazing achievements.

Graduation brings many changes in one's life. The Bible provides guidance and direction and offers encouragement for the road ahead, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy Paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Joseph Santos
Kapa'a High School class of 2025
(Kauai). Attending Universal Training
Institute, Avondale, AZ,: Airframe and
Powerplant.



Alexa-Jade Ku'uipo Nelson Graduated from Maili Bible School with honors-valedictorian



Zezalynn Makua Graduated from Kalaheo High School

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Seth Kamakanaokeao Samuru Asano, Jr. University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.



Shayla Nalei Spotkaeff received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Hawaii Manoa on May 17, 2025. She also received a Certificate of Recognition, and a plaque, as the 2025 recipient of the Student Employee of the Year Award.



Dionne Carillo
Graduated from Kapiolani
Community College
with an Associate in
Accounting.



Jazlen Lucas
Graduated from Honolulu Community College
with an Associate in
Arts.



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