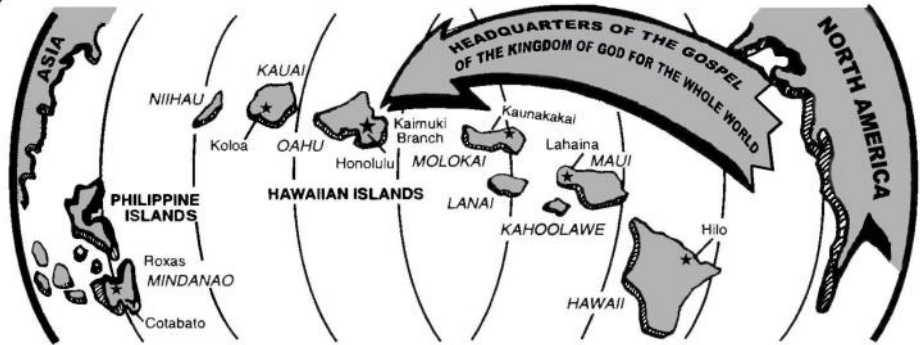


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HAWAII ISLAND BRANCH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

“56 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS”

BY SIS. LORELEI PANG



Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.

As the saints gathered to join in the celebration of the Hawai'i Island Branch, the Lord surely opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessing! With Head Pastor Billy Han Jr at the helm, in one heart and one accord, giving praise and glory to the Lord, we opened the service singing, “There's a Great Day Coming!”

The musical portion of the service focused on the anticipation of our Lord's soon coming. The choir's songs, “Come to Jesus” and “Come Jesus Come,” spoke of how we are all waiting anxiously for the Lord's soon coming and giving glory to Jesus as we wait upon Him! The orchestra songs, “Come Unto Me” and “O, I want to See Him,” reminded everyone of how Jesus wants us all to draw closer to Him and to stand still!

Associate Pastor Jarritt Pang played a wonderful instrumental called, “Waiting on the Lord,” reminding all that His promises are yea, true and amen! Sis. Lorelei Pang sang a vocal selection, “The Goodness of God,” proclaiming Jesus' love and how He is always with us no matter what we are going through in our lives!

The Word of God was brought forth by Head Pastor Billy Han Jr, recalling of the humble beginnings of the Gospel Work in Hilo which began at Kamehameha Lodge. The work has flourished and remained here for 56 years. The Lord blessed His saints with a beautiful day in Hilo, full of love, encouragement and uplifted the hearts of all in

attendance. One saint made the comment that summed up the whole event, “My joy is so full!” Thank You, Jesus for filling us with so much joy!



L-R: Hawaii Island Branch Church Choir & Orchestra Associate Pastor Jarrett Pang, Sis. Pearl Kawahara & Sis. Lorelei Pang.



Saints who gathered from the neighbor Islands to celebrate the 56th Anniversary of the Hawaii Island Branch Church.



Honolulu Saints LF: Sis. Emilia Han, Sis. Jamielynn Nelson, Sis. Roslyn Han. LB: Bro. Anthony & Sis. Darryl Lynne, Sis. Terrylynn Han, Sis. Cherlyn & Associate Pastor Marvin Abing.

Gospel Message

"GO FORWARD WITH JESUS CHRIST"

By Associate Pastor Melvin Honda

The Lord Jesus Christ encouraged his people in the year of 2025, "*surely go forward, go forward, the Victory is ahead.*" Our victory comes from the result of responding to God's invitation to follow Him by believing that His way is the right way to victorious living in this world (*I John 5:4*). Our greatest victory is to overcome death, hell, and the grave and to someday live in eternity with Jesus Christ (*I Corinthians 15:57*).

To obtain these spiritual rewards and blessings requires acceptance, belief, and action on the part of the believer. First and foremost is to be baptized in Jesus' Name and to be filled with the Holy Spirit according to the scriptures found in *John 3:5*, *Acts 2:38*, and *Mark 16:16*. Salvation requires one to follow the mandate from Jesus Christ, "*Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again* (*John 3:7*)."

Going forward in Jesus Christ requires persistence and perseverance. It requires courageous and enduring faithfulness despite our difficulties, hardships, and problems (*Galatians 6:9*). If we give up along the way, we will be separated from Jesus Christ, and cause us to lose out on all the blessings that He has to offer. Throughout the Bible the profound principle is: obeying and following God brings blessings, while disobedience brings misfortune and judgement (*Deuteronomy 1:35-36*). When Moses and the Children of Israel encountered the obstacle of the Red Sea, God told them to "*go forward*" (*Exodus 14:15*). There was no apparent way of escape, but because of faith, trust, and action (prayer), God opened a way for them to go forward. When we follow Jesus Christ, He will also open a way for us to go forward, despite our obstacles, barriers, and temptations that hinder us. The gifts we receive from God: joy, peace, family, spiritual gifts, hope, and eternal life are priceless blessings that encourages us to go forward in Jesus Christ (*James 1:12*).

Going forward in Jesus Christ also requires commitment and following through with our actions (*Psalms 37:5*). It requires believing faith, trust, love, and endurance to persevere (*Psalms 25:10*). Faith devoid of commitment is dead faith. Following the Lord is not always an easy or comfortable road to travel. It will require great cost and sacrifice. It may cost you family relationships, friendships, leisure time, or other treasured activities. But the value of being a follower of God is an investment that will



yield incredible rewards and blessings, and someday it will last for eternity (*Matthew 8:20*). When the Apostles made the decision to follow Jesus, they knew the cost in doing so. Jesus promised and assured them that they will be rewarded by doing so.

Going forward with Jesus Christ means to look forward to the future with hope and certainty. Jesus is the only one that clearly knows the future. Like the Apostle Paul, we look forward to a fuller and more meaningful future (*Philippians 3:12-13*). We have a blessed hope and the expectation that Jesus promises to guide, help, comfort, and will be with us as the future unfolds. Above all, to know that our salvation is secure. The second coming of Jesus Christ is certain to come true. We all should be ready for His soon coming (*I Corinthians 15:51-57*). Those who are awaiting and ready for His return will be transformed and immediately be ushered into God's eternal abode.

As we go forward with Jesus Christ in this new year, the Holy Spirit will comfort and guide us. By knowing the blessed future that awaits us, it should give us hope and courage to press on in this life (*I Corinthians 2:9*).

SOULS SAVED

Souls baptized by immersion, and according to **Acts 2:38**,

"...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."



Aiko Rego
02/23/25
Oahu

“EXHORTATION TO HOLINESS”

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.

In the desert the Lord directed Moses to speak to the children of Israel and say, “...*Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy*” (*Leviticus 19:2*). The Lord’s message is an exhortation to holiness. Today, the Lord is calling on and strongly encouraging all believers, to live a life that is acceptable in His eyes. A life of Godliness, consecration and sanctity.

The Apostle Paul in his missionary journeys, visited Thessalonica and a church was born. Being driven out by unbelieving Jews, Paul sent Timothy to check on the saints and condition of the church. Timothy’s report was a good report, a report of excellence, triggering a letter from Paul, of what we now know as, *I Thessalonians*.

Paul, in his first epistle reviewed the doctrines he had taught this group of new believers. He encouraged the saints of Thessalonica to stand, despite the tests, trials and persecutions they were or would be experiencing and encouraged them to a life of holiness. Paul put them at ease and comforted them as to future events, such as the rapture, regarding the death of those who had died believing on Christ Jesus and what would happen to the living on that glorious day.

Let’s look at what Paul wrote as the Spirit of the Lord inspired and guided his thoughts. “*Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus*” (*I Thessalonians 4:1, 2*). How are we to walk? We must walk in God’s light in complete obedience to His commandments.

When one rejects, forsakes or breaks one or more of God’s commandments, one in effect rejects God, which brings one under judgment. God has no pleas-



ure in those who live a life of sin. The judgment is that the unrepentant soul that sinneth shall die, but when one accepts God’s law and His exhortation to holy living, one receives the gift of God, which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (*Ezekiel 18:4, 23, Romans 6:23*).

The unfortunate nature of man is that “...*all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” (*Romans 3:23*). Though all of mankind has inherited a sinful nature due to the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, every man and woman is held accountable, responsible for one’s own sins. “*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God*” (*I Corinthians 6:9-11*). We are to present ourselves a living sacrifice to God, not conforming to things of this devil-may-care world but transforming ourselves with the guidance of His Holy Spirit into a being that is good and acceptable in God’s eyes (*Romans 12:1, 2*).

The *Word of God* encourages each and every one of us to a life style of holiness, in the spirit of quietness, meekness and humbleness (*Leviticus 11:45*). One must feel the importance and urgency of living a Godly life, for Jesus is coming soon! He is at the door coming for His bride, “a glorious church,” the body of Christ, without spot or wrinkle, that it should be holy and without blemish (*Ephesians 5:27*). “*For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness*” (*I Thessalonians 4:7*).

BABIES BLESSED



Precious little **DANIELLE-SKYE KU'UHANOHANOHAWEO-MAIKALANI PARKER**, made her adorable appearance on September 19, 2024 at the Kapiolani Hospital. She weighed 3 lbs. 11 oz. and was 16.93 inches in length. Her parents Bro. Gershon Parker and Sis. Sheriel Cummings, along with her paternal grandparents Bro. & Sis. Harold & Sharon Parker and maternal grandparents Bro. Richard Cummings and Sis. Melissa Magbitang, are still rejoicing over the latest addition to their wonderful family. Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., blessed Danielle-Skye on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the Mother Church.



Cute little **ROSALINA SALLE** was born on February 24, 2024. Her rejoicing parents are Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Imany Salle. The precious little bundle was blessed by Hawaii Island Branch Pastor Walter I. Tin Loy, on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the Hawaii Island Branch Church in Hilo, Hawaii.

Monthly Update of Souls Saved

There was one soul baptized in Jesus' Name, from February 16, thru March 10, 2025.

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L to R: Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr., Hawaii Island Branch Church Pastor Walter I. Tin Loy and Trustee/ Associate Pastor Edwin H. Sproat, Sr.



Saints gathered at the Hawaii Island Branch Church, celebrating its 56th Anniversary, Sunday, February 16, 2025.



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