



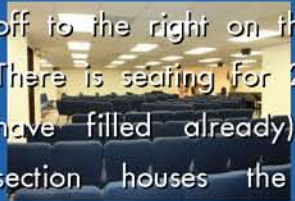
Armed Forces Sunday 2010

Building Report

We are still rejoicing in what God has done for us with these new buildings. I have opportunities weekly to share with others, especially the unsaved, how God gave us 6.5 million dollars worth of buildings for \$665,000! God is good!



The first picture is of the church building. The auditorium is off to the right on the upper level. There is seating for 244 (which we have filled already). The middle section houses the offices and library. The teen room is on the left. The nursery and children's classrooms are on the lower level.



The third picture is of our rental property. We receive \$2000 a month in rent from them. One of the tenants is a CPA who has volunteered his services to the church. That is a big help!



The last picture is of the entrance to our parking garage. How many churches do you know of that have their own parking garage, especially in Hawaii! Plus, we get \$1000 a month for renting parking spaces to the neighbors.



We are still rejoicing in the Awesome Power of God after eight months in our new building. God has been good to us. We have finished about 85% of the renovation work (that last 15% is the hardest to get done). Owing our own buildings means that the work never ends, but it is worth it! There are a couple of major repair jobs coming up in the next year or two that we will need to prepare for financially. We are trusting God to continue to provide for our needs as He has in the past.

We have been growing in numbers ever since moving into this new building despite the annual military turnover. Last week we had a visiting mother of one of our Army men get saved in the main church service. Diane led a twelve year old girl to the Lord in the nursery (she stayed to help her nephew to adjust to a new environment). Tuesday, I led an Army Lieutenant to assurance of salvation, and on Wednesday night four teens got saved in Youth Chapel!

The two groups that have seen the most growth both numerically and spiritually, have been the teens and the singles. It is exciting to see what God is doing in the lives of these young people. Our percentage of local families has also grown. We still have a strong, active outreach to the military, but God is also opening up new doors for ministry with other groups of people.

We just finished Revival meetings with Evangelist Rich Tozour. This year was one of our worst for people being gone - moving, vacation, deployment, sea time, etc. I was wondering if anyone was going to show up, someone did - The Holy Spirit! God did a tremendous work and we had a great week of meetings with many good decisions. We have built a new Baptismal tank which is seeing more and more use as people are getting saved.

The numerical growth in the church has been encouraging, but our giving is down. This is a result of a combination of the economic downturn, a higher percentage of young Christians, and more lower income local families. We are not in financial trouble but our budget is tighter than we were hoping for at this time. Praise the Lord for the extra rental income from the building next door and rental for parking spaces! We do need to build up our reserves again after all of the expenses of renovation and moving. That is the purpose for this years Anniversary offering.

Please pray for two of our sister churches here in the islands. Both Koolau Baptist Church and Maili Bible Church are without a Pastor. We need every church here and more to reach Hawaii. Pray the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into this field called Paradise - it is Paradise lost. On a positive note, we are in contact with three couples that are raising support to come to the islands.

I have also been reminded this year how blessed I am to have such a hardworking, faithful, and loyal staff. Pastor Mike, Pastor Andy and Pastor Anter are doing a wonderful job and are such a blessing to me. We praise God for them and all that they do for the Lord, for this church, and for me. Please keep them in your prayers and pray that God will keep them here at Ohana!

Other News

Please pray with us about the possibility of purchasing a Missions House here in Hawaii. Since moving into our new building, the one thing that we have missed is not having a Prophet's Chamber. We have been able to accommodate the missionaries and preachers passing through by putting them up with families or finding a good deal on a hotel room, but these are temporary solutions for a long term need. We have many missionaries who pass through Hawaii on the way to the Mission field that need a place to stay. For others, Hawaii is the perfect place to come for some well deserved and needed R & R or to get necessary medical care. A few years ago we had one missionary family that stayed here for over six months while the wife was treated for a brain tumor. At this time this is just a dream. We don't have the funds nor have we even found a house yet, but we are praying. Would you pray with us and if you would like to donate funds for this need, designate them for Mission House.

Surface Family News



I am doing much better than a year ago. My headaches are all but gone! I started my medical diet in August of last year, just before Around the World Sunday (Do you know how hard that is when you have a meal with hundreds of dishes from all over the world and you can't eat any of it?) I am restarting my diet along with Tupu and Peter Reyes, but we waited until after Around the World Sunday!

It is hard to believe that last summer we did not have any prospects for a building and I was on the verge of resigning my position as Pastor because of my headaches. God is good and has done some amazing things! We are grateful for all of you prayers and words of support for us during a difficult time.

Diane is as beautiful as ever and I keep her very busy trying to keep up with me. She stays busy as a Pastor's wife and also takes care of the church bookkeeping (a big job with having taxable income from rent). She took over this area because she was one of the few that could give it the time needed and isn't going to leave and have to be replaced. She is getting ready to go to Michigan to help Keiki with our new grandson.

Danielle is working for the church part-time as our Children's Ministry director. She also substitutes for some of the local Christian Schools because we don't pay very well. She is doing a great job with the children's program, especially considering our unique transient situation for teachers. Her biggest problem is that her boss is also her dad; not easy to deal with at times.

Keikilani is in the hospital as I write this, waiting for the doctors to decide when is the best time to do a c-section to deliver baby Jimmy. This has been a very difficult pregnancy as she is RH negative. (Basically she and the baby have different blood types, which means that her body sees the baby as an intruder and tries to attack him). The baby has had to have multiple in-uterus blood transfusions and both he and mom are high risk for problems at delivery. Please keep them in your prayers. **Keiki had her baby and both she and Jimmy are doing well!!**

Elizabeth is in Michigan working for a credit union and helping Keiki during this difficult time. I know she has been a blessing to them. I got to go to Michigan to see her for her birthday in April. It was a blessing for me. I miss her.

Caleb turns 18 in October. He has his drivers license now (he has been driving us crazy for years, but now it is official). He helps out with the tech ministries at the church and loves to sing. The highlights for this year were a basketball tournament at WCBC and a missions trip to the Philippines.

Benjamin is becoming a godly young man. He is officially taller than mom now and judging by the size of his feet will be taller than dad someday soon. He is trying to learn both Chuukese and Tagalog from Pastor Anter and Pastor Andy. He is learning the Ukelele and loves to play Basketball. Academically I think he is the smartest of all the kids, but don't tell the others I said so.

We enjoy hearing from you. Please keep in touch by letter, email or Facebook. God bless!

ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY

October 3rd

We will be celebrating 24 years of God's blessings on the first Sunday in October. It is amazing to think of what God has done here and the many lives that He has touched through this ministry. We are looking forward to a special day. One of our former members is coming to be with us for Anniversary Sunday. Todd Robinson recently retired from the Air Force and will be starting deputation as a missionary to the military. You can check out his web site at www.reachingrobins.org

We will be taking a special anniversary offering on that Sunday. Our goal is \$1000 for every year of God's blessings. This is a big goal considering both the economy and the offering that we had when we were working on our new building. Many of you have been very generous with us in the past and we thank you for it. If God were to lead you to give to this work again we would appreciate it. The building project cost more than we expected and we need to build up our reserves again. Owning our own building means we are responsible for anything that goes wrong, so we need to have the funds available to take care of whatever happens.

As we prepare for our 25th year we want to ask you a favor: Could you send us any pictures you have from your time here. We are going to use them in our calendar for next year. Each month will represent two years of the church's existence. We are also seeking written or recorded testimonies. You can send them to us via mail, email or Facebook. Thank you again for being a part of what God has done and is doing here in Hawaii!