

December 8th, 2008

Aloha, *Greeting!* I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the winter season. I always look forward to the holidays because I usually get the chance to fly to the mainland and visit family! I was able to see my aunt, grandma and cousin's family in Sacramento for Thanksgiving and for Christmas, I am flying to Washington D.C. on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> to see my sister and brother's family!



I hoped to give you a little update on my ministry here! As I've mentioned in my previous newsletters, the transition from a 5 person staff team to back to 2 people—my co-director, Kent, and I—was a bit rough this year. But God has been very faithful in giving us young, passionate student leaders (left). They are probably the bunch of students that I've seen most excited about God in my years of ministry. They talk for hours about God with each other and have lately been raising \$1000s of dollars to attend Campus Crusade conferences just to draw closer to God & others. I love to see them grow and lead.

The biggest blessing is seeing them evangelize to other students. Two students in particular, Sara and Kaori (below), have even trusted God to show them small signs to point out who they should speak to. One day earlier this semester they envisioned the color pink, a backpack and fish. They had no idea why that came up in their minds as they prayed before they went out to share their faith but they kept it in their hearts as they walked up to one girl, Yuka.

They found out Yuka is from Japan like Kaori. She was very open to hearing the gospel. As she was telling Sara & Kaori about her life, Sara and Kaori noticed there was a girl passing by with a bright pink backpack. Then they randomly asked Yuka what her favorite food was and it was sushi! Although these things could have been seen as coincidences, Sara and Kaori carried on their conversation with even greater faith that God had pointed out Yuka as the one girl they were supposed to initiate with. Later on in their discussion, they got to share the whole gospel and Yuka received Christ!



It really encourages me to see our students think outside of the box and trust God for every little detail. The way they love God is very child-like and I see that as pleasing to God. I'm challenged in my faith by them & really follow God even more because I want to lead them even stronger in their faith. I'm blessed by them and reminded that my job is reaping eternal rewards not just for me but for the hundreds of students that will be up in heaven praising God with me! Please keep praying for everyone to know Jesus here in Hawaii!

Other than that, God has been faithful to keep me here for 3 1/2 years! Thank you for praying for me too and lifting up my financial needs this year. You may be aware that now is the time of year when I must reconcile my salary and expense sheet and prepare for the next year. A special gift to my personal ministry at this time will allow me to meet my salary and expense needs for the year 2008. Not only is it important for me to finish 2008 with all of my salary and ministry expense needs met, but it's equally important to go into this next year with an adequate budget for a strong ministry with the Lord.

For this year, my main needs are to raise \$400 more in monthly support and buy a newer laptop. Unfortunately, my Dell laptop crashed over Thanksgiving and is actually the reason why this letter did not get to you sooner! It is very important for me to stay connected with students via internet, so while not having a decent computer, I feel extremely inhibited as a campus director. I ask that you pray about giving towards these areas in some way. If you'd like to give, you can use the enclosed response slip and envelope to respond by Christmas Day. Thank you for praying about my needs & my life. I really am blessed to have your prayers & love! Merry Christmas!

*Merge*

Dear Tricia,

God has blessed me in 2008. I want to share some of these blessings at Christmas time to help reach college students at the University of Hawaii.

☐ God is enabling me to **INCREASE** my giving. I would like to give  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.

☐ I would like to **BEGIN** investing \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.

☐ I would like to give a **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT** of \$\_\_\_\_\_.



Me in Nagoya, Japan,  
this summer!

Please make check payable to 'CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST'  
and mail in enclosed envelope by **Christmas Day**.