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### **Praises & Prayer:**

- Praise: I'm still getting to know people in my Japanese adult school classes. One lady in particular, Gina, in her mid-forties, and I have been going out biking with others. I did my first 20 mile bike ride with her! Pray for more interaction and that I can share my faith with her.
- Pray for me as I'll be flying to California for 3 conferences for campus directors, our regional staff and our junior/senior students Nov. 18th and on. I'll also be in Sacramento for Thanksgiving so please call or e-mail if you'd like to meet & catch up!

### **Spotlight on Kaori Yuasa**



This is Kaori, one of our student leaders, eating her first S'more!

Kaori is from Tottori, Japan. She came to Christ in one of her first few trips out to Hawaii and is now a senior at UH and walking strong with the Lord.

She has a big passion for sharing her faith and just led one student, Yuka, to Christ at the beginning of Oct.! Please pray for Kaori to be able to follow-up with Yuka. And also for Kaori as she prays about her future. She's attending our CCC junior/senior conference "Crossroads" that will help her seek God's will for her life.

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# *From Skote to Skote*

Updates from Campus Crusade for Christ Staff Member, Tricia Kavle  
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## *"Self-centered...not!"*



One of our regional directors, Shane Sebastian, paid his own way to come speak to our students.

"Self-centered....not!" was definitely not the theme I expected the students would come up with. It was my turn to lead the student leadership meeting and we were talking about themes for our annual Fall Retreat.

Fall Retreat has always been important each year in gathering new students and bonding the ones that have been already coming. Our 10 student leaders felt it should be all about God and the focus should be off of us. So we were toying with the ideas of passion, fire, being rooted in God when one of our leaders, Sara, said what about "Self-centered...not!" We all sat and laughed hard for a while and

agreed to not make a decision on the theme at that meeting. Then soon after, it appeared on all of our flyers and facebook event pages with her funny theme.

I laugh at that because I love that God is teaching me a lot about ministry here in Hawaii. I used to be such a high structured, professional, "let's make plans for everything" kind of person. But in Hawaii, God has brought me back to the grassroots of enjoying the students, empowering in the areas that God has gifted them in, and directing them one step at a time. I'd love to have 100's coming to our fall retreat and a ultra-catchy theme with amazingly done brochures/flyers everywhere around UH. But God is reminding me He invested in 12, and of those 12 disciples, he concentrated on 3 mainly. Not just to build them up but to send them out. I am really believing God will use our 10 student leaders, and specifically the 5 I am discipling, to reach all of UH.

The awesome thing is that when I let go of what I think is right, I can clearly see God at work and moving. What I saw this weekend was our seemingly small group of 25 students just fall more in love with God. We worshipped, heard about remembering our first love (from Revelation) and ministering to people around us, and we ate LOTS of hot dogs.

One of the most memorable parts for me was our Saturday night worship. A friend from my church got us on a nearby military base so we could have a bonfire and more space. You could probably see every star in the sky. We just laid down on blankets and sang for a long time. When we stopped, we just asked the guitar players to keep going. It was amazing.

I see in our students that this retreat really drew them closer to God and gave them a fresh perspective on their lives as Christians. Please pray for them to grow stronger and for our movement to grow at the pace God wants it to grow it. And for me, to constantly let go, and see God move.



Bellows Beach, burning s'mores, some of my disciples and amazing worship.

*Aloha,  
Tricia*