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**PRAISES &  
PRAYER  
REQUESTS:**

- Praise God for how He is showing Himself in my life—through Jordan's passing and through providing staff for me to work with in the upcoming years!
- Pray for the Matsui and I to finish the year strong in shepherding our students and choosing leaders for next year.
- Pray for my time in California as I reconnect with supporters and friends (May 26 - June 21) then for my time in Colorado as I receive campus director's training (June 21 - July 27). Contact me if you want to meet up with me in CA or CO!

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# From Shore to Shore

MINISTRY UPDATES FROM TRICIA KAVLE

## *Hope in the midst of hardship*

Thank you SO much for your prayers for my dog Jordan. Sadly, she passed away on Monday, March 9th.

It was an emotional few months as her health was very up and down. But on Sunday, March 8th, I noticed she seemed weaker so I skipped church to stay at home with her. On Sunday night, I cried out to God to help me with timing and knowing what to do. The next day Jordan was even weaker and as I prayed, I sensed God telling me that *this was the day*. I had my doubts but in faith, kept moving forward in making plans to take her to the vet. I had good friends help talk me through the process and by God's good grace, my roommates happened to have the day off too so one of them, Keao, drove Jordan and I to the vet. I really didn't want to put Jordan down though. The year I got Jordan, in 1999, I had to put our 15 year old cat, Spooky, down and I never forgot how hard it was. I wanted Jordan to just die naturally but I felt God calling me to go to the vet. On the way there, Jordan's breathing became heavier and her health was weakening. I carried her into the vet office in Exam Room #3. She laid down on the table just exhausted while my trusted veterinarian came in and explained to me the process of euthanizing an animal. As he was speaking, Jordan sat up suddenly, let out a groan and passed away right there. As crushing as this was to see, I couldn't help but thank God for his mercy.

I could have been at work, my roommates could have been gone and not there to help, Jordan could have died alone.... *but* God allowed me to be a part of her life all the way through the end. As I cried and mourned over her, I was reminded of God's goodness in allowing me to have Jordan for 11 years. She saw me through college, transition to Hawaii and the ups and downs of my life here. God gave me her companionship and love and I can't help but praise Him even more for His perfect provision and timing for everything in my life. He is so good.

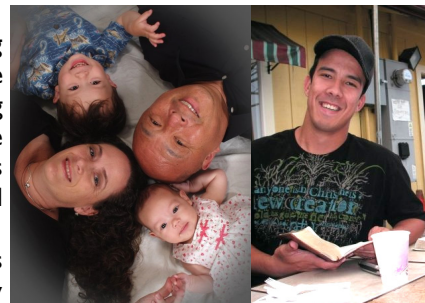
**God is also showing me much hope by answering our prayers for more laborers in Hawaii!** As you know, I have been serving in Hawaii for almost 5 years. Yes, it's been that long already! I personally have always longed for co-workers that were my age to join me in reaching the 50,000+ students here. I've always felt the burden and the calling to be here but I knew that God wanted more laborers to take part of this great harvest.

At the same time, God has put it on Kent & Erin's hearts to move back to their home on the Big Island. We didn't know how God would make this happen as we were only 3 staff wanting to be on 2 islands! Amazingly

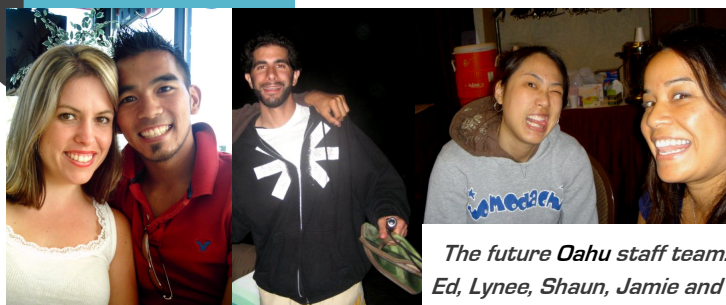


*Jordan at our favorite beach in Lanikai in '05 and her last ride in my car before taking her to the vet.*

enough, God raised up an intern to serve full-time at UH Hilo, Gavin Pavao, while providing a staff from Arizona State University, Shaun Grindle, to serve as a co-director with me for next year! Also, a good friend of mine, Jamie Lam, is taking a huge step of faith by leaving her job as a teacher in California to join staff this summer. And of course, we continually pray for our staff couple, Ed & Lynee to raise the rest of their support (they are at 70%). Please pray for God to prepare us as we raise finances, prayer support & join together with all of you faithful supporters to reach every student in Hawaii for Jesus!



*The future Big Island staff team:  
The Matsui family and Gavin!*



*The future Oahu staff team:  
Ed, Lynee, Shaun, Jamie and I!*