

ALOHA KE AKUA

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"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matthew 28:16-20

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Matthew 9:37-38

Often times when I contemplate my leadership and the kind of leader I want to be, more than anything I want to be the kind of leader who continues to take steps of faith towards trusting the Lord. I want the students and staff that I cross paths with to see that even when it's scary or uncertain, that trusting God and taking steps of faith is rewarding. It allows us to understand how to fully rely and depend on him when we have to make those decisions. Even as I sit and write this out, it is easy to say and yet, feels like a whole other thing to live out.

Earlier this month from November 8-17, I had the opportunity to travel overseas on a Vision Trip with 15 Epic staff and interns to East Asia (where I led a summer missions in 2013) and Southeast Asia. In those 10 days, the passages above have never become more real than when I sat and met with students. Over our time there, we went on campus and met national students and invited them to English clubs. Here we would get to introduce them to other "friends" and practice English through an evangelistic tool called Heart Mirror (Soularium) while getting to know them. More often than not, we would end up getting to share our stories and many times what we believe in and our faith. Over the course of 4 days in each country, I was able to share the gospel and about a God who loves us and desires intimate relationship with us! It was incredible how open and receptive these students were and the amount of questions they had because they just wanted to know more.

Over my summer experience and this Vision Trip to EA and SEA, I have decided that to become the leader I talk about, I myself, need to rise up to that same challenge of taking steps of faith. **With much prayer, conviction, and peace, I have decided to transition out of Hawaii after this next semester into leading a STINT (short term international team) overseas to East Asia for at least the next year. While the thought of this scares me, I know that this is the decision that will cause me to step out and trust God most!** I have not fully processed through my leaving Hawai'i after 6 years but I know that the Lord is good and he has me right where he wants me.



Would you pray with and for me as the Lord prepares me for what's next? Would you pray that first and foremost, I would trust him with all that I have and all that I am as he leads me in this next part of my journey? Would you pray for smooth transitions both here in Hawai'i and back in California? And finally, would you pray that I would raise all the finances I need as I am leading a summer missions to Wildwood, NJ this summer and then head overseas in August? I am so grateful for each of you and how you have continually supported me and taught me how to live fully surrendered to a God who is so good and so mighty!

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