

# ALOHA KE AKUA

"GOD IS LOVE" – Fall Retreat 2013: Lini  
September 2013

Last weekend we took 65 students to the west side of the island for our annual Fall Getaway. We headed out for the weekend with the intentions of giving students the opportunity to "getaway" from school and enjoy community, fellowship and God. Josh Chen, a good friend of mine and his wife Wendy, came and spoke to our students and encouraged them in their inherent worth in Jesus as well as what it means to live with eternal perspective and bringing the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

We had a ton of new students, including Lini, a girl who stopped by our table the first week of school to ask for directions to a class. One of our staff didn't know where her class was, but invited her to Cru instead and she ended up coming to a small group, even though she wasn't a Christian. She was then invited to Fall Getaway and ended up coming to that as well!

On Saturday night, we had a really awesome time of worship and prayer. During that time, the Lord put it on the hearts of one of our staff and students to pray for Lini at separate times and they did. During that time, Lini started crying and after the session, she talked with one of our staff

and said that during worship, as she was holding up her hands, she felt Someone's hands on hers- "They were warm," she said. "And I felt that there was a Presence in front of me holding me and I just felt so loved in that moment." Our staffer sat down with her and asked her if anyone had ever told her how to have a relationship with God. "No," she replied. "Well...do you want to know?" she was asked and her response was "Yes, please!"

An hour later, Lini prayed to receive Christ into her heart and said that she felt like she was in a dream. She was asked if she had any questions, and the first thing she said was "When can I get baptized?" The next day after we packed up the camp, we all piled into cars and drove down to the beach where in the bright blue ocean of Waianae, Lini was baptized. As Lini was sharing her story with everyone who came to watch, she said, "I am so ready to get baptized. This is a new start, this is my new family, and this is my new life."

Praise God for Lini for her new passion for God! May it never fade away!



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