



## Eye Opening

By: Annalynn Danh

As I sit down waiting for the bus, I overheard these high school kids talking about drugs. My heart instantly broke. As I overheard more of the conversation about them disrespecting their parents, drugs and the f bomb was constantly being dropped.

I wanted to ignore what I was hearing because I felt wrong for listening in so I decided to look around and right across from me was a strip club. All of a sudden heavy burden fell upon me of how much Hawaii needs God. How the people on this island are so lost and broken. I

finally felt like I wasn't here on a vacation anymore, but the reason why I came to Hawaii in the first place, to spread God's love.

Praise God for opening up my eyes to see that this place needs His love. I finally saw with my own two eyes the brokenness of this place people call paradise.

I wish people could see that Hawaii isn't a place of just beautiful beaches, shave ice, palm trees and leis, but a place of brokenness and hopeless that needs a Savior. Praying for people to OPEN THEIR EYES to see that there are broken people EVERYWHERE.



### Campuses we are Serving:

- University of Hawaii Manoa
- Hawaii Pacific University
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## Outreach

By: Amanda Chiang

We went sharing at Ala Moana Mall on Saturday. I got partnered up with Melody and Daniel; solid group. The Holy Spirit was so there, it was ridiculous!

We walked toward Starbucks, and we saw this older lady sitting by herself that we wanted to talk to. So we walk in, and the second

we walk in, she walks out. We look to our left and there's a guy chilling by himself. So we look at each other, and Daniel initiates.

It was a solid conversation that lasted about an hour and was totally lead by the Holy Spirit! Questions, answers, analogies, examples, stories all came to us not of our own self, but totally from God. It

was sweet. This guy's name was Casey and he was telling us his story and everything he was saying pretty much shouted out, "I need Jesus!" from what I could tell. We got to pray for him at the end, and it was just pure sweetness from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

## Hawaii at Last!

By: Alex Deng



After 8 long weeks of support raising, I have finally arrived in Hawaii in the dormitories of University of Hawaii, Manoa. It's kind of surreal that

I'm here right now...and it's all because of God. Without Him, none of this would have happened. I would probably be at home right now...or heading my way back to Davis as Summer Session I begins. I also want to thank you for supporting me thus far, for the financial funds needed to bring me here, and diligently praying to keep me strong.

We arrived about 11:00am Hawaii time and went for lunch, and then checked in at the dorms and have had the whole day to ourselves. The dining common food is not bad, and it's run by the food service company, Sodexo, my current employer. It is nice to see something familiar in such a

somewhat strange and foreign land.

Mind you, Hawaiian culture is nothing like the mainland. The Asian culture in Hawaii is so strong, that I could not ask anymore from God. I feel like He chose Hawaii for me because of the two great cultures colliding to form one.

On another note, recently, I was able to read through the book of James in the Bible, and I thought it was very practical information towards becoming a stronger Christian.

James 3:1-12 talks about taming the tongue, one of the biggest challenges I face. Verse 5 says: *"Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark."* One small spark, and a whole forest burns down...that is actually quite scary.

## HPU: Campus Story

By Aaron Chiang

Today started off with meeting with the social committee and setting the schedule for the Fourth of July event. Then the HPU team went out for campus time. For my group we didn't really interact with students that day.

The campus seems dead and for the student we did meet in the student lounge didn't seem the appropriate setting to engage with the gospel. The students at the lounge seem like they wanted to relax and focus on studying and weren't ready to hear. We did come to shove down the Gospel and observe to see when it appropriate.

Then we spent time at Waiola and got some shave ice. We spent some time for group bonding. We wanted to take the time to get to know others in our team. Then I spent a great time at XA. I didn't plan to go there and stay, but I stayed for 5 minutes and thought it was interesting what the pastor was saying. He was explaining how we as Christians need to be submerged in God. And when we

drift away we go about our own desire. I love his analogy of the pool. The pool is God and when we submerge ourselves in God we're drenched with Him. Then when we get out of the pool we drip with God and leave marks on the ground, but when we start to walk father away from the pool we dry up and eventually start to sweat. That sweat looks like we're dripping of the water from the pool, but in reality it man-made, it's our own desires and then we lose sight of what is good.

We think what we're doing is right because it looks like right, but we as Christians need to dig deeper and go back to God and reply and reflect to see where our bearing are. The pastor was explaining being a follower and a disciple. We may follow and it may look like we're doing God's work, but without the discipleship then their real reason is our own selfish desire. The message encouraged me to submerge myself more into God and I was able to apply the message to my summer project here in Hawaii. Thank you God for all that you provide.



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# PICTURES!







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### Matthew 28:19-20

*Therefore go and make disciples  
of all nations, baptizing them in  
[a] the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to  
obey everything I have  
commanded you. And surely I  
am with you always, to the very  
end of the age."*



Going to the Bus!

## Fuse

By: Elbert Cheong

Tonight I decided  
to join some of my team  
members to this evening  
praise/worship session  
called "FUSE", which hap-  
pens quite often every  
week from what I heard.

It was definitely  
a new environment (once  
again), but just seeing so  
many young adults around  
my age in one spot was  
kinda comforting. The  
praise time was good just  
like my friend said it would  
be; it was loud, it was  
joyful, and it was amazing.

They played  
some new songs I haven't  
heard of (which I didn't  
mind), but of course they  
also covered one of my  
favorite key praising  
songs: With Everything, by  
Hillsong. I don't know what  
got over me, but when

they started playing that  
song, I started to really  
shout my heart out, to a  
point where tears started  
to fall down my cheeks.

I heard this  
song about a thousand  
time back in the east  
coast, but as I stood lis-  
tening to the lyrics tonight,  
I was just so overwhelmed  
with everything as I re-  
lated myself to the lyrics:

*"Break down our pride  
and all the walls we've  
built up inside,  
our earthly crowns and  
all our desires, we lay at  
Your feet.."*

The message by Pastor  
Alex Michel was really  
good too, felt like God  
really spoke to me through  
Him. One of the things he  
mentioned that kinda  
shocked me was the fact

fact that, we **SHOULDN'T**  
ask for the fullness of the  
Spirit if **\*WE DON'T IN-  
TEND TO SERVE PEOPLE\***  
(it's crazy cause my  
church and even some  
Epic friends are always  
praying about fullness of  
the Spirit, but rarely do we  
actually use it to serve  
others). And also the fact  
that in this world there's  
many people who serve  
(helping the poor, dona-  
tions to Haiti, etc.), but  
they aren't considered  
Servants.

God doesn't look for peo-  
ple who serve, but He  
looks for Servants with a  
servant's heart - one  
whose entire life is given  
to fulfill the will of another.

## Church

By: Tiffany Wang

Partaking in  
the children's ministry  
at Kaimuki Christian  
Church was definitely a  
new experience for me.  
I love kids, but the only  
experience I ever had  
with children was taking  
care of my little brother.

Nonetheless, I  
took on the job as a  
4th/5th grade Sunday  
school teacher along  
with Kentaro Majima.  
We were given teaching  
schedules to follow the  
day of, and we immedi-  
ately began teaching  
after service ended.

Both of us had  
difficulty engaging the  
children in our lesson,  
let alone have them get

along with each other!  
Near the beginning of  
our lesson, one of our  
students already  
started crying because  
of conflict among his  
peers. In that brief  
moment of attempted  
conflict resolution, I  
realized exactly how  
much I needed to rely  
on God's strength to  
teach with grace.

There is defi-  
nitely much room for  
improvement for the  
next few weeks to  
come, but I am glad  
that God humbled me  
as a teacher so I could  
learn how to love these  
children out of faith,  
despite how uncontrol-  
lable they may be-  
come.

