

ALOHA KE AKUA

"GOD IS LOVE" – Looking Back
December 2013

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61

At the beginning of 2013, we as a staff team through our individual times with the Lord, had sensed that He was telling us that it was the year of His favor not only in our lives, but in the movement at UH. Isaiah 61 quickly became the theme verse of 2013 and since then, we have continually been believing and praying for this! Looking back at this past year, here are a few 'favorable' memories of 2013.

- 25 students attended our 2013 San Diego Epic Conference
- Spring Outreach - 8,135 views on our What's Your Story YouTube channel
- Successful student run Spring Break Retreat where many students learned how to share their faith
- The opportunity to step into the Missional Team Leader (MTL) role with Shaun and Karisa
- Three years of a consistent awesome staff team (Grindles and Gen) where we walked through hard times and yet, grew closer as a family
- 12 students attended Summer Projects (Santa Monica, San Francisco, East Asia, Japan)
- Life-changing summer leading Operations and Finances in East Asia
- God providing a new staff team (1 new staff, 4 interns)
- The Lord providing sufficient finances to fly 15 students to Crossroad Conference
- Seeing 100+ students at our first Weekly Crucial meeting of the school year and consistent flow of new students each and every week
- The opportunity to speak and teach at multiple weekly meetings
- Josh McCarthy, who accepted Christ during Spring Break and is now being sent back to live missionally in New Zealand
- New students coming to Christ and non-believers coming faithfully each and every week to hear the gospel preached
- Growth and life change in believers with a growing desire to bring friends, share the gospel, and grow in discipleship

All to say, this has truly been a year of the Lord's favor! Thank you being a part of all of these memories and I look forward to what He has next for us as we continue to surrender, trust, and depend fully on Him!



I'm blessed to have a new staff team (L to R: Andy, Amanda, Steven, and Gilbert who are all interns. Kimiyo who is new staff) come to Hawaii!! Thankful that each of these men and women have stepped out in faith! I am also blessed to have had 3 years with my past teammates (L to R: Shaun, Karisa, and Gen). It was a hard 3 years but it has grown us closer together not only as co-laborers but as family!

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