

ALOHA KE AKUA

"GOD IS LOVE" – Month of Many Moves
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Building spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus

I started this month of travels by visiting our new team leader, Jess Arita in Portland, Oregon. What an encouragement to see how the Lord has used to her lead there. I went during our National Blitz week where we had every movement join together in a concentrated week of intentional evangelism. Here's what they did at Portland state -- During Epic Blitz Week, we wanted to try a large outreach. Campus wide outreaches are not very welcomed here. People in Portland are willing to talk about anything, as long as you are not offensive, and so we wanted to come up with an outreach that was warm, inviting, noncontroversial but truthful, and still a point of growth for our students. We put up a large velcro board on campus, sectioned into 6 questions, like "What/ who has had the most impact on your life?" or "If I die tomorrow, I would gauge by success based on...." As people walked by, we offered them cookies and a conversation. One person would throw a ball, and the other person would answer the question, and vice versa. You could eat cookies while answering the question, which we had a group of ministry moms and local friends make for us. The outreach was huge success in multiple ways-- we had over 75 spiritual conversations, which we've never been able to do before.



During the month of March, for one week, some of our staff gathered together as a working group for an Envisioning Time in Austin, Texas. What's envisioning you ask? Great question- there is *no* official definition BUT, under the vision and direction of our fearless leader, Margaret and our ENLT team, we came together to pray, evaluate, dream, and look ahead. Our main goal was *to help shape the Vision and Values of Epic Persons and Epic Movements in order to prepare future Epic Movements and Epic leaders leading these movements.* We spent a few days together looking at 1) a subjective and objective assessment of where our movements are at based on our student and staff surveys, 2) a list that answers what we want our students to experience or be, 3) a list that answers what we want our movements to look like and 4) a sense of what our staff will need to continue to help lead our movements. It was a really fruitful few days together and through working groups, we were able to really get a comprehensive look at where we've been, where we are, and where we're going.

My next stop was back to Honolulu, Hawai'i to encourage, meet with, and coach our current team there. It was great to be back on old stomping grounds and to see Freshmen who I met 3 years ago now leading and stepping out in faith. It was an encouraging time to be with old friends and students and God is continuing to move in big ways. An additional bonus to this trip was getting to meet some of our Cru High School staff from Orlando. The hope is to start helping current high school ministries in getting Gospel presence on every high school on island by surfacing students, teachers, and parents who desire to help us with this. We tabled at the Hawaiian Islands Ministry (HIM) conference and it was an incredible time to get to pray and support Pastor Dan Chun and many other pastors and believers on island.



Most of you know just a little over a year ago, we lost my aunt to cancer. Moving back from Hawai'i was so good in getting to move back in with her and my mom and sister and getting to spend time with her. This last week marks a huge milestone moving out of a house I grew up in over the last 30+ years with my aunt, uncle, and cousins. Watching it be cleaned out and prepped for selling, I am grateful for the many memories of weekend sleepovers, pool parties, birthday bounce houses, basketball, tire swings, and so much more from our generation to this next one. There is so much to remember but mostly I pray that whoever moves in next will be blessed by the many, many years of spiritual covering this house holds. (My new address is below)

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We envision Asian American movements mobilized to take our place in God's redemptive mission, and 1) seeing they have a unique place in missions history and the future of missions, 2) that they are bridge-builders - representing both the empowered and the powerless of society, and 3) they are coming together, fully surrendered, actively engaged in God's work.

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