

# ALOHA KE AKUA

“GOD IS LOVE” -- Serving Him Through Serving Others  
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## Tokyo, Japan Summer Project

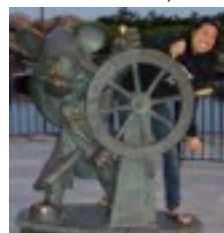
**Love the Lord. Love your team. Learn a new culture. Launch a new movement.**

*“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*  
[2 Corinthians 5:14-21] \*theme passage for our summer project\*



Serving God Whole-Heartedly

Our final night as we were being commissioned to go out into the world, we, as leaders, got the opportunity to wash our students feet as a symbol of our hearts to serve them this summer. I would say as I’ve been able to process more since being back, I’ve been able to really understand what it means to serve God through serving others. This summer opened my eyes to see that even though I may not be on the front lines of ministry, the privilege to be called to serve the body of Christ is a JOY and a blessing. I prayed that I wouldn’t take that for granted and looking back, I did in more ways than one. But, I am thankful that He had not given up on me and what He has called me to this summer. I have seen again that there are so many blessings in serving Him and my heart is renewed to serve Him wherever and in whatever He calls me to!



### Highlights from Japan

(See pictures below)

- 1) Seeing 9 new brothers and sisters come into relationship with Jesus!!! Liyuan (Lillian) was the first and I was able to sit down and start her on new believer follow-up!
- 2) Being able to go to Kessenuma to do relief work for a weekend. Seeing the devastation and being able to be the hands and feet of Jesus even in such a small way.
- 3) Being able to have lunch with Tomomi and Gen one afternoon. Blessing to hear her story and bless her with Christian community and fellowship as well.
- 4) Meeting Junko and Danbee with Gen during lunch on campus and then getting to have dinner with them.
- 5) Discipling the five awesome women on our team & seeing the Lord work in and through them in huge ways.
- 6) Disney Sea and Tokyo Disneyland :)

### Student Testimony:

[Abigail Arakawa]

“Oh how God has done a work in my life. God has showed me what it means for my heart to break as His does. And it hurts. I find my heart sobbing for those people who I have met and long for them so much to come to know the great Savior that I do. How much more must God be crying for ALL of the lost and broken in the world. I don’t want to leave so bad. So bad. On Thursday night we said goodbye to Maki at the station. As I sat in the train and read the letter she had written me, I cried HARD. I couldn’t stop the tears from falling from my eyes as I read how we had changed her life. In these past 5 weeks, we had impacted her in a way that no other person had ever done so before. She got to EXPERIENCE the love of God...the GOSPEL through us! And for that I THANK GOD!!!” (Below: Abi & Maki)

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