

ALOHA KE AKUA

"GOD IS LOVE" -- Celebrations
April 2011

Wedding Festivities



A highlight for me this month was getting to fly home to see and be a part of my youngest sisters wedding!!! It was an awesome time of celebrating Jenn and my new brother-in-law, David, as they enter into this new season of their lives. My family from Washington DC, Minnesota, Canada, China, and Dubai all flew in so it was also a giant family reunion! I was able to see my dad for the first time in 6 years which was also a really sweet time of connection. Our day started at 4am and went until 10pm, but it was so much fun! There was definitely much to be celebrated, but really, seeing our family grow not just in numbers but also in generations of people who love Jesus is encouraging. Praying that our family would continue to encourage, walk alongside, and grow together more and more each day! Love you guys!



PSW Regional Retreat

Another amazing time of celebration this month came at our Staff Regional Retreat in Ventura, California. Again, I had an amazing time and it was something that ended up to be so good and so refreshing! JP Jones was our speaker this weekend and in every session, I was reminded of just who God is! Our theme verse came out of 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your work is not in vain in the Lord." Here are just a few of my takeaways: 1) Knowing Christ personally - there is so much power in us knowing God and our relationship with Christ needs to be seen as a daily pursuit, I need to just get up and keep pursuing God even when I continue to fall short and fail, 2) Seeing Christ Theologically - the truest thing about me is what God says about me, and 3) Abiding in Jesus Exclusively - involves a dependence on and commitment in the Word and prayer, the GREATEST spiritual habit is being in the Word everyday (reading, studying, and memorizing).

It was also just an amazing time connecting with other staff family! Meeting new people and seeing their hearts to reach the world with the gospel for Christ! So needed as we finish up this school year and a refreshing reminder of why I am doing what I do even when it gets tiring or hard. At the end of our retreat, we got to do A LOT of celebrating. We got to celebrate things such as how the Lord has been working in our movement, specifically in Hawai'i, our staff family who are moving on to different vocations especially Ed and Lynne and John and Jennie, as well as to celebrate our Pacific Southwest Region and coming together to rejoice in the fact that we saw 718 people come to know the Lord! Celebrating all the Lord has done and His awesome work!!!



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