

# ALOHA KE AKUA

"GOD IS LOVE" - Another Year  
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Building spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus

has been a busy month indeed... the school year has been finishing up and earlier in May we had our annual staff conference in Baltimore. I had the privilege of being on the design team and for me, there was a shift. It's been a really hard year and I went into conference feeling pretty exhausted and defeated. My heart was to really finish well with a desire to refocus on the call into this vocation and why I do what I do -- a call to pray and draw deeply from an overflow of my relationship with Christ. I'm thankful for this last year and all that God has been faithful to walk with me through. Thank you for your continual prayers, financial investment, and encouragement.



As I wrapped up the school year, I decided to take a three day personal retreat up to San Luis Obispo. It was one of the best decisions I've made for myself and I am looking forward to keeping this rhythm at the end of every semester. One thing I really wanted to do was walk a labyrinth. There were so many things I learned from this experience but the overall takeaway was sensing the Spirit's prompting for me to stay present where I am - to engage fully, not think too far ahead or take my eyes off the path, but to slow down and simply be where God has me. It was so refreshing and tending to my soul has prepared me for a busy summer.

This is NOT my baby haha BUT I did turn 38 this last month! :) Thank you so much for all the birthday wishes and blessings and encouragement. Celebrating this year felt different. I am so overwhelmed with thankfulness for my friends and family and for the people that are walking with me. I feel loved and seen and known and have seen the power of Christ-centered community this last year. This next year promises to be one full of surrender, growth, and freedom. My mentor had told me that the best is yet to come and I believe her wholeheartedly. My prayer is to take care of myself this next year, to fight the voices that say it is selfish, but to understand that I can't give out of what I don't have. The Lord is near to me and I am praying to walk ever more closely with Him!! Thank you for loving me in your own ways!



I'm currently in Wildwood, New Jersey for my 4th summer leading our Epic Wildwood Summer Mission. We are getting ready for our 13 other staff to arrive tomorrow and our 31 students to arrive on Thursday. Would you join me in prayer for 1) personal rest and refreshment as I lean into the loving arms of Jesus moment by moment, 2) the hearts of our staff and students to be open to receiving from Him this summer and changed lives, and 3) our ministry here this summer as we engage with the locals and internationals bringing the hope and message of Jesus to whatever physical/spiritual/emotional needs there might be. Thank you again for ALL the ways you continue PRAY and GIVE so that I can continue in what He's called me to.

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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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