



## Loving Each Other & Working Together Brings Glory & Honor to the Lord

by Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro



Talking about how good it is to love each other and to work with each other is good and uplifting. If talking about these good qualities can be so encouraging, think about how it's going to be when we put action to those words. Valley Isle Fellowship is being presented with the opportunity to put action to these words. Groups have begun that are trying to become all that Christ wants us to be. They are attempting to go beyond what we have once experienced in small

groups. These small groups have moved VIF to step out of our comfort zones and begin to get involved in each other's lives. This was a very good step for us to take. Today, these groups (we are calling these new groups, "Missional Communities") are trying to go further in trying to become all that the Lord desires us to be. These groups are moving into Discipleship that looks more like mentoring with a Christ-like love that also moves us into effective Evangelism.

Evangelism that is grounded in Christ-like love and mentoring (walking side by side with each other in Theology, Mission, Ministry, and Fellowship) empowers Evangelism. We will respond to the needs of people not because of our feelings or desires, but rather because of the commands of the Word of God, the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and most of all because of our all consuming love for our Lord. When we are growing in our love for Jesus Christ and being freed to lovingly obey Him in everything, it will lead to Evangelism that is empowered by the Holy Spirit under the authority of God Himself. This kind of Evangelism will bring unspeakable joy and fulfillment to all who freely and lovingly participate with Him in this walk of love and faith.

Communities. These are Communities that are intentional about Discipleship, Evangelism, Mission, Ministry, and Fellowship. These groups will work to encourage and resource our people to love the Lord with all of our heart, mind, and soul and to live it out individually and in cooperation.

I want to encourage those who are leading these groups to keep the bigger picture in mind and not to get discouraged when questions and challenges arise. Keep on loving Jesus and the people He has placed in your care. Mentor your people to love and serve the Lord. Seek the Lord's guidance with every step that you take. Come and talk with your pastoral staff and let's grow together in being a people totally committed to glorifying the Lord.

As we move to decisions on how we will finance the building of our physical building in Waikapu, please don't lose sight and focus on these Missional emphases. Growing the people of VIF is more important than building the church building. If we keep our eyes

Add to this a partnership with others of like faith and commitment and you get a body that will truly bring glory and honor to our Lord. Each one will be sharpening and encouraging each other. Each one will be spurring each other on to love and good works that will glorify the Father in Heaven. The way VIF is actively seeking to facilitate this is through these new Missional

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and hearts fastened on the Lord, the Lord will use this church building emphasis to actually build our people to be Missional in the way we build. We will be seeking the Lord in the building of the church building and we will be putting the highest emphasis on developing and building of our Missional Communities.

We want to ask that you be a people of prayer and love. Praying that God will reveal His desires and wills to us in all areas of our personal and church life. Loving the Lord with all of our lives and loving each other as we love ourselves and consistently showing it in the way we think, act, and speak. If we concentrate on Praying and Loving, this will enable us to do all that God has placed before us. May the Lord bless you richly as you seek Him.

Hi Everyone!

## *Thank You Note From Devan Kwee*

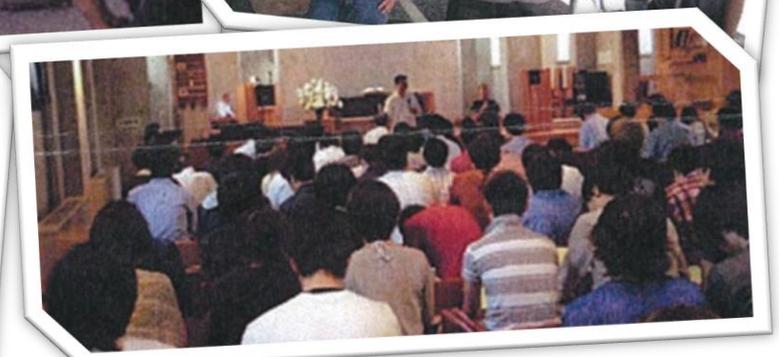
I want to thank you for all of your help and support for my trip to Yokohama, Japan last month! I would not have been able to do so much up there if it wasn't for all of you. Our two week trip was jam packed with activities that helped us reach the students and young adults on various campuses. Every day we left our room at 9:30 AM and usually didn't get back until 10:00 PM. There were so many different opportunities to make friends and spread the love of God to a lost nation.

I didn't think that we would have been able to do so much in such a short time. I also didn't think that I would have made relationships that were so hard to say bye to when we left. However, God has a plan for everything and I was just grateful to be there. I felt like I could connect with the students and young church members because I know where they're coming from. \*The first day we were on a college campus named Kanto Gakuin University, we literally packed the chapel to capacity, which has never happened before!

I was surprised on how the Japanese culture focuses heavily on success in their careers. The average Japanese student would go to school until 6:00 PM then either take a long transit ride home or go to a part-time job for a few hours then get home at 11:00 PM every school day. Also, the average graduate would go to 60 different job interviews before finding a position that fits them. I could see why the students are often hurting and pressured by their society.

I pray that our time there was utilized to the best of our ability. It was hard for some of us to just leave and let God do the rest. But we know that God uses all opportunities to further His kingdom. I hope to go there again someday. I enjoyed my time learning the culture and experiencing something that I've never experienced before. Thank you again for all of your support and prayers. I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,



# AM Service: Faith & Trust in the Lord is Powerful Even in Times of Distress

## *John 18:1-14 NLT*

*Pastor Stephen Kaneshiro*

- I. Jesus didn't **Hide**, He **Confided**.
  - A. Left to a **familiar** place.
  - B. He went to **confide** in the Father.
    1. To **plead** with the Father.
    2. To **submit** to the Father.
  
- II. Jesus **Knew** all that was before Him (v. 4).
  - A. Must have been **tempted** to **Hide**.
  - B. Calmly **approached** & **addressed** His pursuers.
  - C. Jesus took **control**, although it looked **out of control**.
  
- III. Jesus **Carried** out the **will** of the Father.
  - A. **Loved** the Father.
  - B. **Submitted** to the Father.
  - C. **Conquered** Fear
  - D. **Lived** to the glory and honor of the Father.
  - E. **Depended** on the promises of the Father.

### **NOTES:**

# What Does an Avocado Produce?

by Pastor Darren Sarmiento

On our church property on High Street we have two avocado trees. Right now they are in season. Last Sunday I picked a lot of avocados to give away and for my family. Do you know what's inside an avocado when you open it up? There is the meat part of it, the part we like to eat. There is also the big seed in the center of it. Let me ask you a question, what does an avocado produce? If you said more avocados, you're right. However, more avocados are produced after a process has taken place. Do you know that an avocado seed doesn't right out produce another avocado? The seed of an avocado really produces a *tree* that bears avocados when in season. Are you tired of hearing the word avocado at this point? (Haha). I want to use an example of an avocado tree as it relates to being a disciple-maker for Jesus Christ.

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In Matthew 28:19, when Jesus said, "...go and make disciples of all nations." He is not telling them to just make disciples but what He is really telling them is to go and make *disciple-makers*. *Somehow we have the idea that making disciples are for others and not for ourselves*. In Matthew 5:18-19, when Jesus saw Peter and Andrew He called out to them and said, "Come follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Everything starts with Jesus and what He had in mind was to build Peter and Andrew to become disciple-makers. How do I know that? Simple, remember what Jesus said to His disciples? "I will make

you fish for people." Jesus' intention from the start of choosing His twelve disciples was that He would make them into being disciple-makers so that they would make more disciple-makers. Do you see the pattern from Jesus to His disciples and then from His disciples to others or people they will disciple to become disciple-makers? That is the plan and strategy of Jesus through the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. For Christians, those who follow Jesus Christ, *disciple-making is in our DNA*. We are a people created by God the Father through faith in Christ to go and make disciple-makers. It was never a choice for any Christian to decide whether they wanted to make disciples or not.

Disciple-making is in our DNA

Christians need to see themselves as disciple-makers.

Just as the avocado tree, whose reason of existence is to produce more fruit, Christians need to see themselves as disciple-makers. Jesus said in John 15:16, "...I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit." Jesus saves us, changes us, matures us *to go* and make more disciple-makers that will bear fruit to make more disciple-makers.

Now, when you see the avocado tree on the church property I pray it reminds you that Jesus created you to be a disciple-maker.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Building Update

One of the offers to purchase the bottom 10 acres in Waikapu is from **FabMac Homes**. They are proposing to use their pre-fab homes packages to develop an affordable homes development. I received a call from them this week and they have invited anyone interested to come down and see their model home on Wakea Ave. They are located behind what used to be the Maui Pine Cannery. These homes are very different from what I thought of as a pre-fab home. They are open from 11 AM – 2 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Wednesday their hours are 4 – 6 PM.

**Correction:** I have told you that the area of the 200' green zone (where the Frampton & Ward Offer is proposing to build a park) is between 2 to 3 acres. I was corrected by a sharp individual in our church. It is more correct to say that it is between 4 to 5 acres.

**Developing:** We may have insurance difficulty with the building of a park on our property. Our Insurance Company is State Farm and we have begun talking about whether they will allow a park or not. Currently, they are being very cautious in giving us an answer. Much prayer will have to go into this aspect of development.

**Tonight:** *Our last question and answer session takes place at 5:00 PM tonight in the VIF Church Sanctuary.* This is a change in the schedule because we wanted to give some time to prayer and a little more time for questions. This is a very important meeting and we ask that you do all that you can to attend.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** This is when we will be voting on if and how we will be financing the construction of our church building in Waikapu. Only members will be able to vote. In order to be a member of VIF, you have to take our membership class. This can be done by scheduling this 2 hour class with our Pastors. This meeting on the **3<sup>rd</sup> of August** will take place at **6 PM** in our sanctuary at 473 S. High St.



## "G" Force Date Change

**Saturday, August 9th - 9am-12pm** in the VIF Church Annex. "G" Force will meet on August 9th instead of August 16th. "G" Force is for children who have completed Grade 1 up to Grade 5 and includes a service project, Bible study, games, and lunch!

## Surf Ministry

Join the surf ministry **Monday, July 28th** at Kalama Beach Park from 8am-12pm. All levels from beginner to advanced welcomed! For more information contact: Daryl Quenga: 808-357-4694 or dqbeachboy@gmail.com



## Note from Staff

Pastor Jeremy will be vacation from **July 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**. Pastor Jeremy will be traveling to Texas to join Amy and Grayson who are visiting with family and friends.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of people to volunteer to clean our church facilities on High Street. Tasks include:

### Sanctuary/3 bathrooms:

1. Vacuum floors
2. Empty rubbish containers
3. Straighten room/dust as needed



**Please call or email the church office if you'd like to help.** We ask that you choose one day of the following: Thursday, Friday, OR Saturday of the week that you are able to volunteer to do the work.

If three people were to volunteer each week, it would take only about an hour or so to complete. By joining together in this task, we can have fellowship, fun, and bring glory and honor to the Lord. Please pray about this need.

***We are in great need of help for the 3rd and 4th weeks of September, October, November, and December.***

child  
care 

## Schedule

**Today**

**July 20, 2014**

Team 1

Jennifer Egami

Corey Egami

Donna Nozaki

Elijah Douglas

Christian Motonaga

**Next Week**

**July 27, 2014**

Team 2

Joycelyn Kiaha

Marion Kimura

Elaine Yamasaki

Avery Yamada

Zachary Yamada

Kaiani Kiaha

Daniel Olaso



## High Street Cleaning Schedule

**Week of July 24-26**

Edwards, Kaneshiro

**Week of July 31-August 2**

Shum

**Week of August 7-9**

Blando



## Today's Worship Songs

**Awesome is the Lord  
Most High**

**Lord I Need You**

**I Give You My Heart**

# Valley Isle Fellowship 2014 Calendar

## July 2014

20 AM - *Pastor Stephen* - John 18:1-14  
 PM - VIF Property & Construction  
 Development Meeting 2

21-25 Pastor Jeremy Out of the Office

27 AM - *Pastor Darren* - John 18:15-40  
 Lord's Supper  
 PM - *Pastor Stephen*

28 Surf Ministry - Kalama Beach Park



## August 2014

3 AM - *Pastor Jeremy* - John 19:1-16  
 PM - Business Meeting

4-5 Vanessa Out of the Office

10 AM - *Pastor Stephen* - John 19:17-27  
 PM - *Pastor Jeremy*

15 Statehood Day (Office Closed)

16 "G" Force

17 AM - *Pastor Darren* - John 19:28-42  
 AM - Sunday School Workers' Meeting  
 PM - *Pastor Stephen*

24 AM - *Pastor Jeremy* - John 20:1-18  
 PM - *Pastor Darren*

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### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Wailuku Elementary School Cafeteria  
 355 S High St. Wailuku, HI 96793

1st Service - 8:00 am

\*Child care available at High Street property\*

2nd Service - 9:45 am

\*Children & Youth Sunday School at High Street property\*

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

VIF Church Sanctuary  
 473 S High St. Wailuku, HI 96793

6:00 pm



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