



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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How many eggs can you find?

WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

April 2011

- 1 Fri -**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Svc. (7:30 pm)**
天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am), April Schedule overview
-Financial report and evaluation for Garage Sale 
- 6 Wed -Rev. Todd Takahashi's Study Session @Center (8 pm)
- 9 Sat -Church clean up for Spring Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 10 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Wed-**Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)**
天地金乃神様 御大祭
- 15 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @WGH LTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 17 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Waipahu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 23 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 24 Sat -**Monthly Memorial Service (9 am)** 月例霊祭
-Church lay-member testimonial By **Ms. Doreen Hirota**
-Meeting for Wahiawa Church Family Camp (after svc)
- 30 Sat -Church clean up for Monthly Service (9 am) 
-Chorus practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)

May 2011

- 1 Sun -**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Service (9 am)**
天地金乃神様 月例祭

Konko Sama says...

"Do not worry too much about the future, for it is uncertain. Kami will free you from hardships if you practice faith. Receive divine blessings each and every day, then you won't have to worry about what will happen in your future. Apologize for your irreverences to Kami everyday and express appreciation for divine blessings that you received the day before. Ask for divine blessings each day, live with a thankful heart, and look forward to the next day with positive expectations. Everything will become divine blessings and there will be no future worries." (III Jinkyu Kyogoroku 44)

What the editor thinks: After the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami that ravaged northeastern Japan on March 11, this year, the teaching above has never made more sense than it does these days. Precious lives, homes and businesses crumbled in less than 3 minutes. A tsunami rammed inland, sweeping away everything in its path. Who knew this was coming? And who could have ever prepared for such devastation? It really makes me appreciate what I have now. The future is the future.


Sunday School Oath



I will advance my faith through understanding the Founder's teachings and will strive to become a more useful person to society.

Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.

Spring Grand Ceremony

- Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 
 - Time:** 6:30 p.m.
 - Place:** Konko Mission of Wahiawa
 - Kibimai:** Ms. Hope Morihara
 - Sermon:** Rev. Kei Kunito (KMH Center)
 - Memo:** Naorai fellowship dinner will follow.
- The Spring Grand Ceremony is held in honor and appreciation of our Parent God, Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama. Reserving this day and making that time to attend the Grand Ceremony is the greatest way of giving back to Kami-Sama for all the blessings we are given in our daily living.



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Summer Ohana Camp

- Date:** July 9-10, 2011 (Saturday and Sunday)
- Place:** Camp HR Erdman, Mokuleia

The Konko Mission of Wahiawa will be holding its first ever Summer Ohana Camp at the YMCA Camp HR Erdman, located in beautiful Mokuleia. This is the same place the KCNA/KMH Joint Conference was held last year. Open to all ages. Let's learn the faith as a family. More details will be out shortly. But, please save the date. We hope you can join us.



Wahiawa Konko Mission Annual Schedule at a Glance

5/8	Sun	-Church Member Testimonial by Mr. Randy Furusho -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
5/15	Sun	-Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
5/30	Mon	-Punchbowl Cemetery Visitation
6/4	Sat	-Wahiawa Church Garage Sale for Ohana Camp (9 a-2 p)
6/5	Sun	-80 th Anniversary of Konko Church of San Francisco (11 am)
7/9-10	Sat-Sun	-Wahiawa Church Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman
7/13	Wed	-KMH Missionary Women's Society Seminar at Wailuku
7/17	Sun	- Kuakini Medical Center Volunteer Activity (9:30 am)
7/24	Sun	-Back to School Service (9 am)
8/21	Sun	-Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 38 th Memorial Svc. @HNL
9/4	Sun	-Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital (10 am)
9/18	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
9/25	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
9/29	Sun	-197 th Birthday of the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
10/9	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
10/13	Thur	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service (6:30 pm)
10/16	Sun	-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/6	Sun	-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/13	Sun	-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/27	Sun	-14 th Memorial Svc. for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
12/18	Sun	-39 th Memorial Svc. for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
12/25	Sun	-End of the Year Service (9 am)
12/30	Fri	-Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding (8 am)

*Please be informed that the year schedule is subject to change.



<http://www12.ocn.ne.jp/~casa/photo/syusu042.jpg>

Happy Birthday

To all the people born in April
Please continue to receive
Infinite divine blessings from
**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**

Andrea Toyofuku Donna Toyofuku
Alyce Yamamoto Jaeden Rego



Konko Sama says...

"You should practice faith wholeheartedly while you are in good health and enjoying a tranquil life rather than starting after you are in trouble with illnesses or misfortunes. Kami will take care of you if you are an earnest believer. Kami will help you to overcome your critical illness and recover completely no matter how serious the condition may be.

Enrich your faith." (Gorikai III Jinkyu Kyogoroku 122)

「病気災難があったからというて、にわかには神に信心を始めるよりは、常平生から手厚く信心しておれ。手厚い信者であれば、神から心配してやる。いかに大病じゃの九死じゃのという病難でも、絶頂をしのがして全快させてやる。とかく信心は地を肥やせい」と金光様は言うてござったぞ。(金光教教典 尋求教語録 122)

THANK YOU · ARIGATO · MAHALO · XIEXIE · KAMSAHAMNIDA · MERCI · SALAMAT · MUCHAS GRACIAS

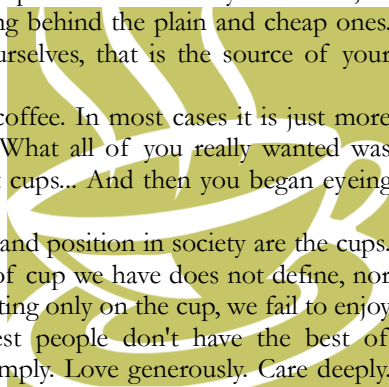
Life is like a cup of Coffee...

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups have been taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress."

Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee. Savor the coffee, not the cups! The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. (Author Unknown)



Garage Sale Success!!

On Friday, March 25th, the Konko Mission of Wahiawa held an Emergency Relief Fund Garage Sale to help with the victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami of Northeastern Japan. A great big Mahalo goes to all the volunteers who came to help and the many people who donated items and money for the garage sale. 100% of the proceeds have already been donated towards the cause via the KMH to the Headquarters in Japan for proper distribution.



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Oh my Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama!! I do not even know where to begin. As we reflect upon the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami that has ravaged northeastern Japan on Friday, March 11 of this year, let us take a moment of silence for the many people that have lost their lives and homes. This earthquake reminded me that materialistic and tangible things are never permanent. The only thing that can survive a disaster of this magnitude is our faith. According to The National Police Agency of Japan, as of Tuesday 3/29, the catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami have left 11,082 people dead and 16,717 others unaccounted for in Japan. The earthquake was so huge; it generated a tsunami that even reached Hawaiian shores, causing some damage to yachts parked in the harbors, and some homes and hotels that were close to the ocean.

Let us pray for the grave situation that is going about with the nuclear power plant in Fukushima prefecture, where the food and water supply is being contaminated with radiation. Let us pray for the people that are sacrificing their lives amidst the heavy radiation exposure, to help with the situation. They are so brave.

It's apparent now how blessed we are to have an ordinary day, without any accidents, illness and the unusual. But as sad a situation this all is, it also opened a door to the human hearts that we didn't realize existed. Through this tragedy, we can clearly see the heart of Kami-Sama blossom in everyone. The heart of feeling sorry for the victims, the heart of worrying about what's going to happen to that country, the heart of wanting to help in any way possible, the heart of wanting to donate even just a little for their recovery. Let us continue to pray.

The peace is being disturbed throughout many parts of the world. Let us think about them, and be thankful of how blessed we are to be living in peace. An ordinary uneventful day is the biggest blessing.

I was working an ordinary evening shift on the day of the earthquake. A co-worker who had the day off was the first one to tell me about the news through phone text. I was very worried. The first thing I wanted to know was where the earthquake took place, and if my family and friends in Japan were safe. All of my relatives happen to live in Japan. Everyone worried for me and asked if my family were ok. Thankfully, none of them were near the earthquake or tsunami. I took a little glance at the TV in one of the patient's room. It was a scene of heartbreak. Beautiful houses, cars, buildings, rice paddies getting bulldozed by the tsunami. Everything was so chaotic; the scenery could not even be recreated with Hollywood filming technology.

What was going through the minds of the Japanese people who were trying to flee from the tsunami? How terrifying it must have been for the people who could not even run to safer grounds like the elderly and disabled. I ask myself, how would I react if I knew a tsunami was coming in 30 minutes? What item would I grab and where would I go? This is reality. A disaster could happen any day. Several years ago, I recall seeing a nightmare of a catastrophic tsunami



sweeping over the Waianae Mountain range and reaching as far inland as Wahiawa. Just as the big black shadow of the tsunami covered us, I woke up from the dream. I saw the same dream twice. Really, what can we ever do if something like that happens? No time to fly off the island. No time to say goodbye to our loved ones who are off the island. No time to gather and embrace loved ones for one last goodbye. I am sure this was the case for many of the people in Japan.

Those everyday problems we encounter in daily life seem so miniscule compared to the situation in Japan. People would be getting sad over the breakup of their boyfriend or girlfriend. But can you imagine losing a loved one through a disaster? It is ten folds sadder. Thousands of people lost everything, and have to begin their lives from scratch.

The earthquake and tsunami caused sadness, but it also caused people to reveal the heart of Kami that people are pre-equipped with. There are countless blogs on Twitter about how everyone is showing kindness toward each other during these trying times. My brother, Rodney sensei e-mailed me 17 pages of people's Twitter blogs. I will share some of them with you. One blog mentioned about a man

who lost everything except his motorcycle. It was in Japanese, but there was an English translation: *バイクでよければ: “僕は感動しました。バイクの先輩が1人でも救うために寒い中紙に「バイクでよければ送ります」と書き駅前で掲げ、職のお兄ちゃんを所沢まで送ったそうです。世の中まだ捨てたもんじゃないなって思いました。本当に尊敬です!!自分

もなんか人の役に立ちたいと生まれて初めて思いました。”
***I just have a bike:** “I'm so touched! My colleague at my part time job, wanting to help even just one extra person, wrote a sign saying ‘I just have a bike, but if you don't mind, hop on!’ rode out on his motorbike, picked up a stranded construction worker and took him all the way to Tokorozawa! Respect! I have never felt so strongly that I want to do something helpful for others.”
http://twitter.com/hikaru_star/statuses/46332900928532480.

Here's another touching story: ***段ボールに感動**
“ホームで待ちくたびれていたら、ホームレスの人達が寒いから敷けて段ボールをくれた。いつも私達は横目で流しているのに。あたたかいです。” **Card board boxes, Thank you!** “It was cold and I was getting very weary waiting forever for the train to come. Some homeless people saw me, gave me some of their own cardboard boxes and saying ‘you'll be warmer if you sit on these!’ I have always walked by homeless people pretending I didn't see them, and yet here they were offering me warmth. Such warm people.”
http://twitter.com/aquarius_rabbit/status/46213254376210432.

The Konko Mission of Wahiawa held an Emergency Earthquake Relief Fund Garage Sale on Friday, March 25. Including donations and garage sale profit, we were able to donate \$610.00 via the Konko Missions in Hawaii, who will then send it to the Konkokyo Headquarters for proper distribution.

Wednesday, April 13th is our church Grand Ceremony! Please join us in time and in person at 6:30 pm. Naorai fellowship dinner will follow. See you there!

Aloha, Edna Yano