



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

February 2012

- 1 Wed -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm). 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Share Okage stories and origami folding (after svc)
-Welcome lunch with the Webbers (after origami)
- 10 Fri -Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa General Hospital Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 11 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 12 Sun -Monthly Service for the Founder Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭
-Share Okage stories (after svc)
- 14 Tue -Happy Valentine's Day
- 15 Wed -Rev, Dr. Todd Takahashi's study session @ Center (8 pm)
- 17 Fri -Women's Club Meeting (9 am)
-Discuss Garage Sale and Make lei
- 18 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
-Chorus practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 19 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭
-Share Okage stories (after svc)
- 20 Mon -Holiday! President's Day
- 25 Sat -KMH General Mtg @HNL Church (1:30 pm)
- 26 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Church Picnic at Frankie's Nursery (after svc)
- 29 Wed -Church clean up (9 am)



March 2012

- 1 Thur -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm). 天地金乃神様 月例祭

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.

Trisha and son, Bryce making a wish for their birthdays last month!



Origami Day

Date: Sun. 2/5
Time: After 9 am svc.
Lunch will follow



Church Picnic

Date: Sun. 2/26
Time: After 9 am svc.
Place: Frankie's Nursery
41-999 Mahiku Place Waimanalo,
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Picasso Dragon Drawn at New Year's Party



Konko Daijin says... "Taking medicine in unnecessary. Pray wholeheartedly and you need not worry" (Gorikai II, Aoyama Kinemon, #4, p. 11)

Editor's thoughts: As I work in healthcare, administering medications to patients is a routine part of my job. All medications have side effects. Medications are known to suppress symptoms, but they do not really cure the underlying problem. Konko Daijin has a teaching in the first Gorikai that good medicines are supposed to work in 2-3 days. If it takes longer, it is not a good medicine. Although modern medicine has helped save lives, perhaps wholehearted prayer is just as effective, without the undesirable side effects.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2012

3/17	Sat	-Wahiawa Church Fundraiser Garage Sale 9 am-2 pm
3/18	Sun	-Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service 10 am
3/25	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service 10 am
4/8	Sun	-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
4/13	Fri	-Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service 6:30 pm
4/15	Sun	-Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
5/6	Sun	-Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital 10 am
5/13	Sun	-Hilo Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
5/19	Sat	-Rev. Rodney Yano graduation from SF University
5/28	Mon	-Memorial Day cemetery visitation
6/17	Sun	-Wailuku Church 50 th Anniversary Celebration 11 am
6/23-24	Sat/Sun	-Wahiawa Church 2 nd Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman
7/2-3	Mon/Tue	-KMH Missionary Women's Society Seminar at Wahiawa Church
7/15	Sun	-KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital 9:30 am
7/22	Sun	-Back to School Service 9 am
8/19	Sun	-Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 39 th Memorial Svc. @HNL
9/2	Sun	-Volunteer activity at Wahiawa Gen. Hospital LTCF 10 am
9/16	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
9/23	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
9/29	Sat	-19 th Birthday of the Founder, Konko Daijin
10/7	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
10/13	Sat	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service 6:30 pm
10/14	Sun	-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
10/28	Sun	-20 th Anniversary HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church 4 pm
11/3	Sat	-Church Mini Bazaar (10 am- 2 pm)
11/4	Sun	-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
11/11	Sun	-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
11/25	Sun	-Late Rev. Kikue Kodama's 15 th Memorial Svc. @HNL 9 am
12/16	Sun	-Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 40 th Memorial Svc. 10 am
12/23	Sun	-End of the Year Service 9 am
12/30	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding 8 am



Image from: <http://p-sweets.com>

Happy Birthday

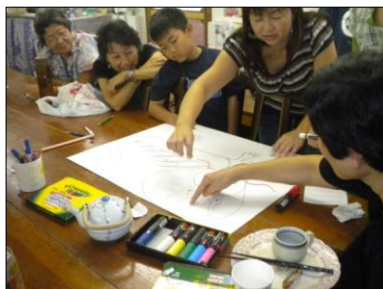
To all the people born in February
Please continue to receive
Infinite divine blessings from

**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**

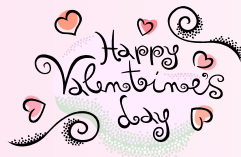
**Chad Pangorang
Elima Pangorang
Nancy Ohata
Masataka Yano**



Konko Mission of Wahiawa New Year's Party 2012



Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Happy February! The days are going by very quickly for me. Do you feel the same way too? It means I am blessed with things to do every day in good health. To be in good health is the most important thing of all.

As I have mentioned in the past newsletters, working in the hospital as a nurse gives me the greatest opportunities to practice faith. We encounter many types of situations, from the conditions of the patients to experiencing the dynamics of hospital culture. Sometimes we get frustrated, but many times we feel rewarded just by the smiles and a simple "Thank you" from patients.

I have taken care of several patients who made an amazing change in health and been discharged soon after sharing some of my faith knowledge with them. I can't go into detail of describing my patients amazing cases as it violates confidentiality, but what happens in just a matter of days really convinces me that the faith that has been handed down to me is priceless. Main thing is—divine favors depend upon our own hearts and we have the power to heal ourselves from within.

I work on a cancer unit and many of these patients are very ill. A patient had stage 4 cancer and was in the hospital for a while. He could not eat anything orally because his organs failed to work properly. The patient was receiving nutrition directly into his veins.

I have seen many patients in the same category as him get worse and pass away in the hospital. When we hear that people are in stage 4 of any kind of cancer, it means that the cancer has spread elsewhere in the body. Stage 4 is the last stage of cancer. There usually is little hope for these types of patients. But who's to decide that?! We were taught in nursing school not to give false hope to hopeless cases. Our Founder, Konko Daijin mentioned, "Saying that a person's illness is so serious that it cannot be cured is killing with one's heart. You

really don't know if the sick person can be cured or not" (*Gorikai II Sato Mitsujiro 27-1,2*).

Doctors tend to give estimates on how many more months they have left to live from their health condition. Many times they are quite accurate, but sometimes they are wrong. Miracles do happen sometimes. Cancers that were present can sometimes disappear in a matter of days due to some mysterious phenomenon.

One day, a patient of cancer stage 4 jokingly said to me, "So, Edna, am I gonna be walking outta this hospital in a couple of days?" I looked at him in the eyes and said, "Sir, is that what you want? Well then, it's gonna happen! You have to make it happen. You need to have a detailed vision on how you want to recover. Do



you want to be able to eat through your own mouth again? Envision it. Do you want to be off of all these IV therapies? Envision it." People talk about wanting to get better again, but they are not specific. I told him that since his illness is quite heavy, it will take some time to get better, but if he wanted to get better, he will be able to have that wish granted. I also told him to talk to the part of the body that has the cancer, I told him to talk to his whole body. I suggested him to give thanks to his body for all these years it has been taking care of him. I also suggested that he should apologize to his body, for the many years of being overworked and stressed out. And every step of the way that he improves, I suggested he give thanks. For example, "The doctor discontinued my IV therapy, Thank you very much." "I am no longer in any pain, Thank you very much." "I am able to eliminate my wastes normally now, Thank you very much." "I can eat with my mouth now, Thank you very much."

I explained to him that by sincerely giving thanks every step of the way, he will get well, and be out of this hospital. I explained how cancer cells are cells that have gotten rebellious. So by calmly talking to every cell in our bodies

and giving appreciation and apology to them will make the cells feel really good. Imagine being told “Stupid” every day, and having harmful chemicals sprayed at us to kill us off. Cancer cells are facing the same dilemma. They are being described as a nuisance to the body, and they are being killed off by harmful chemotherapy and radiation. There must be a way to work out a compromise with these cancer cells. We must not fight with our illnesses and challenges; we must work out a compromise—negotiate.

The very next day, the doctor started him on a soft diet that is easy to eat and digest! It was a major improvement. And in just two days after we had that conversation, he was well enough to be taken care of at home. The doctor discharged him. I do not know if his cancer disappeared, but, I clearly can see how Kami-Sama facilitates in our healing if we have a clear vision of our recovery and lots of appreciation.

It's great that this patient was receptive to the message. Some patients are more willing to listen and incorporate it into their lives. Those people do end up getting well. It gives me joy to share the Founder's faith in this way. When I go to work, I request our Founder, Konko Daijin's divine spirit to come along with me. The patient's wife then tells me, “Something is different about the way you care for my husband. When you are his nurse, he seems happier and healthier.” As I have Konko Daijin's spirit with me, it's no surprise that people can sense his presence. This is the virtue of Konko Daijin for which I am so thankful for.

As I tell my parents about this amazing episode and many more, my father tells me that it's important to give thanks and apologize in the process of being healed, but it's all the more important to give thanks and apologize while we are in good health. Even after we fully recover, we must not forget to be thankful, as it is easy to forget when all is good.

We take for granted our normal abilities to eat, drink, digest, eliminate (poop and pee), breathe,

think, talk, laugh, walk, feel, hear, smell, touch, taste, recover from injuries, drive, move our limbs, and live happily in a safe environment surrounded by loving people. If we lose the abilities to do so, we seek out a way to have it normalize again.

Only when we lose what we have been blessed with, do we start to pay attention to it and realize how blessed we were when we had it. For me, I have encountered many different cases in just two years of working in the hospital. Being thankful for the ability to eat with my own mouth would never occur to me if I hadn't chosen the path of ministry + healthcare. What a perfect combination.

It would be interesting if we could predict the future. Humans love worrying about what might happen. My mom always tells me not to worry because my situation now will become a continuum unto tomorrow. In Japanese it goes, “先々と心配するより、今を見よ。

今の続きが明日となる”。 Give thanks to your own body, and for everything. No one can give thanks in your place for the blessings you receive.

Our annual church schedule of major events is up. We have many things that are planned for this year. Sunday, February 26th, after the Sunday Service will be our picnic to Frankie's Nursery in Waimanalo. Light picnic food and drinks will be provided. Feel free to join us.

I would like to share a Valentine quote by the Reverend Lisa Uzunoe of the Konko Church of Portland.

Love is unconditional, Love is caring.

It does not seek reward or recognition.

To be loved is a blessing.

Cherish those who love you,

and know you are always loved by Spirit.

Have a wonderful February,

Happy Valentine's Day! (Feb 14th).

Aloha, *Edna Yano*

