



# Wahaiwa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### July 2013

- 1 Mon -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama  
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭  
-信行期間 Devotional Period (5:30 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm)
- 4 Thur -Independence Day Holiday
- 5 Fri -KMH Young Adult Seminar in Kona (Till Sun 7/7)  
-Church clean up (9 am)
- 6 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Clean up (9 am) (By Ehime Kenjinkai)
- 7 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage Stories till 11.  
-Overview of July schedule  
-Tanabata Star Festival Holiday (In Japan)
- 12 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahaiwa Gen. Hospital  
Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 14 Sun -Monthly Service for Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin  
(9:00 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭
- 15 Mon-HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 20 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)  
-Chorus Practice @HNL (2-4 pm)  
-Tokyo Little Star Dance Performance @HNL
- 21 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 and 勸学祭 Back  
to School Service (9 am) \*Share Okage Stories till 11 am  
-Volunteer Activity @ Kuakini Hale Pulama (1:30 pm)  
\*Gather @Honolulu Church at 1 pm for prayer
- 24 Wed -Konko Study Group @HNL Church (8 pm)
- 28 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \* Share Okage Stories till 11 am
- 31 Tue -Church clean up (9 am)

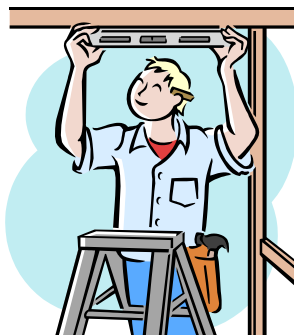


### August 2013

- 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 till 11 am

### Konko Daijin says...

Practicing faith in many deities is practicing faith in excess. When asking someone to do a favor, if you rely on one person, he will do all he can to fulfill it. If you ask many, they will discuss how to fulfill your request and things will not go smoothly. When hiring carpenters, there must be a chief carpenter. Plants, also, have one central core. If you practice faith with such a single heart, you will immediately receive divine blessings. (GIII Konko Kyoso Gorikai 36)



## 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.



## Back to School Service



**Place:** Konko Mission of Wahaiwa

**Date:** Sunday, July 21, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. Monthly Memorial Service in Addition to the Back to school service.

**Memo:** All is welcome! Let's pray for a great school year! Write out personal prayer forms.

## Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Medical Hale Pulama Mau Auditorium

**Date:** Sunday, July 21, 2013

**Place:** Hale Pulama Mau Auditorium at Kuakini

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. (1 pm prayer at HNL Church)

**Memo:** We will be entertaining the long term care Patients, by means of singing, dance, etc. Tokyo Little Star Dance performers will also Join us.



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2013

- 8/21 Wed -Youth Camp from Japan, thru 8/24 in Wailuku
- 8/25 Sun -Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 40<sup>th</sup> Memorial @HNL 11 am
- 9/8 Sun -Volunteer activity at Wahiawa Gen. Hospital LTCF 10 am
- 9/15 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
- 9/22 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
- 9/29 Sun -199<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Founder, Konko Daijin
- 10/3 Thur -Konko Daijin's 130<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grand Svc in Japan
- 10/6 Sun -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Service 8 am
- \*10/11 Fri -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service 6:30 pm**
- 10/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
- 10/20 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
- 10/27 Sun -21<sup>st</sup> Annual HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Church 4 pm
- 11/10 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
- 11/17 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
- 11/24 Sun -Rev. Kikue Kodama's 16<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc. @HNL 9 am
- 12/22 Sun -Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 41<sup>st</sup> Memorial Svc. 10 am
- 12/29 Sun -End of the Year Service 9 am
- 12/30 Mon-Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding 8 am

*\*Please note, the Grand Service in October this year will be on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>; not the usual 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Due to the 130<sup>th</sup> Memorial.*



## Happy Birthday

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

**Rev. Yasuhiro Yano  
Rev. Megumi Yano  
Rev. Dr. Leon Webber  
Jordan Yamamoto  
Brent Abe & Neal Abe**

## 3rd Konko Mission of Wahiawa Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman 6/22-23



We had a great time at the 2013 Ohana Camp. It was amazing to hear my 5 & 8 year olds explain to their grandparents all the new things they learned at camp. The activities were well planned out and easy for all ages to participate and enjoy. We can't wait for next year! -Char



"I want to go camping again. My favorite part was archery." -Emma

"I liked archery & searching for sand crabs. I liked making s'mores too." -Elle



Camp Erdman was an amazing camp we had fun activities to keep us busy. I had so much fun and would like to go again next year.

-Ke'ala



I Really enjoy the camp. I loved the beach and views. I loved how secluded it felt like there was no outside distractions. I like how the schedule was packed full of activities to do but yet we got free time so we were not worn out. The activities were so fun and there was mixture of activity's to do. Like swimming to archery to praying to lessons. I loved how we learned at camp but it was not like school to where all we did was learn. I liked the size of the group but could be fun with more people. I was not huge fan of the foods taste but I did enjoy the variety. I did not like how much food was wasted (in the cafeteria) but we cannot do anything about that. Camp was fun and I would go again.

-Isabel



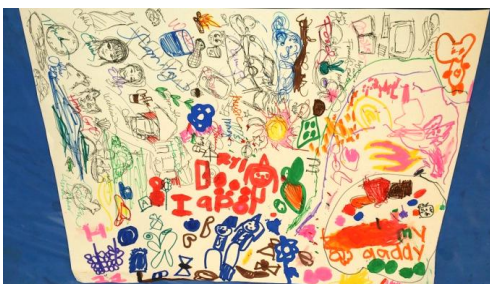
## My Church Camp

Church camp was fun. I had a baseball game so I was a little late. When I got there, I went to the pool and swam. I took a swim test, and I passed so I could go on the diving board and in the deep end. I was able to touch the bottom at the deep end. Then I did a water balloon toss. I was partners with Edna. The balloon kept on popping on only me, so I popped balloons on Edna by throwing them after the donut eating contest. For the donut eating contest, I got to the donut first every time. The first time the string ripped off, and I looked like a catfish with one whisker. After I popped the balloons on Edna, I went to get rocks to paint. Then I did archery. I didn't do too good at first, because I was not used to that type of bow, but I got a BULLSEYE. We got sticks for sand-scribing, and then I kept on making water balloons and popping them. At night before the campfire, we drew and wrote 100 things we're thankful for. Then I did a campfire. We had Portuguese sausages, hotdogs, and S'mores. After that, we went crab hunting. Sensei and I caught huge monster crabs. After the crab hunting, Edna and I ate the biggest one and it was actually tasty. Then I slept. I slept really good. In the morning, I had breakfast, then played until it was lunch, then we sand-scribed, then did the ending prayer and left. Then we went to Masumoto's Shave Ice, I got honeydew with condensed milk. Then we went back to church.

—Alex Furusho



I had such a wonderful time at this year's Ohana Camp 2013; as being one of the newbies, I truly learned a lot. From day one and two, I've experienced very inspirational and powerful readings from both Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi, and Edna. Food! It gave me a deeper understanding and appreciation for Kami's blessings and people's hard work. I love to eat, and now I will be more consciously aware and not be so wasteful to throw food away. Lastly, the fellowship with everyone has been enjoyable. It's just fun hanging out and being in another person's company. Thank you again for this experience and awesome weekend. —Joyce



## Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Happy Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Happy Star Festival (aka: Tanabata), which is on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Our church just had the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman, from June 22-23. 12 people were able to attend this year. Of the 12, six were youths. My friends since elementary and middle school days were also able to attend this time. I was always hesitant to ask my friends to join us for church activities, because religion is such a sensitive topic, but I am so glad I did. It was a nice cozy group of people with open hearts and a positive attitude. We really enjoyed this camp and learned a lot. For three consecutive years we have been able to safely hold our Church Ohana Camp due to the blessings of Kami-Sama and the help and support of the church members and ministers. I am so thankful.

The theme of this year's camp was ABC's of Konkokyo Part 3: Blessed Food. Our ever so wonderful guest presenter was the Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi of the Konko Mission of Honolulu. We broke off into three smaller groups and were given a food item to examine and dissect. We listed down the possible ingredients that were used to make that particular food item. Then we broke it down further to where the ingredients came from and who are involved in the process of food production.

It was clear that everything came from the earth. Plants and animals lives were sacrificed in order to sustain our own livelihood. Much labor, love and sweat went into producing a single food item and its ingredients. Todd sensei mentioned a time when he went to the Konko Church of Kokura in Japan, and he was offered a meal. He said his grace before meal, but was sternly reminded by the Rev. Katsura if he apologized. "Apologize for what?" he thought. Apologize for the expense of lives that were taken in order to sustain our lives. Some vegetarians choose to eat only plants because they do not like the fact that an animal was killed—but they do not realize that the plants were also killed.

Todd sensei shared that the rule of thumb to remember and the best diet secret that our Founder, Konko Daijin mentioned was to fill our stomachs 80%. Even if we take a bowl filled 80% with water and run a little, its contents will not spill. However, overindulging in consumption and filling our stomachs 100% or eating till we feel sick is being irreverent. Try not to take more than you feel you can eat on your plate. And if you must waste for not being able to eat everything, apologize for the wasted time, energy and life that are being thrown away. It is important to hold the heart of reverence. Todd sensei's workshop was really awe inspiring and effective in relaying our view on blessed food—to the extent that our camp group was very mindful in avoiding waste as much as possible when we ate at the cafeteria, thereafter. Everyone's plates were clean, and the leftovers were wrapped and saved for later. We all tried to take what Todd Sensei said in his lecture and take it into practice.

All foods are blessed foods from Kami-Sama. As the founder, Konko Daijin mentioned, "There is nothing more irreverent than to waste food. To waste food means that you are wasting people's hard work and the blessings of Kami."

Other things we did at the camp were to draw 100+ things in our life to be thankful for. The pictures can be seen on the bottom of page 4. We drew for 40 minutes. I believe that this activity provided an invaluable opportunity for the participants to reflect on the simple things in life and hold appreciation for them. To be able to hold an appreciative heart is at the base of being Konko.

On day two, I presented Blessed Food Part 2: Mindful Eating. I gave everyone an orange or banana and told them to eat it as slowly and carefully as they could, in silence. I asked them to observe their fruit and write down everything they notice about it. Someone noticed that the banana has many skin layers. In the orange, we noticed that on the top notch, if we popped it off and counted the little white dots on the attached portion of the notch, the number of little white dots represented the number of individual orange wedges before we even

peeled it open. We can see how perfectly designed these fruits were. Every feature on the fruit has a purpose. We were amazed at the creations of nature—of Kami-Sama.

At the camp, we also enjoyed the swimming pool, water balloon tossing, donut eating race, archery, campfire, crab hunting, stone painting, wading near the shore of the beach and do sand-scribing. The weather negotiated with our activities, so everything seemed to have worked out well. We hope that more people can join us next year. By the way, have some fun with the food quiz I used for the Ohana Camp below. The answers are at the way bottom to check after finishing. Good luck!

Quick reminder, come join us for the Back-To-School Service on Sunday, July 22 from 9:00 a.m. Fill out your back to school pledge and bring it to church on that day, so Yano sensei can offer that and pray for a great school year.

*Aloha, Edna Yano*



## Food Quiz

- About how long does it take for a carrot to grow before it can be picked?
  - 1 year
  - 12 weeks
  - 3 weeks
  - 30 days

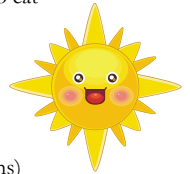


- About how many people in the world are starving from little or no food?
  - 10,000 people
  - 1,000,000 people
  - 230,700 people
  - 1,000,000,000 people

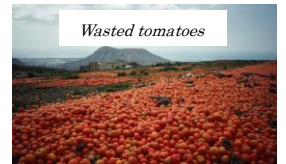


- About how many children die from not being able to eat every year in the world?
  - 3,500,000 children
  - 20,000 children
  - 100,700 children
  - Children do not die from not being able to eat

- Circle the basic elements needed for plants to grow
  - Sun and moon
  - Air
  - Water
  - Soil
  - Nutrients, worms, minerals, bacteria (germs)
  - All of the above



- About how much percent of food that is produced in the USA is wasted every year? (info from NRDC)
  - 5%
  - 40%
  - 80%
  - 25%



- When you get sick, the best medicine is:
  - Your favorite foods
  - A flu shot
  - A tablet of Tylenol
  - A tablespoon of Wasabi

- How many years does it take for the following trees to bear fruit from seed? (match with the years on the right)

Peach and Chestnuts \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Persimmons \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Pears and Plum \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Yuzu (Chinese Citron) \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Apples \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Ginkgo nuts \_\_\_\_\_ years



Choose: 30 years, 18 years, 25 years, 3 years, 13 years, 8 years

- About how many days can humans survive without food and water?
  - 1 week
  - 2 weeks
  - 2 months
  - 3 days

### Answer Key

1)B, 2)D, 3)A, 4)F, 5)B, 6)A, 7)3,8,13,18,25,30 and 8)B