

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work



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‘O ke kino, ‘a‘ole ia he lālā ho‘okahi, he nui nō.- Korineto 1 12:14

Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.- 1 Corinthians 12:14

During our Fall break in 2018, a small group of Deputation Team haumāna from all three campuses gathered at Kalaupapa. Some of our students had already known their counterparts because of previous gatherings during our bi-annual Tri-Campus Deputation Team Retreats. Each student had a unique calling to be at Kalaupapa and for Kahu Kalani and me, it was about helping each student find their purpose of that calling during our time of ministry to the community at Kalaupapa.

Although each trip is well planned with various huaka‘i and organized work schedules including meal prep, the best moments usually happen unscripted. One of the perks of working so hard during the week helping clean up church grounds and the yards of our sponsors, is swimming at the pier. It is the best place to restore sore muscles and just be in God’s rehabilitation pool of blueish green hues. When the students first arrive, they quickly notice the height from the top of the pier to the surface of the water. While some haumāna are quick to jump in, there are others who tend to think about it for a bit. If jumping off piers, or the sides of cliffs, into the ocean is not your thing, this moment of delayed response can be a little nerve-racking. However, unity inspires action. In this case, encouragement comes from watching others who have jumped, climbed back up the ladder, and return with smiling faces filled with excitement, only to do it all over again, and again, and again. You get the picture.

As a Certified Lifeguard for the past 15 years, I have watched this wait-and-see scenario happen before with some swimmers who are not necessarily divers. In the end, the hesitant are encouraged and their reluctance turns to bravado and they jump. Multiply these opportunities of growth to 2 times a day for five days and what you get is the ultimate and TOTALLY scripted final jump, together! Yay, TEAM!

The goal of the Body of Christ is to be in a good relationship with Jesus and each other. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, a team is genuinely able to reach a harmonious flow of communication that speaks of purpose, shared goals, shared values, and results in unified action. It’s always better, together. Ultimately, God designed us to dream up, and team up to make good things happen for our learning and living communities. TEAMWORK makes the DREAM WORK!