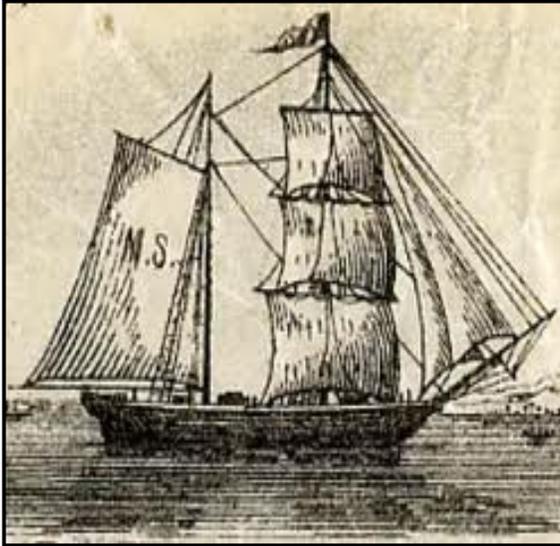


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# THE MORNING STAR

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## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Central Union Church  
Women's Building  
1660 S. Beretania St.

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Presiding: Lorna Bufil

## Declaration of Interdependence

*by BJ Gallagher and Lisa Hammond*

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all women are created equal, but each is blessed with different gifts and talents.

That all women are endowed with certain individual rights, but each must assume shared responsibilities. For the happiness of all depends on the commitment of each to support equality and individuality, rights and responsibilities.

We declare all women to be mutually interdependent banding together to support one another, sharing our experience, strength, and hope, that all may enjoy life, love, and the pursuit of laughter.

We agree to encourage one another in tough times and celebrate in good times.

We commit to taking turns leading and following, inspiring and teaching, listening and learning.

We agree to give credit where credit is due - including us.

We commit to loving ourselves first because we can't give what we don't have.

With this Declaration of Interdependence, we set ourselves free - free from old beliefs that are no longer true, free from self-doubt, insecurity, and loneliness, free from self-imposed perfectionism.

We set ourselves free heeding our intuition in all her guises, loving our bodies through every change, finding our voices to speak our own truths.

We set ourselves free to create fulfilling work, to form nurturing families, and to build great friendships.

We are strong. We are beautiful. We are generous.

We are wise. We are women.

**FROM OUR NEW WBM PRESIDENT:  
LORNA BUFIL**



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30*

I am truly blessed and grateful for God's grace in allowing me the opportunity to be a part of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands and to serve as the new President. My heartfelt mahalo goes out to Ruby Donlin, our former President and Clara D. Priester, our Executive Director, both whom I have had the pleasure of working very closely with as the former Hawai'i Island VP Representative. They have been an inspiration to me. I cannot thank them enough for their continued support and spiritual encouragement. A special mahalo to our WBM Cabinet: Rebecca Woodland, Arlene Kealaonalani "Keala" Pihana, Rev. Phyllis Meighen, Eleanore Atherton Chong, and Valrie Griffith. I have also been blessed by women such as Reverend Nani Hill, Alma Balatico, Donna, Gamboa, Dion'e Tamure, Linda, Shigeta, Melinda Ahn and our sisters in the Honolulu Marshallese UCC Women's Fellowship.

As the new WBM President, my goal is to further expand our membership and to promote our various missions and available support including the Mother Alice and Edith Wolfe Scholarship Funds and Family Thank Offering. In Hilo, I will actively be involved in youth outreach and ministry to the homeless.

As we practice our core values of compassion, competence, commitment, character and community, I believe we will continue to make a positive impact and difference in empowering lives of women throughout our community, partnerships and fulfill the goals and commitments to keep our organization moving forward.

I want to thank everyone who graciously attended our 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Fellowship on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Central Union Church. Dion'e Tamure's rendition of *The Prayer* was especially inspiring to me. To Rebecca Woodland and all others who gave donations for our Silent Auction, thank you.

Our time and fellowship at our monthly meetings are filled with love, joy, fellowship and praise, so I am looking forward to resuming these meetings on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

In closing, I am eager to continue working with Clara, our Cabinet, membership, partnerships, and our sisters of the Honolulu Marshallese UCC Women's Fellowship.

In Christ's Love,  
Lorna M. Bufil

# MISS LORNA BUFIL

## FAST FUN FACTS

**PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED THAT:** That I am single and available. Just kidding. That I am 57 years old or that I worked in the medical field for more than 30 years.

**MY BEST ASSET:** Caring and Compassionate

**TO UNWIND, I:** Take a lovely drive to the country and spend time with family.

**FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION:** Las Vegas

**ALL TIME FAVORITE MOVIE:** *Hachi: A Dog's Tale* - Featuring Richard Gere. A college professor forms a lasting bond with a dog he finds on a train platform.

**I AM CURRENTLY READING:** *Hawaii's Story* by Queen Liliuokalani

**FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:** Phillipians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

**MY FAVORITE MEAL:** Seafood (scallops, oysters, lobster)

**HOBBIES:** Crafts, Music, Reading, Gardening

**I COLLECT:** Pictures

**IF I COULD SING, I'D SING LIKE:** Whitney Houston or Sarah Bareiles

**I AM MOTIVATED BY:** Successful and independent women

**MY TRADEMARK CLICHÉ/EXPRESSION:** "Buy the shoes!"

**BEST ADVICE I'D GIVE TO A 20-YEAR OLD:** Live, Laugh, Love! Live each day to the fullest.

**I'D LOVE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH:** Oprah Winfrey

**PEOPLE DESCRIBE ME AS:** Nice. Smart. Fun!

**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** Riding a swing at my grandparents' home - simple and carefree.

## OUR MISSION

“The Woman’s Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is a group of compassionate Christian women coming from a variety of churches and ethnic groups. Our purpose is:

- \* to inspire and empower women to become active Christians, nurturing the Spirit in their individual lives, homes, community and the entire world
- \* to educate and encourage children in their highest potential, and
- \* to be in partnership with sister organizations sharing similar values.”

## OUR CORE VALUES

### COMPASSION

*Galatians 5:22-23*

But what happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of **compassion** in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

### COMPETENCE

*2 Corinthians 3:5*

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our **competence** comes from God.

### COMMITMENT

*Philippians 3:15-16*

So let’s keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total **commitment**, God will clear your blurred vision—you’ll see it yet! Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.

### CHARACTER

*Ephesians 4:24*

Take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his **character** in you.

### COMMUNITY

*Galatians 6:9-10*

So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the **community** of faith.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2017 - 2018

All monthly meetings are held in the Women’s Building at Central Union Church from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2017

September 21  
October 19  
November 16

2018

January 18  
February 15  
March 15  
\*April 28  
May 17

\*147<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Fellowship  
Saturday, April 28, 2018 -10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Central Union Church Parish Hall

## CABINET

Lorna Bufil	President
Vacant	Recording Secretary
Valrie A. Griffith	Treasurer
Eleanore A. Chong	Finance Committee Chair
Rebecca Woodland	Missions Co-Chair, O’ahu VP Representative
Brenda Chapman	Hawai’i Island VP Representative
Arlene Pihana	Missions Co-Chair, Maui VP Representative
Clara D. Priester	Executive Director

## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

CLARA D. PRIESTER

### *Our Blessings Abound*

The heart of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is a testament to the compassion and faithful support of our members. The collaborative work that we are so privileged to be a part of has gifted relief to the countless women and children we have served. As I soon approach my sixth year in this role and eight years altogether with our WBM, our blessings continue to abound in infinite ways.



Our 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Fellowship was an unquestionable success! Tarita Tehotu, cultural practitioner and teacher, blessed and opened our gathering with a beautiful interactive 'oli specific to members of our WBM. Followed by a special rendition of *The Prayer* sung by Dion'e Tamure, welcome greetings were given by Bill Haole, Luna Ho'omalulu from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC), Eleanore Atherton Chong from Central Union Church, and the Rev. Charles Buck from the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. In dreamlike harmony, our sisters from the Honolulu Marshallese UCC Women's Fellowship joyfully rendered a song. Each year, we have been fortunate to hear inspiring guest speakers. This year was no different. Riane Cardenas shared her remarkable story of survival from debilitating trauma; Stephen, a former resident of the safe house as a young boy shared the effects of domestic violence then and now. Marlene Lee and Susan Tengan, both members of the UCC Transition House Board of Directors highlighted this ministry and the dynamics of domestic violence as is often experienced by survivors. *Touch a Heart*, a ministry of support to women who are working to overcome drug abuse catered our savory lunch. Proceeds from our silent auction and offerings for the Family Thank Offering and Mother Alice Scholarship Fund yielded significant increases than previous years. As we do each year, we honored one of our members whose life expresses Christlike character. To thunderous applause and a standing ovation, Linda Shigeta, our former Kaua'i VP Representative, deservedly received the *Never Underestimate the Power of a Christian Woman Award*. Congratulations once more, Linda!

When an article about our WBM was featured in the Honolulu Star Advertiser on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, the response was astounding. An enormous amount of donations of fabrics and sewing notions has been generated by this article. Inquiries made to the Honolulu Star Advertiser by the public about places to donate fabrics and sewing notions precipitated these donations. Many people have shared how excited they are to learn about who we are and what we do. These donations have been distributed among the Kokokahi Tropical Hunger Project, the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) Mental Health Unit and the UCCP Pasuquin Learning Center.

As Lorna Bufil responded to the call of God to serve as our new WBM President, Brenda Chapman also responded willingly to serve as our new Hawai'i Island VP Representative. Simultaneously, we welcomed three new members who are all very eager to make an impact in their communities and are already at work.

This year, we entered into a couple of new partnerships beginning with Family Promise Hawai'i, an organization helping homeless families to transition to long-term housing. On Kaua'i, our WBM is collaborating with the Pū'a Foundation to support women who are exiting the correctional facility.

During our 2016-2017 WBM year, I was overjoyed at a personal blessing when I received an invitation to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Kamehameha Day Parade with Pualeilani, a private Pa'u unit. It was my dream as a young girl. It was a privilege. It was unforgettable.

Thank you all for another fulfilling year of ministry. Thank God for how our blessings continue to abound.

## IN SEARCH OF WILLING WORKERS

Membership in the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands affords multiple opportunities to serve God by utilizing your spiritual and natural gifts to help improve the quality of life for others who are experiencing various hardships both in Hawai'i and the greater Pacific Rim. Our organization recently celebrated 146 years of ministry on April 29, 2017.

We meet monthly to conduct business, receive inspiration, and identify ways to continue to make a difference in our communities and world. Annual dues of \$25 are collected from all members in June and used to further our ministry. A one-time gift of \$100 honors you as a lifetime member, though an annual contributing due of \$25 is still required to further support the ministry. There are many ways to contribute to the work that we do through donations of needed items, financial gifts, serving on mission projects or a committee, and more.

A membership application can be found by visiting [www.hcucc.org](http://www.hcucc.org). You can locate the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands by clicking on "Ministries" and then "Affiliated Ministries."

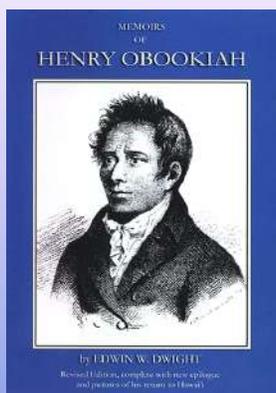
## GENTLE REMINDER

If you are already a member of our WBM, please be sure to update your contact information should you move or change any of your information. We want to be sure that you receive all correspondence being sent to you.

For those of you who attend our WBM monthly meetings, please remember to bring your favorite food to share during our lunch and fellowship immediately following and bring a guest or two. If you do bring a guest(s) or invite someone you know will be coming, please call Clara to let her know.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about membership, our organization or how you can get involved, please contact Clara at (808) 791-5647 or (808) 990-0503.



## MEMOIRS of HENRY OBOOKIAH

Known as the first fruit of the Christian faith amongst the Hawaiian people, this story is honest and untainted, as told through Opukaha'ia's own perspective, as recounted through his personal diary entries and letters to close friends. It is a poignant narrative of suffering, pain and tragic death, but it is also a story of healing, renewal, joyous faith and a new life everlasting that inspired a generation of young missionaries to leave the East Coast and travel to the islands to fulfill Henry's desire to have his people hear the gospel message.

The most current edition contains new pictures and an epilogue detailing how Henry's body was brought home 175 years after his death in Connecticut. To purchase a copy for yourself or as a gift for someone else, you can visit <http://www.henryobookiahmemoirs.com> or contact our office at the number listed above. Soft back copies are \$15. A limited edition hard copy is \$50. All proceeds from sales of this book are used to further the ministry of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands.

## CELEBRATING OUR NEW MEMBERS



***Cynthia Akimseu***

Cynthia is a member of Haili Congregational Church in Hilo. She serves as a State Sunday school Vice President, East Hawai'i Sunday school President and Hawai'i delegate for Haili Congregational Church. Cynthia is also a cashier clerk at a local public school.

Cynthia is one of four sisters and seven brothers. She is married to Gary and is the mother of four children and grandmother to six grandchildren.



***Brenda Chapman***

Brenda May Kuuipouluwehi Daniels Chapman was born in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She is a member of Haili Congregational Church in Hilo. Brenda and her husband, Pastor Rodney Chapman served as senior pastors at Haili Christian School for 13 years. Currently, they are both teachers at Haili Christian School.

Brenda is our new Hawai'i Island VP Representative. You can learn more about her on the following page.



***Cynthia Lee***

Cynthia is a member of Haili Congregational Church in Hilo attending services at Kuhio Chapel. She serves on the Board of Trustees, Missions Committee, teaches religious education, and is an arts and crafts volunteer at Vacation Bible School.

Cynthia is a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene College. She is married to Darren Lee and is a mother to two daughters; Kuuleinani Lee, a junior Education major and Kaleikaumaka Lee, a sophomore Microbiology major, both at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.



*BRENDA MAY KUIPOULUWEHI*

*DANIELS CHAPMAN*

### **OUR NEW HAWAI'I ISLAND VP REPRESENTATIVE**

I am extremely excited to serve as the new Hawai'i Island VP Representative with women of like mindedness. My prayer has been for direction from the Lord into a specific geographic area of ministry and I truly believe that this new role is His leading. There are so many women I know who are being traumatized in their relationships and have no way out.

My heart for ministry stems from my own experience of trauma. As a child I endured physical, mental and emotional abuse. I felt invisible, and was often told, "I wish you were never born." The innocence of a child only wanting and craving love never goes away. My family attended Ka Hale Hoano O Ke Akua Church twice a year faithfully - for Christmas and Easter. During that time Jesus was someone I did not know nor was I introduced to Him. I attended Lincoln Elementary School, Jarrett Intermediate, Kalakaua Intermediate and graduated from Farrington High School. Upon graduation I attended Honolulu Community College, then Kapiolani Community College. My parents never spoke into my life positively. I was forced to make my own way in life and left home on graduation night. As a young adult I did not choose my friends wisely and was rebellious until I met a sweet sister named Leinaala who introduced me to Jesus and took me to church faithfully. I learned that God is real and that He loves me! The notion that someone loved me burned in my spirit.

Because I needed deliverance, restoration and discipleship, I sought help through the Teen Challenge Program on Olowalu, Maui. That was the best decision I've made in my life. Teen Challenge was a year - long program which fully saturated me in the gospel. I successfully graduated and what I learned there has remained with me - what it is to truly trust in our Lord and Savior Who Lives, Who Redeems, Who Provides, Who Forgives, Who Heals, Who Saves, and Who has my life and future in the palm of His hands!

As the first Hawaiian student attending the Teen Challenge Bible Institute and Seminary, I met my husband Rodney who is a pastor. We have served the Lord here on the island of Hawaii as Directors for the Teen Challenge Ministry for three years and as the Interim Director for Teen Challenge Oahu, Associate Pastor at Kurtistown Assembly of God for two years, teachers at Henry Opukaha'ia Christian School for four years, Senior Pastors for New Hope at the Crossroads for eight years and Haili Christian School for 13 years. Together we have served a diverse group of populations including those who were homeless, drug addicted, and incarcerated. Our favorite people to work with are children. Currently, we are Sunday school teachers at Haili Christian School.

A glorious part of my life's testimony is that I nearly died from a ruptured tubal pregnancy. My husband rushed me to the hospital minutes before I was pronounced dead. I was out and going to heaven. Literally. There was no pain as I headed toward the light. It is said that the last thing that leaves as you are dying is your hearing, so it was a miracle to hear my husband crying.

Today, I am here because of the grace of God. I am blessed to be available and able to reach out and pray for change in the lives of women around me. What I have found is that as I encourage and disciple women, they become empowered and see themselves as God intends them to be.

146<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING & FELLOWSHIP  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017  
CENTRAL UNION CHURCH PARISH HALL

*"Christ in Us, the Hope of Glory"*



# NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A CHRISTIAN WOMAN



Our recipient of the 2017 Never Underestimate the Power of a Christian Woman Award is a stellar example of the power of the Living Christ at work in the world today. This year's recipient is **BOLD**. She's **PERSEVERING**. And she's **COMPASSIONATE** in the Spirit of Christ.

Our recipient is a woman of fervent prayer, who upon hearing God's guidance, goes forward **BOLDLY** to carry out God's mission for her. She stood in the gap to re-energize the Woman's Board after several years in the doldrums. Her first effort was to bring together Christian women from around the island to promote the book launch of the *Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*, published by the Woman's Board. She then approached the Kaua'i Museum to carry the *Memoirs* for sale in their gift shop, and sales did very well.

**PERSEVERANCE** and tenacity also describe our recipient this year. She has worked tirelessly to encourage youth and young adults in their journeys of faith and life, and in their Christian leadership development. She has secured funding from the Woman's Board and other sources to support Kaua'i Sacred Day Walk, a nature-based Christian formation experience. When barriers threatened to derail participation by some youth, she immediately stepped in to purchase sleeping bags and provide transportation. When they needed funds for college scholarships, she helped them complete applications, and she provided scholarships herself. Her belief in the youth is unflagging and is bearing fruit for God's kingdom on earth.

Our recipient also bears the Christian virtue of **COMPASSION**. When women from the Marshall Islands showed a desire to contribute economically to their community, our recipient came to the Woman's Board on their behalf to request support for a new cottage industry in sewing. Over time, the Marshallese women developed confidence, skill, and business acumen as they put their sewing talents to work. Today the Marshallese women operate a valuable cottage industry for their community. The Body of Christ has become richer, thanks to our recipient's compassion to stand with our sisters in Christ from the Marshall Islands.

## Never Underestimate the Power of a CHRISTIAN Woman



Never Underestimate the Power of

**LINDA SHIGETA**

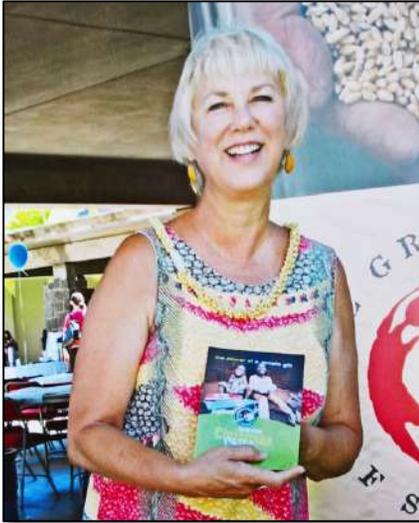
April 29, 2017



*Written by the Rev. Dr. Phyllis A. Meighen*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Rebecca Woodland, O'ahu VP Representative & Missions Co-Chair**



It's never too early to plan ahead! Now is the time to start saving (and packing) your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, the shoebox ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Our goal for the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is to pack at least one hundred shoeboxes with assorted gifts of necessities such as school supplies and hygiene items, as well as small toys. Statewide, we hope to pack and send 50,000 gift-filled shoeboxes this Christmas. These gift-filled shoeboxes are hand-distributed to hurting children in countries ravaged by war, poverty, and natural disaster.

It's easy (and much more economical) to gather items now, when school supplies and other items are on sale. Here are some suggested items to include in every shoebox for any age child. Be sure to include something(s) from each category:

- School supplies: pencils, sharpeners, pens, notebooks or binder paper, bar erasers, crayons, markers
- Hygiene items: bar soaps, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs or brushes
- Toys: small stuffed toys, small cars, yo-yos, jump-ropes, balls
- Clothing: baseball caps, T-shirt, socks
- Other: harmonicas, recorders, flashlights with batteries

**IMPORTANT:** Please do not pack any liquids. Lotion, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, bubbles, glue, or any other liquid is not permitted. Additionally, please do not pack toothpaste, glitter, candy, food, toy guns, or action figures.

Your shoebox gift can make an eternal difference in the life of the child who receives it. Unless you are using the special pre-decorated red-and-green Operation Christmas Child shoebox, please wrap or decorate your box **before** you pack it. Wrap the lid separately, so the box can be opened for customs inspection. This is extremely important.

Get started today! This is a great project for your family, friends, church, club, and workplace colleagues.

Visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ) for more information, instructions, labels, videos, and gift suggestions. Please bring your gift-filled boxes, or extra items for filling shoeboxes, to our WBM meetings in September, October, and November.

Mahalo, and may God bless you all!



## MAUI UPDATE

**Arlene Kealaonalani Pihana, Maui VP Representative & Missions Co-Chair**



Grace and Peace to all!

Having been raised by my grandparents beginning at four days old until the age of 12, I am very passionate about supporting programs for children that strengthen families, prevent abuse and provide hope. Our home was a foster home, childcare and emergency home licensed by the state. The need for foster parents and yes, grandparents here in Hawai'i continues to grow every day.

To become a resource family, you must be willing to provide a temporary home to a child. Here are 10 ways to help Maui families and children in foster care through Hui Ho'omalua - Partners in Development Foundation:

- Schedule a presentation on foster care, learn about the needs of children in Child Welfare Services custody and how your organization, club, agency, or church can help.
- Arrange for a presentation on foster care.
- Provide meeting space, refreshments and childcare for families attending H.A.N.A.I. training, resource caregiver support groups and or 'Ohana Conferences.
- Donate to the Friends of the Children's Justice Center. They support the healing process for child victims of abuse and/or neglect by providing a safe place for children to share their experiences, as well as other resources. (808-243-8688).
- Host a dessert night informational meeting by opening your home to friends, family, and others who may want to hear first-hand stories from those who foster and the how-to of becoming licensed resource caregivers.
- Donate transportation resources by providing gas cards or travel vouchers that will help with transportation costs for families and sibling visits.
- Donate your time to helping kids thrive better in care learning new skills. Maybe you or someone you know can provide a workshop focusing on a skill, hobby or art.
- Become a respite provider (short-term care) for children in foster care to help resource families.
- Donate give-away items, gift certificates, or money to purchase promotional items or advertising to help recruit new and reward current resource families.
- Lastly, tell others about the many different ways they can get involved and help make a difference in the life of a child today. You could potentially earn an 'Ohana Reward! The 'Ohana Reward is a \$200 gift card for General licensed resource family referrals.

Caring for children who have experienced trauma is imperative. People who are interested in becoming resource caregivers or those who just want to learn more about foster care in Hawai'i are required to attend H.A.N.A.I. Training. Some of the topics covered are understanding the Department of Human Services, the role of the resource family, child abuse and neglect, attachment, discipline, separation, loss and grief. So you see, there are many different ways to support Hui Ho'omalua. Kaahumanu Church hosted a presentation of this program and set up an informational booth at our Ho'olaulea. I was blessed to participate by holding a sign for "Foster Care Awareness" along Kaahumanu Avenue. For more information, contact Mary Leyva our Maui community liaison at 808-268-5122 or visit the program's website at <http://www.pidf.org/>. *So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them.* 1 John 4:16.

**JESUS AND THOSE BODACIOUS WOMEN KAUA'I GATHERING**  
**GUESTS: PŪ'Ā FOUNDATION**

*Saturday, February 18, 2017*  
*Lihue United Church*



**Rev. Phyllis Meighen, Kaua'i Co-VP Representative**  
*Delivering an inspiring sermon*



**Kimmy Takata, Pū'ā Foundation**  
*Sharing her powerful story of trauma to transformation*



**Rev. Nani Hill**  
*Offering words of encouragement and thanksgiving*



**Rogerlynn Ihiihinui Kanealii Wakinekona and Kimmy Takata**



**Debbie Victor, Pū'ā Foundation**  
*Sharing their programs and services*



**Isaiah Kaaui**  
*Board of Directors*





**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE PHILIPPINES  
UCCP LEARNING CENTER OF PASUQUIN  
POBLACION #2, PASUQUIN ILOCOS NORTE**

Mrs. Alma B. Balatico  
c/o The Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands

Dear Brethren in Christ, Warm Christian Greetings to all!

Praise God for another year of nurturing and educating children both near and far. We also thank God for another year of witness and service to children and their families. This school year June 2017-March 2018, we are blessed to have 36 enrollees from Nursery-Kindergarten 2. This year, because of parents' demand, we opened the Kindergarten 2, a preparatory class for Grade 1. In the beginning of our enrolment, we had a large number of enrollees totalling 41 pupils. But after a couple of days we found out that some of the K-1s last year were admitted to the Elementary Level because they can already read and write despite the fact that our children are under age. This has become our dilemma because Public Schools, even Private Schools accept children from our Learning Center outside of the age bracket.

The Dept. of Educ. has given us a one-year license to operate and so it is expected that we will renew again for this year until we will be given accreditation. We also expect an evaluation from the Dept. of Educ. every year. This is an added challenge for all of us but it will make our school better. Our prayer is that accreditation will be granted in God's perfect time.

We are praying that this is also the last year of Angelica Fiesta and Aiza Aguda in their B.S. degree before taking up their Teacher's Board Examination. Together with the members of the Church Council and the members of UCCP Poblacion Pasuquin, we affirm our partnership with you in the continuing nurture and education of children especially those that are poor and belong to the marginalized class of our society. We are praying for your continuing support and partnership with us.

As a church, we opened a Children's Outreach Program in one barangay of Pasuquin last year. And we are holding Bible studies, Feeding Program and Daily Vacation Church School (DVCS) during summer in that barangay. With the help of our members this is a continuing activity of the church under our Christian Education and Nurture Program. In fact, three of the scholarship recipients came from that barangay.

Please continue to pray for us. We have a lot of dreams and visions not only for the church but for the Learning Center. I know that we cannot do this alone but with your prayers and support we can do everything through Christ who strengthens us.

Your partner in Christ's service,  
Rev. Lynn B. Gumallaoui



*Figure 1 PRESCHOOL CLASS*



*Figure 2 KINDERGARTEN 1 CLASS*

## BEIJING INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Mark and Dayna Blair, *Missionaries*

### Summertime Greetings from Beijing! June 2017

We hope this letter finds you rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. We too give thanks for His sustaining mercy and the many doors of Gospel-opportunity He continues to open for us here in the Capital of the world's most populous nation. Here is some of what we have been doing the last couple of months...

### Leader's Retreat / "Serve the City"

In April we enjoyed an overnight in the hills outside the city with a number of our Beijing International Christian Fellowship Zhong Guan Cun ministry leaders. We were blessed to have Jerry McCarty (in the plaid shirt next to Dayna) from "Serve the City." He did a great job letting us know ways their organization is helping to advance the kingdom of God in word and deed in 100 cities around the world.



Pray with us in ZGC for His wisdom as we want to faithfully share the compassion of Jesus with our city.

### Women's Retreat

One weekend in May Dayna joined with 80 ladies from around the world on a BICF Retreat. She was a Small Group leader and really enjoyed the time of sharing and growing together. The theme was "Covenant Relationships" and lots of good friendships were formed.



The Chinese man who owns the hotel/resort where the ladies stayed was especially interested in their Bible studies. As they were leaving he asked if they could send a Bible teacher for his 80 employees to learn the wisdom of this Ancient Book! We connected with a brother who lives nearby, pray for God to open hearts as the Word is opened!

### **Biggest Baptism!**

Easter Sunday we joined with the Church around the world rejoicing in our Risen Lord. It was a special joy to baptize the largest number of new believers since we began serving here in 2009. Young brothers and sisters from Uganda, Ghana, Viet Nam, China, Indonesia, Mauritius, Mozambique, and USA professed their faith in Him who died and rose again. The young lad from China seen here reading her testimony joked about how all classmates in Canada mispronounced her name.....not sure if I got it right when I baptized her.



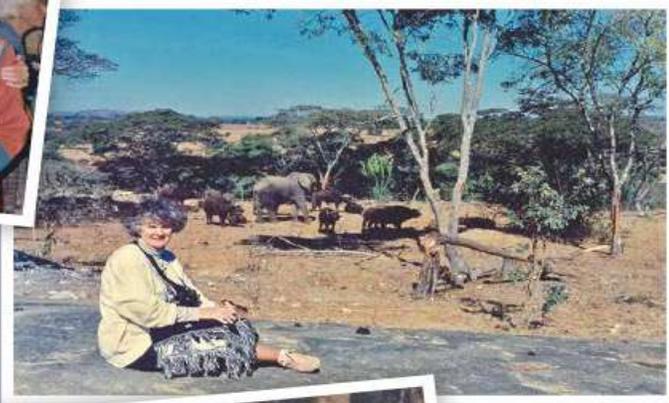
Clara, on the far right, is a first-year student from Mozambique who speaks very little English. Lydia, standing behind Clara, is a fifth-year student from Mozambique who has learned English AND Mandarin and came to faith in Jesus here in China! So Lydia now brings a bunch of Portuguese speakers every Sunday and translates for them. Clara heard AND HEARD and decided, even if she could not understand the pastor (few can!), it was time for her to take her stand of faith in baptism. Prior to interviewing Clara for baptism I had no idea we had this Portuguese flock! Now we have supplied them with discipleship and evangelistic materials in Portuguese. And now a small group of 8 meets weekly in Portuguese. Pray for them as they just found an entire dorm floor of a nearby Uni is filled with all Portuguese speakers!

IN MEMORIAM

*Dr. Margery Terpstra*



Woman's Board of Missions event, 1985

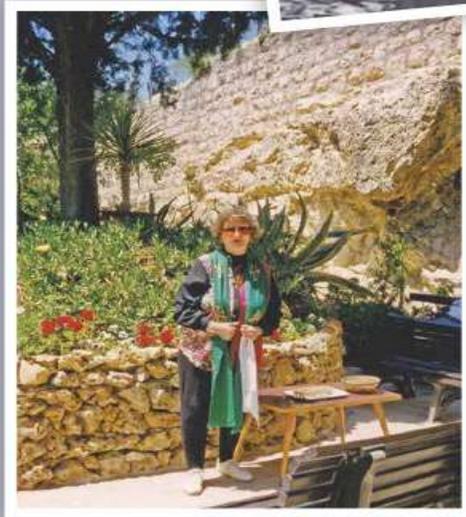


African Safari



With Margie Smith  
in the Jordan River

Hosting tours  
with Chet to  
the Holy Land,  
Egypt, and Europe  
1980s-1990s



# Pray for our Missionaries



**Mark and Dayna Blair**  
*Beijing International Christian Fellowship*

**CHINA**



**Tom and Monica Liddle**  
*Global Ministries Missionaries*

**EAST TIMOR**



**Rose Ludwig (far right) and daughters**  
*Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)*

**GUAM**



**Pastor Les and Lynn Ginoza**  
*ZOE International*

**THAILAND**



## 2017 PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please read the following information regarding the Give Aloha/Foodland Campaign. Last year, our WBM raised \$963.43 through this program.

### **DONATION PROCESS**

- From September 1-30, donations to Give Aloha Participating organizations will be accepted at checkout at all Foodland, Sack N Save and Foodland Farms stores statewide. **The code for our Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is 78471.**
- Customers must use their Maika'i Card to make a donation and can donate up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person, per organization. Donations exceeding \$249 per person, per organization will not be matched. Donations made without a Maika'i Card will not be matched. Individuals must use their own Maika'i Card to make a donation. Multiple donations on a Maika'i Card exceeding \$249 for the same organization will not be matched.
- Customers who do not have a Maika'i account may establish one at checkout. Only one Maika'i account number is allowed per person.
- Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match each donation up to a total of at least \$300,000 for all organizations combined. If total customer donations exceed \$300,000, the matching gift will be divided proportionately among all participating organizations. (*See Calculating Matching Gifts below.*)
- Please do not inform donors that their donation will be matched "dollar for dollar." Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of their donation.
- Membership dues, fees, tuition, and other payments for which goods and services are received in return are not considered "donations." These payments will not be matched.
- Donations in the form of cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and JTB) will be accepted. Donations must be made payable to Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms.
- The donation amount and name of the organization will appear on the customer's receipt. Donors names will not be released to the organizations. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.
- Foodland reserves the right to refuse participation of any non-profit organization.

**CALCULATION OF MATCHING GIFTS:** Matching gifts will be calculated at the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their % of Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's \$300,00 matching gift. The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount customer donations designated to that organization as a % of all customer donations received for all organizations. For example, if total combined customer donations for all participating organizations equal \$1,000,000 and \$10,000 (1% of total) in donations are designated for organization XYZ, then XYZ will receive 1% of \$300,000 or \$3,000 from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's matching gift in addition to the \$10,000 from customer donations. Total gift to organization = \$13,000.

**ANNOUNCEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS:** Total gifts to organizations will be announced and checks will be mailed in October.

**WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**  
**1848 NU'UANU AVE.**  
**HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96817**

**WISH LIST**

*(new or very gently used)*

The items listed below are regularly needed items for missions projects and outreach. The needs in our communities are alarmingly increasing. If you are able and willing to donate any of these items or a combination of them at any time, it would be a great relief to those in unexpected need. **Items marked with an asterisk are needed in both full and travel sizes.**

**Personal Items**

Shampoo/conditioner \*  
 Body Wash/Soap \*  
 Body Lotion \*  
 Toothpaste \*  
 Toothbrushes \*  
 Toiler Paper  
 Hand Wipes/Sanitizers  
 Deodorant \*  
 Sanitary Napkins \*  
 Tampons \*  
 Combs/Brushes  
 Personal Wipes  
 Kleenex

**Bedding Items**

Pillows (*standard*)  
 Blankets  
 Mattress Pads

**School Supplies**

Crayons  
 Composition Books  
 Pens (*black ink*)  
 Pocket Folders  
 Markers  
 Erasers  
 Pencils  
 Elmer's Glue

**Baby Items**

Baby Powder \*  
 Baby Lotion \*  
 Diapers & Wipes \*

**Other**

Socks  
 Bibles  
 Prescription Eyeglasses  
 Postage Stamps  
 Plain Envelopes  
 Fabric/Sewing Notions  
**Gift Cards** (*Walmart, Long  
 Drugs, Safeway*)

**MAHALO NUI LOA**

**Donations & Gifts**

Betty Abe  
 Lorene Arata  
 Judy Asman  
 Eunice Ching  
 Rev. & Thelma Chun  
 Annie Chun-Mow  
 Gene and Sheila Conry  
 Winifred A. Doi  
 Rose Marie Doral  
 Katsuko Enoki  
 Lisa Fong  
 Darleen Fontanilla  
 Donna Gamboa  
 Nancy Heu  
 Margaret & Ching F. Hsiao  
 Betsy Kikuchi  
 Karen Koles  
 Naomi Komenaka  
 Carolyn Lum  
 Eileen McFadyen  
 Toni Rae Mendez

Karen Nakamoto  
 Ann Nakasone  
 Helen Nakata  
 Irene Nomura  
 Glenda Simao  
 Marsha Simao  
 Walter Simao  
 Carol and Mike Sullivan  
 Toshie S. Suzuki  
 Charlene Takeuchi  
 Joan Tawara  
 Rebecca Woodland  
 Saeko Yoshida  
 Christine Young

**Churches/Organizations**

Church of the Holy Cross  
 First Chinese Church of Christ-  
*Women's Fellowship*  
 First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu  
 First United Protestant Church of Hilo  
 Friends of the Library

Haili Church  
 Honolulu Marshallese  
 UCC - *Women's  
 Fellowship*  
 Kaumakapili Church  
 Kawaiaha'o Church  
 Waialua UCC  
 Waiiokeola Church

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