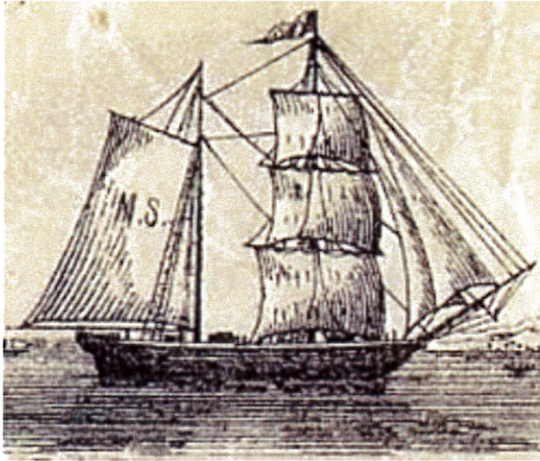


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The Memoirs of Henry Obookiah



It's Here!

We are overjoyed to announce that the revised edition of the *The Memoirs of Henry Obookiah* is completed. This new edition contains a new epilogue by our WBM President, Karen Welsh, some new photos and other additions. The book is also larger in size and print than the previous edition and will retail for \$20. A hard copy exclusive limited edition will be available for \$50 through the WBM office only.

More details about the book dedication and launch are included in our President's report.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KAREN WELSH



Aloha Members and Friends of The Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands,

The only constant in life is change and that is what I'm going through. I'm in Tennessee at the moment, trying to be a loving support to my father, who is battling cancer and to my mom, who recently had knee replacement surgery and some other health issues. It's been a blessed time and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to be here with them.

Before I left for the mainland I was able to finish the final edits on the newly revised "Memoirs of Henry Obookiah" the story of the first Hawaiian Christian convert, and get it to press. The \$20 paperback version, complete with a new epilogue on how Henry's body was returned to the Big Island and new pictures, is now available for sale online at: <http://henryobookiahmemoirs.com>.

We will also be offering a limited hard back 190th Anniversary "Collectors" edition, which will sell for \$50. As always, proceeds from the books will go directly into WBM to help support our various ministries to women and children throughout Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim.

If you do not wish to purchase the book online, both the paperback and the limited hard cover editions will be available for sale at our much anticipated book launch to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, on the grounds of **Hawaiian Houses Museum** (formerly known as The Mission Houses Museum, located at 553 South King Street in Honolulu. Please consider this a heartfelt invitation and feel free to bring a guest or two. The evening will consist of heavy pupus, a very special one-of-a-kind program befitting Henry's life, and a rare book signing that night. We will be inviting members of the media, both print and news stations, as well as other bookstore outlets to join us, so wear your best muumuu or aloha shirt!

As I close, I want to extend a very warm mahalo to our wonderful Executive Director, Clara D. Priester, for being so enthusiastic about this project. She took the time to type the entire book and she was my strongest cheerleader to finish the project in a timely fashion.

I would also like to thank our amazing Publisher, Larry Czerwonka, for always being 10 steps ahead of me throughout the process and giving me support to see it through.

And, to that very special "angel" who provided essential funding to get "The Memoirs of Henry Obookiah" back in public circulation and to help us promote the book fully and effectively, I give you my deepest gratitude. I am humbled by your aloha and support for this amazing project. God bless all of you.

I look forward to seeing you at the dedication and book launch on Thursday, October 18.

In Christ,
Karen Welsh,
WBM President

WBM VISION STATEMENT

"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."



CORE VALUES

Competence

Compassion

Commitment

Character

Community



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2012

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| October | 8 | Columbus Day |
| October | 18 | Book Dedication/Launch
"The Memoirs of Henry Obookiah"
Hawaiian Mission Houses
553 South King Street
5 - 8 p.m. |
| November | 22 | Thanksgiving |
| November | 29 | WBM Holiday Meeting and Celebration |
| December | | No Meeting |

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President, Big Island Representative
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- ❖ **Linda Shigeta**
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MISSIONS: THE HEART OF GOD



KOKOKAHI TROPICAL HUNGER MISSION SEWING PROJECT UPPER KAM-IS MINDANAO (PHILIPPINES)

The Kokokahi Tropical Hunger Mission founded in 1976 by Reverend Olin Pendleton is alive and well under the direction of Melinda Ahn, Missions Chair for the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands. This ministry was established to help feed the poorest of the poor.

Recently, our WBM learned of an amazing sewing project in upper Kam-is, a remote mountainous area in Mindanao, Philippines. Roger Butlig is Kokokahi's Field Representative in Cagayan de Oro. He conducts malnourished feeding programs in several villages, in addition to managing farms in many villages and locations. A group of women in the upper Kam-is village sew items to raise funds to provide food for their families. There is no electricity here so the women use manual sewing machines. While they are able to generate income this way, the needs are still excessively great because this is an ongoing necessity. In support of our sisters, we provided a financial gift of \$1,270 and began a collection of needed sewing supplies that included but are not limited to threads, zippers, sewing needles, patterns, pins, buttons, measuring tapes, scissors, elastics, bias tape, and an assortment of fabrics. Many UCC churches and individuals promptly and generously donated these items. We know that the women will be excited to receive the shipment of these items.



Roger and Ann Butlig prepare for the new sewing project.



Children enjoying a meal provided by the feeding program in Mindanao.



Another group of children gathering for a meal.



Missions Chair, Melinda Ahn, oversees the loading of 20 boxes of sewing supplies donated by many churches and individuals, now heading for Mindanao.



Judy Asman

MALAWI, AFRICA

Makiki Christian Church and the
Malama Feeding Center in Thyolo, Malawi

What impact has Makiki Christian Church had for the recipients of the feeding center in Thyolo Malawi? This feeding center, started in 2008, currently provides over 1000 meals weekly and over 52,000 annually. On June 9, 2012, a small team traveled to Malawi from Makiki Christian Church to see, share aloha and work at the site. Our team, which was comprised of Pastor Don and Judy Asman, Becky Smith, Sandra Ishihara, and Lani Tsuneishi, invested our personal funds to travel as your ambassadors of aloha and in Christ.

Our church, 15 Craigside, the Woman's Board of Missions and others were generous in providing 15 suitcases packed with beanies, medical supplies, toothbrushes and preschool supplies, as well as \$6,000 in donations to be used to support the program there.

Just to give you some background, in 2007 Pastor Don and Judy went to Malawi and learned of the idea to develop a feeding center on the grounds of the All Saints Anglican Church in Thyolo, Malawi. They shared this vision with the MCC Christian Witness Board and it was decided at that time to provide monies and monthly support for the Feeding Center. In appreciation for our contributions, they named the feeding center Malama Feeding Center (malama being the Hawaiian word for *to care for*).

Thyolo is a small district in southern Malawi in the southeast of the African continent. According to Father Willard, 23% of the community has HIV-AIDS, while others are suffering from malaria, TB, hypertension and diabetes. The average life expectancy for a Malawian is in their 40s. For the average Malawian, meat is rare, so a meal usually consists of vegetables and corn flour made into a paste called *Nsima*. It tastes like cream of wheat and like rice is to us. It is common for children to lose one or more parents to diseases. Orphaned children are taken in by relatives in some cases and at time, strangers. The average pay is MK6750 a month which is about \$25.00 in US dollars and that is if you have a job. Unemployment is the norm and not the exception there.

The faithful monthly support provided by Makiki Christian Church is able to provide one meal a day, which is a corn protein porridge, called *Phala* and a high calorie sugar liquid they call *Milk-Tea*. This is provided to about 120 preschool children a day; 35 living with HIV and about 80 seniors who gather 5 days a week. The cost for this feeding is about \$4.50 a month per person. The annual cost to feed one person for a month is about \$53.98. Anne Davidson, our primary Malawi contact and project coordinator, helps organize this and is able to obtain food donations or acquire food at costs. Yet, it still costs over \$13,000 annually to run the feeding center.

A related project on the church grounds is a preschool of primarily orphaned children who were delighted to receive the beanies, books, school supplies, shirts, etc. that were donated. Our church currently donates about \$300 monthly in addition to special offerings during the year to the Malama Feeding Center to help offset their costs. According to Anne, we are the main contributors. With the \$6,000 that we brought to Malawi we were able to buy more Bibles, in English and Chichewa,

and hymnals for the congregation. We also purchased much needed chairs, for the choir and other uses. They had been using broken resin chairs. Other supplies purchased included medical equipment such as blood pressure cuffs and a glucometer, which measures blood sugar - a necessary diagnostic tool for diabetes. They also shared their vision for creating a playground for the preschool children, since they have no place to play. We agreed that some of the donated money would be used for that. The \$6,000 will also buy a bicycle ambulance so that they will be able to take the sick and injured to the hospital some kilometers away.

And after all that, we still had money that will be set aside to create a sustainable sewing project in the church so that women will be able to learn to sew and sell items that can generate revenue for this struggling church. The pastor, Father Willard, has a grand vision, passion and heart for the people he has been called to serve. Some of the monies will be spent to help him support his family including his wife, 3 children and 3 foster children.

So how have we in Hawaii impacted this little part of the world? Come to our WBM meeting on Thursday, November 29. Yes, we have created a DVD to share with you! Those of us who went were blessed 10 times over what we contributed. This is the hallmark of all giving, in that sometimes what we give pales in comparison to what we receive.



Rag dolls made by WBM member, Ruby Donlin



Orphaned child sleeping with rag doll

UCCP PASUQUIN LEARNING CENTER



Alma Balatico

The UCCP Pasuquin Learning Center is a WBM supported project in the Philippines that operates a church preschool that uses Christian-based curriculum, a powerful tool for outreach ministry to indigent children in the community. Just when the school opened for this new academic year, the church school's old computer broke down. Since e-mail messaging is the only reliable means of communication, there is also a breakdown in communication with the school at this time.

The Woman's Board of Missions generously granted a \$1,000 funding request to purchase a new laptop, accounting software and a Word Processing program. I have received a current update reporting that activities are running smoothly again at the school. On behalf of the UCCP Pasuquin Learning Center, many thanks to our WBM.

ZOE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



Over 1.4 billion people have never heard the Gospel. ZOE International Ministries is a Christian organization with a mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of the unreached people of the world and to demonstrate God's compassion through rescuing and caring for orphans and children from **human trafficking**, a crime against humanity.

ZOE Means "Life," "the Life of God!" At our Annual Meeting in June, we had the opportunity to hear Reverend Les Ginoza, Vice President of ZOE International Ministries, speak about the horror and abuse endured by children who are victims of human trafficking. Through a series of confirmations, Reverend Ginoza and his wife, Lynne knew that God was calling them to be part of the first pioneering group of ZOE missionaries in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Reverend Ginoza also serves on their Board of Directors. He and his family have served God in ministry in Thailand since March 2005 working to stop human trafficking.

The vision of ZOE International Ministries is to fulfill God's dream that every person on the earth will know Him and possess eternal life through Jesus Christ; and that in lands where Christ is unknown; that our rescued children would understand and experience the love of God and reach their potential in every area of their lives, that His Kingdom will reign, His Church will be built, His disciples will multiply and that He will be glorified for who He is.

We were appalled to hear that children constitute such a large proportion of the trafficking victims in Thailand. Our WBM eagerly sent \$1,000 to ZOE International in support of their ministry. Please pray for this ministry and the many children who are devastatingly affected by this abuse.

CALEB LUDWIG, MISSIONARY (CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST)



Melinda Ahn, Missions Chair, presenting a check to Caleb Ludwig at our 2012 Annual Meeting.

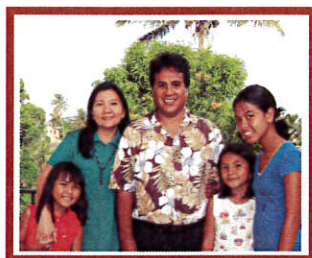
What a great success our WBM Annual Meeting was! We presented a check for \$1,500 to Caleb Ludwig, a full-time missionary who, along with his wife, Rose, began a Campus Crusade for Christ in Fiji and have been discipling students to become Christ-centered laborers for 11 years. Prior to this, Caleb and Rose served in ministry in Micronesia for 5 years.

Recently, students from Singapore Student Life sent an 8-student team on a mission to begin reviving the campus ministry at the University of Guam for the past 2 years. These trips opened doors for friendship evangelism, and has broadened networks among young Christians and

instills visions for mobilizing the students to reach out to their campus for Christ. This year the enthusiastic team of 8 students and 2 staff ventured into nearby communities. Caleb and Rose will be moving to Guam to be a major part of furthering this ministry. Please pray that God will preserve the fruits of the outreach by the Singapore students wherever they travel and serve and that God will raise up all our support needs as Caleb and his family move to Guam.



**Caleb with one of the student
discipleship groups**



**Caleb and Rose Ludwig
and children**

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FROM CALEB LUDWIG

Dear Ministry Partners,

Greetings from Fiji.

The family is doing well, enjoying island life and our current ministry. We are also excited about moving to Guam next year.

As the ministry grows here, so does the spiritual warfare. The venue for our yearly student conference went out of business just before the conference started. The hotel owners defaulted on our deposit made for reservation. Despite of this, the Lord provided a venue just a week before the conference started. We also saw the biggest number of participants, totaling about 140 students.

A directive from the university has banned us from doing evangelism and using the university facilities. This has not stopped students from meeting for Bible Studies and sharing their faith with their peers.

Providentially, this had led us to bring our student leaders to work with students at another campus, Fiji National University (FNU). Caleb is now mostly involved with the FNU campus near our place. The student ministry is expanding in this new target area.

In the second week of September, we are sending out three mission teams consisting of around 10 students and staff. A team will be going to Samoa, one to Vanuatu and the third group to Nadi, the second biggest city in Fiji. Caleb will be leading the team going to Nadi. This is to help students experience missions first hand and for Pacific Islands Campus Crusade for Christ to establish networks that will help in starting campus ministry in these places.

1. Please pray that the restrictions we are facing at the USP campus will be lifted.
2. Pray for safety of the staff and students going on the three mission trips.
3. Pray that God will use these teams to communicate the Gospel clearly and will bear lasting fruits.
4. Pray for wisdom and resources as Pacific Islands Campus Crusade for Christ considers the possibilities of starting campus ministries in these places.

Thank you for upholding our lives and the ministry in your prayers.

MEET OUR NEW KAUA'I VP REPRESENTATIVE

LINDA SHIGETA



When Mokihana Powers beautifully fulfilled her term in June 2012 as our Kaua'i VP, Linda Shigeta eagerly and willingly stepped in to serve as our new representative. Our WBM extends our deepest appreciation for Mokihana's compassionate service and her desire to continue to serve in a new capacity in our WBM ministry.

Linda has been a member of Kapaa United Church of Christ since 1985, where she served as a Sunday School teacher and on a search committee for their new pastor, Beth Donaldson. She also served as a deacon for 3 years during the time that her membership was at Lihue United Church. Her passion is to encourage and help foster empathy in the community for those less fortunate caused by economics, physical and or mental health issues and injustices. She desires to help abused and neglected individuals.

Linda's work and volunteer experience and service is extensive. Professionally, she worked for the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services, Social Services Division. She began working in the Income Maintenance Office, and then went on to work in Child Protective Services for two years. Finally, she earned a position as a Social Service Assistant in Adult Protective Services where she remained for 18 years.

When Hurricane Iniki devastatingly struck Kaua'i, Linda worked at the Lihue Disaster Center serving many people who were affected by the destruction. She partnered with the late Honorable Patsy Mink to help people into new homes without down payments after the hurricane.

Now retired, Linda enjoys volunteerism. She has been a member of the Kauai Developmental Disabilities Committee for more than twenty years serving as an advocate. Other volunteer service includes 10 years with the Friendship House Advisory Board, a Club House for adults with mental illness, advocating for children's mental health on the Kaua'i Children's Council, and chairperson of the Kauai Homeless Committee that helped establish the first homeless shelter on Kaua'i, Iniki. Some of the missions projects Linda has been involved in include three different working trips to Kalaupapa. On those trips, Linda helped to paint the Siloam Church and ministered to patients during two WBM-sponsored trips to Kalaupapa.

Welcome, Linda! We are grateful for you and are excited about the richness that you will bring with your compassionate heart and talents.



Mahalo, Mokihana!

We thank you for the sincerity and Christ-like manner in which you served as our Kaua'i VP Representative for four years. Your warmth of spirit has a calming and healing effect on others. Thank you for the fervency in which you pray and for your commitment to serving others.

We are truly blessed to have you as a part of our WBM!



Mokihana Powers

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kaliko Maciel
Kaneohe, HI

Kiara Maciel
Kaneohe, HI

Tiffany Li'i Nae'ole
Kaneohe, HI

Luka Nae'ole
Kaneohe, HI

Rose Marie Medeiros
Kula, HI

Elizabeth Medeiros
Kula, HI

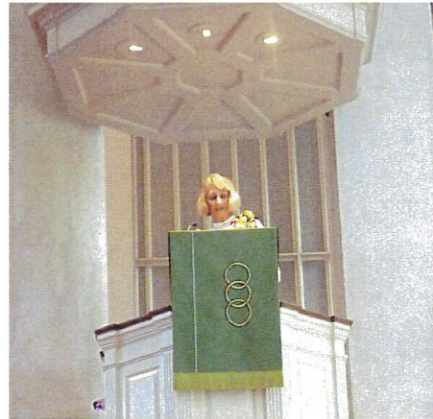
Vida Falan
Wailuku, Maui

Carissa Yinmed
Wailuku, Maui

Lani Higa
Wailuku, Maui

Pauline Kaiulani Hess
O'ahu, HI

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER



Our very own Carolyn Winston delivered the sermon at Central Union Church on September 2, 2012. Sharing stories of the horrific persecution that many Christians are experiencing globally, she urged us to pray earnestly and continually for our pastors, leaders, and churches here in Hawai'i and around the world. Carolyn reminded us that we wrestle not against people, but against principalities, powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world (Ephesians 6:12). She encouraged us to pray for God's mercy and forgiveness, and for the light of God's love to flow through each one of us.

IN MEMORIAM

Every time I think of you – and I think of you often! I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus, There's no end to what has happened in you – it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives.

1 Corinthians 1:4-6



Kikue Kaneko Takagi

November 10, 1920 - June 15, 2012

Kikue was a lay associate at the Church of the Crossroads. She served as the president of both the WBM and the Hawaii Conference, and was very active with the national church. We are grateful for all that she greatly contributed to the WBM.

Elizabeth Myers

Elizabeth "Middy" Myers passed away on July 4, 2012. She was a member of Central Union Church, as were her parents and grandparents before her. Middy was the granddaughter of our longstanding president Mary Atherton Richards.

Kahu Lowaena Puahaunani (Campbell) Hau

September 7, 1939 – August 31, 2012

Kahu Lowaena Hau was a member of Kaahumanu Church and a faithful servant of the Lord. Those who knew and loved her describe her as a "shining star".

Mahalo Nui Loa To.....

Reverend Diane Weible (HCUCC Offices)

Listing our announcements in
The Friend

Lee Henry-Chang (HCUCC Offices)

WBM website updates

Vivian Maunakea (HCUCC Offices)

Help with donation deliveries

Lorraine H. Nakagawa

Po'okela Church

Kapaa UCC

Jonesie Medeiros

Nanette Chabatbat

Kristi Q. Esquef

Mildred Whitney

HCUCC Offices

Mary Marquardt

Helen Young

Frances Dolph

Pat Engelhart

HM Wyeth

Canceled stamp donations

Carol Miura (Central Union Church)

Faithfully handling the Stamp Project

Ruby Donlin (Kawaihae'o Church)

Sewing rag dolls for Malawi mission

Barbara Bettis (Hanapepe UCC)

Shipping donations

Julia Nakamura (Nuuanu Congregational Church)

Sewing supplies

Waimea Williams (Kokokahi UCC)

Picking up and transporting deliveries

Kaliko, Alejo, Iliana, and Julian Marciel

Collecting and faithfully donating items
for the homeless

Lillian Todd (Ewa Community Church)

Clothing and other goods for the homeless

Tina Lining (Waikeola Congregational Church)

Donations from youth

Cindy Terse (Windward UCC)

Tasheena, Kailena, & Kaikoa Sabata-Shores

Michelle, Mila, Ian Murphy, Rainforest Ahn

Shannon Burnett, Hanalei, Shaden, Haven,

& Hinatea Ahn

Donations for the homeless

Kaulanapueo Congregational Church

Canceled stamp donations

Daily Bread and *Upper Room* donations

Melinda and Henry Ahn (Kokokahi UCC)

Storage, collection, and transport of donations

Kaumakapili UCC

Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina, Sione Vetekina

Bibles, blankets, towels, jackets, clothing

Alma Balatico (Moanalua Community Church)

UCCP Pasuquin Learning Center mission

Caleb & Rose Ludwig, Reverend Don & Judy Asman

Pastor Les & Lynne Ginoza

Our Missionaries

Waikeola Congregational Church

Beverly Zane (Waikeola Congregational Church)

Nuuanu Congregational Church

Central Union Church Youth Ministry

First United Protestant Church

Cecille Todd, Waipahu UCC

Hawaii Kai UCC

Hilo Coast UCC

Helen Pierce (Nuuanu Congregational Church)

Carol Sullivan (Hawaii Kai UCC)

Eileen McFadyen (Chandler, Arizona)

Melinda Walker (Windward UCC)

Virginia Kawauchi (Windward UCC)

Harold Hoof (Windward UCC Thrift Store)

Lucinda Keller (Windward UCC Thrift Store)

Sewing supplies for Mindanao

Richard & Rosemarie Doral (Faith Assembly of God)

Educational materials for the Micronesian Ministry and
the UCCP Pasuquin Learning Center

Cecille Goo (Waipahu UCC)

Sewing supplies

All of our WBM Members for their faithful service