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MEDEIROS

CHURCH PLANTERS TO OAHU, HAWAII

INFORMATION PACKAGE



THE ISLANDS OF HAWAII

OVERVIEW

Hawaii has so much to offer people who come to enjoy it. Diverse cultures and mild climate is a benefit for many. Also, it is the most isolated population center in the world, has breathtaking mountains, beaches, and scenery. But for all its natural beauty, there is still an emptiness that only can be explained by the lack of joy in the lives of its residents.

The Hawaiian Islands, are in desperate need of the Gospel...

SPIRITUAL NEED

Even though Hawaii is a beautiful place to live and work, the islands are broken, filled with people seeking their identity and fulfillment in everything except the God who created them. Out of the over 1.4 million people living here, only 2% identify themselves as being Independent Baptists. Clearly, there is a tremendous need for Gospel preaching churches to be planted in the many neighborhoods of the islands.

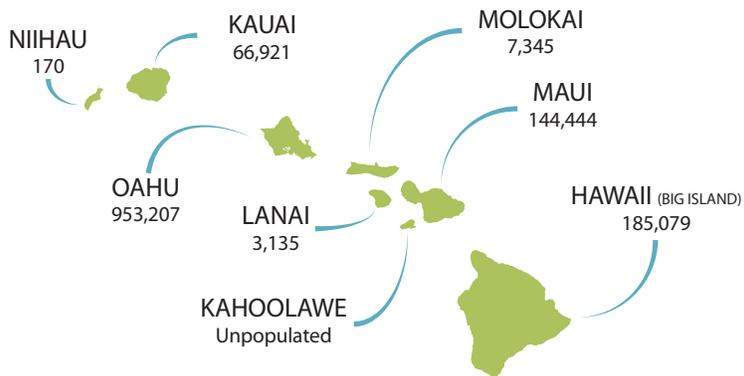
FAITH BY THE NUMBERS



POPULATION & DIVERSITY

The Islands of Hawaii, now boast a population of 1.4 million people and continues to grow each year. In just the last 14 years, the island of O’ahu has grown by over 117,000 residents. With a land area of 597 sq mi, this makes the population density of the island of Oahu 1,661 people per sq mi.

In the past, Hawaii has seen thousands of people immigrate to the islands from all over the globe. This resulted in the distinct and unique Hawaiian culture you see today. With less than 50% of the population being Caucasian, Hawaii is a majority-minority state. This makes the islands rich in local flavor and traditions.



* 2014 estimates based on the 2010 census

OUR FAMILY STORY



THE MEDEIROS FAMILY

While growing up in a single parent home on the island of Oahu, for the most part, I had a pretty normal childhood. We were faithful to our local Catholic church until my mother started looking for a private school for me to go to for high school. I started attending Ko'olau Baptist Church and Academy in 9th grade. In November 2003, I asked Jesus Christ to be my personal Saviour and God started to show me the great need for churches in Hawaii. After attending West Coast Baptist College in the fall of 2007, I slowly realized what God could do with my life.

My wife, Sarah, grew up in a typical Christian home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She had the privilege of attending good churches and Christian schools her whole life. After she was saved at the age of 10, she knew God had something special planned for her life. She started attending West Coast Baptist College in the fall of 2008 where God started to prepare her for life in the ministry.

We met through a mutual friend in the spring of 2009, and we were able learn and mature spiritually together. I was privileged to start working at my home church in Hawaii during the summers. We were married in the summer of 2012, and both started working on staff at Ko'olau Baptist Church and Academy. For the past five years, we have been heavily involved in the Christian school, children's program, church media, and outreach. We have been blessed to have so many opportunities to teach and minister to many here in Hawaii. During our time on Oahu, we have been blessed with our daughter, Anna, who was born in May of 2015. Our son James was born in Pittsburgh, PA April 2018.

Ever since I got saved, God has been working in my heart to plant a new church here on the Island of Oahu. After much prayer and counsel, we feel that it is now time to follow this path that God has for our lives. Our island has so many people still in need of the Gospel, and we are excited about being a part of what God is accomplishing here on Oahu.

Because of Christ,


Travis & Sarah Medeiros



OUR DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the revealed Word of God, fully and verbally inspired of God. We believe the Scriptures to be the inerrant, infallible Word of God, as found within the 66 books from Genesis to Revelation. We believe God not only inspired every word, but has preserved them through the ages. We believe the KJV is the preserved and inspired Word of God for the English speaking people and we use it exclusively for our preaching and teaching (Psalm 12:6-7; II Timothy 3:15-17; I Peter 1:23-25; II Peter 1:19-21).

GOD

We believe in one God, who is eternal, self-existent, infinite, and immutable. We believe He has one nature, one essence, and one substance, yet manifests Himself to man in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; I Timothy 1:17; James 1:17; I John 4:4).

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We believe Jesus Christ to be the one and only Saviour of mankind. We believe Jesus Christ to be eternally God and to possess all the attributes of Deity. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was virgin born, that He was God incarnate, and that the purposes of the incarnation were to reveal God, to redeem men, and to rule over God's kingdom. We believe Jesus Christ never relinquished any attributes of His Deity, but merely veiled them. We believe He lived a perfect, sinless life, at the end of which He was offered for all mankind as a substitutionary sacrifice for man's sin. This sacrifice was a just payment to God for the forgiveness of sin. It was activated by His death through the shedding of His blood on the Cross and was accepted by God upon His resurrection. We believe He ascended into Heaven after His resurrection to be seated at the right hand of the Father, waiting for the time of receiving His church at the Rapture, and returning seven years later to earth to rule and reign as King for 1,000 years (Psalm 2:7-9; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 43:11; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1, 1:3, 14,18, 29; Romans 3:19-25; Romans 5:6-15; Philippians 2:5-11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Timothy 2:5; I Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:10-15; Hebrews 7:26, 9:24-28; I Peter 1:19, 2:2; I John 1:3; Revelation 20:1-6).

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit of God is a person who has personality and all the attributes of Deity. We believe the Holy Spirit has always been involved in the affairs of mankind. However, we believe He has a special ministry which began at Pentecost and will continue until the Rapture. This ministry includes convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit was also sent to regenerate, sanctify, seal, and fill all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:5-6; John 14:16; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:15; I Corinthians 3:16; I Corinthians 6:19-20; I Corinthians 12:13).

SIN AND SALVATION

We believe all men were born with an inherited sin nature received from our common ancestor, Adam. We believe that because of his nature, man is a sinner by choice, and he is totally incapable of reforming himself or ceasing from his sin by his own power. We believe the only hope of deliverance for man is a total change of mind concerning his sinful condition and inability to change it, and a turning to Jesus Christ as the only Saviour. We believe that only through the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ on the Cross can a man be delivered from his sin. We believe that all those who reject Jesus Christ as their Saviour are already condemned to an eternity in the Lake of Fire (Genesis 5:1-5; Acts 4:19; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:10-23; Romans 5:6-12; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6; Revelation 20:11-14).

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

We believe the church began with the calling out of the twelve apostles by Jesus Christ and was empowered on the day of Pentecost. We believe the local church is God's only institution to carry out His work today. We believe the local church is composed of members who have been saved and baptized according to the command of Christ, and have voluntarily united together for the purposes of worship, fellowship, service, and the Lord's Table. We believe all true believers will be taken up at the Rapture, just prior to the Tribulation (Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 1:15; Acts 2:41-43; Acts 11:15; Acts 20:28; I Corinthians 15: 51-58; Ephesians 1:12-14; Ephesians 5:25-30; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Timothy 3:4-15).

THE LAST DAYS

We believe in the literal interpretation of the Scriptures in their grammatical and historical context. We believe in the pre-tribulational Rapture of the church saints, followed by the seven-year Tribulation. We believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth and His literal rule of one thousand years. Following this one thousand years is the Great White Throne judgment and then the new Heaven and new earth (I Corinthians 15:51-58; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-9; Revelation 19-22).



MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

TRAVIS & SARAH'S EXPERIENCE

After gaining ministry experience at West Coast Baptist College in several capacities, Travis has been able to apply it to the local church ministry. For five years, he has served in a number of areas such as the children's pastor, outreach coordinator, working in the media department, and developing and managing the website. Also, after gaining his master's degree from West Coast Baptist College, he began teaching classes about Discipleship, Psalms, and Children's Ministry in Hawaii Baptist College. He has also restarted a bus ministry that brings people of all ages to hear the Word of God on a weekly basis. Preaching God's Word continues to be his passion whether it's in a service, junior church, or nursing home.

EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW



CHILDREN'S PASTOR

During his time at KBC, Travis has developed the junior church program, restarted a bus ministry, and saw numerous children saved & baptized.



OUTREACH COORDINATOR

With community outreach as a priority, he has knocked on many doors, organized outreach efforts, planned several outreach activities, and designed several tracts.



ACADEMIC INSTRUCTOR

A firm believer in Psalms 22:6, Travis has been heavily involved in teaching from elementary to collegiate level classes.

Both Travis and Sarah have also been heavily involved in the school ministry. Travis had the pleasure of teaching Bible classes and physical education. For three years, Sarah had the privilege of teaching third grade before their daughter was born. Since beginning at Koolau Baptist Church, they have also been the junior church leaders, and were able to see numerous children saved and baptized.

God has used both Travis and Sarah throughout the ministry of Koolau Baptist Church. They have shown a desire to see growth in the church and in people's lives. The experience that God has allowed them to receive has better equipped them to see people saved, baptized, and teach them how to be Godly and fruitful Christians in the new work to come.

TIMELINE AND REFERENCES

CHURCH PLANT TIMELINE

JULY-JAN
2016 2019

Partnering with Churches

Throughout the months of July 2016 - January 2019 we will be actively pursuing both prayer and financial support from like-minded churches with a heart to reach O'ahu and the Hawaiian Islands with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

JAN-MAR
2019 2019

Church Plant Preparations

From mid January to late March, 2019, we complete raising support and move back to the island of O'ahu. We will also be actively inviting the community to our new church through door knocking, canvassing, and direct mailing. It is our goal to get the word out about our church plant to as many people as possible during these 11 weeks.

MAR 2019

Church Plant Launch Month

Following these months of moving, preparation, and outreach, we will be officially launching the new church plant, Lord willing, on the March 24.

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The Future of the Church Plant

We are looking forward with anticipation to what God is going to do on the island of O'ahu. We certainly know that there are still many people in each community who have not heard the life changing truths of the Gospel. As we follow God's call, we are excited to be a part of His work in building His Church here in the Hawaiian Islands.

OUR PURPOSE & VISION

Our greatest desire is that God would use us to reach the needy islands of Hawaii with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our desire not just to see a building that houses a church, but to see a group of people learning to live lives that Christ has called us to live. Would you pray for us as we endeavour to take the Good News of God's love to the many neighborhoods and islands of Hawaii?

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PROJECTED EXPENSES

OVERVIEW

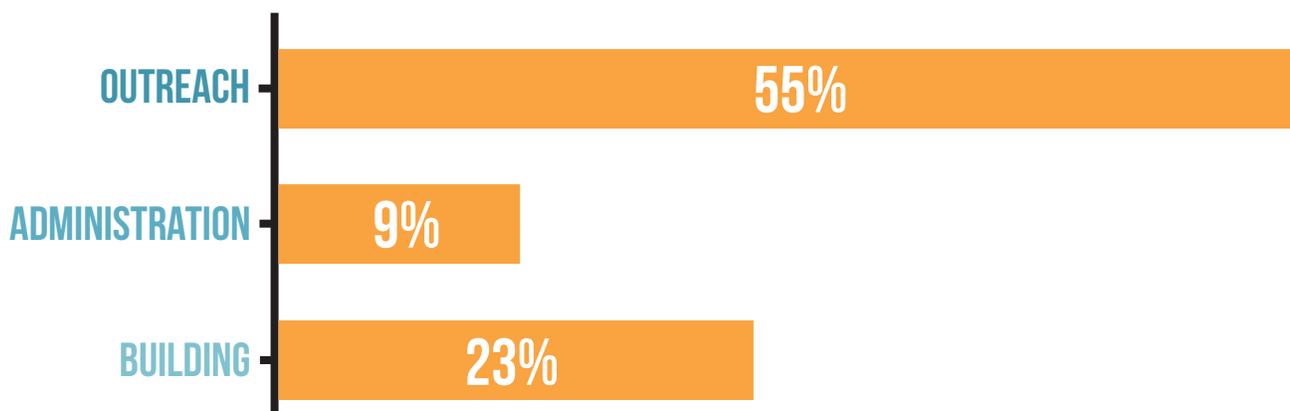
As church planters to the island of Oahu, we understand that there are certain financial obstacles that pose a threat to the life of a new church. With high cost of living, we believe that the following estimates give an accurate idea of what is needed to start a church on Oahu. With about 95% of church planters saying they wish they raised more support before opening their doors, we want to be good stewards of not only God's money, but God's time as well. Lord willing, our goal is to start a church that becomes financially independent as quickly as possible.

All of our incoming monthly and one time gifts will be handled through:

Central Missionary Clearinghouse
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If you would like to donate, please visit our website (www.impactoahu.org/giving) and follow the instructions for physical and online donations.

START UP SUMMARY



CHURCH EXPENSES

There are many things that are necessary to give a church plant the best start possible. After being in the ministry for five years in a work on Oahu and speaking with other church planters on the islands, we believe these amounts are an accurate projection of what a church plant on the island of Oahu needs. For tax purposes and accountability, all funds will be processed through Central Missionary Clearinghouse.

CHURCH START UP - \$40,000

Outreach Materials	\$12,000
Outreach Events	\$8,000
Meeting Location	\$4,500
Computer Equipment	\$2,500
Sound Equipment	\$2,000
Advertising	\$2,000
Church Publications	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Equipment	\$1,500

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