



MEDEIROS FAMILY

Hali'a

As we close the year 2024, we have much to thank God for. He has blessed our family and our church in many ways as we made our way through the hard times and easy times. When we looked for a word that best described not just this last quarter, but the whole year, we thought the word hali'a worked well. This Hawaiian word means "to remember a loved one or to have a fond recollection."

For those of you that don't know, Hawaii is known for being a very transient place. Many things move people to our islands and from our islands. There is the military, the cost of living, family emergencies, and even more reasons one would have to leave the Island. With our church being in a high cost of living area with a military base right down the road, we unfortunately have seen over 25 people have to leave our island and our church family this year alone. They moved away to either other parts of our islands, the mainland, or to cheaper living in southeast Asia.

Something that is not talked about very often with church planting and mission work, is the time it takes to build relationships with people in the community and to see them grow and flourish. Chazz and Kim came to our church years ago. Chazz was already saved as a child, while Kim was raised as a Catholic in the Philippines. Praise the Lord, Kim accepted Christ as her Savior last year, and was baptized earlier this year, but they have now moved to a cheaper area of the world.

Rae accepted Christ back in April '23. He and his wife Rachel just had a baby earlier this year. We were excited to see her grow in our church, but with new orders from the Marine Corp, they PCS'd to Florida. Tony, Laura, Bridget, and their families also had to leave due to the military. Julia and several others accepted Christ, were baptized, and finished our discipleship program. We were ready to see them grow and serve the Lord at our church, but, because of the cost of living, they had to move to the mainland.

There are many facets of church planting. Some sides are happier like Tristan, a young college student, accepting Christ as his Savior back in Oct, but other sides are more sad, like when we have to say goodbye to these believers. If anything though, it teaches us that our time is short with everyone. We only have a few "moments" to impact someone and so we do our best to impact them for eternity with the time we have with them.

Pray for our church family as they are a little discouraged and pray for us as well to stay encouraged and continue to reach souls for Christ no matter how long God allows us to minister to them.

Oct - Dec 2024 Prayer Requests

- Souls to be Saved
- For the families who left to grow
- God to grow His Church
- Church Property Lease Negotiations in Oct '25
- People to Grow and Mature
- Upcoming Friend Day

Our Sending Church

Koolau Baptist Church
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Send Support to:

Central Missionary
Clearinghouse PO Box
219228 Houston, TX 77218-
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Rae and Rachel and baby Raelynn



Kim and Chazz at Kim's Baptism



Tristan Accepted Christ as his Savior

