



Reporting From Maui



Kobi's School Chapel

Time is slipping away again and my promise to make these reports from Maui more frequent has fallen by the wayside. Is it just me or do the weeks we now have only last about 3-4 days? And a month only seems to last about 3 weeks...or so it seems!

Anyway here are some of the things happening to us since 2022 began:



In January I started a series Sunday morning during our Adult Bible class on the various characters mentioned in that great chapter of FAITH: Hebrews 11. We spent about 14 weeks on the series and I was able to encourage 3 of our men to take a character or two and teach about them which in turn encouraged us all. We continued to meet at Kanaha Beach Park (on the North shore) averaging 27 in person for our services and 12 on zoom.

For our midweek studies we finally returned to "in-person" meetings after having to zoom for a couple of years. We had to lose some of our "mainland members" who have been faithfully zooming in with us mainly from California and Texas but thought this was essential to include more of our local brethren. We meet at Kamaole III, a beach park on the South shore which is better for some of our members who live in that area. We averaged 24 for our midweek meetings.



Kamaole III - Wednesdays



Zac had some wisdom teeth pulled without any problems. Kobi tested positive for Covid, the first and only one so far in our family. And our oldest boy Jordan got to visit us since we had not been able to get together for Christmas. His girlfriend, Rachael, was supposed to come with him but also tested positive for Covid so only came a few days later after her quarantine was over.



In February we had a lot of rain. We never got rained out on Sundays, despite some predictions and weather forecasts which made us bring umbrellas. Several of our members had health issues. Kobi tested positive for Covid again but was soon better. Our attendance went up and a few Sundays we had over 40 in attendance. Our midweek attendance was good too. We continued to study "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan, a challenging book on how disciples should live and love as Jesus.

Anu turned 3 (going on 13) in February. She had a tea party and invited some local girls who we knew from playground visits and soccer friendships. She is amazingly outgoing and every time we take her to the park, we meet a new set of parents or grandparents.



In March we had to say goodbye to a couple who had been visiting for several months: Joe and Sarah O'Donnell who have been good supporters of the church here. Fred Cheesebrough, one of our local members took a turn for the worse after battling Alzheimers for a while. We also had a couple of new local families start meeting with us on Sundays which has been very encouraging to us all. We also started back meeting periodically on Sunday nights with a fellowship upcountry at a park near where the Allens live. Lindy flew to Oahu for a couple of days in her role as "Teaching Leader" for the Bible Study Fellowship women's groups in Hawaii. This is an amazing position God has put Lindy in where she is involved in training and teaching and interviewing the women who serve as leaders on all the islands of Hawaii. They have studied Matthew in depth this year.



In April I began adapting a series called "Skeptics Welcome" that Landry had viewed a few years ago. We are using it for our Sunday morning adult class and hope this will be of benefit to any "skeptics" who meet with us as well as

enable our members to handle questions from those skeptical of the Bible or Christianity. We had to change our beach location twice recently, not due to rain but in deference to larger groups who had camped out earlier.

We had to miss a niece's wedding reception in Arkansas this month which is the 3rd wedding of a nephew or niece we have missed.



Kristina & Older Kids' Bible Class - learning about the temple

Susan White left for Texas to help with her brother who was dying of cancer and the Allen family followed her shortly afterwards to help her with his care. They are still there now sorting his house out and the things he left behind. Fred Cheesebrough passed away too rather suddenly, one of the members we have known since 2015. We had several other church members with poor health this month.

On a brighter note, Kobi turned 10 and had a party for several of his school and church friends at the local trampoline park where Zac has been working for 3 years. Lindy flew to Big Island to oversee some of the BSF classes there.

Our numbers both on Sunday and midweek dropped a little this month due to some of our local families being away or ill. Please keep us and the work on Maui in your prayers.



Boys helping to serve communion

We do appreciate your continued support.
Stan, Lindy, Zac, Casey, Kobi and Anu