



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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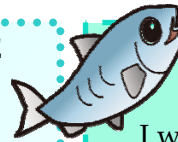
WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

June 2015

- 1 Mon -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Wed -KMH MWSS at Wailuku Church (9:30 am)
- 6 Sat -Church clean up (9:00 am)
-Kanreki Prayer and Mochitsuki in Manoa (4:30 pm)
- 7 Sun -Monthly Svc. Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9:00 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Share Okage
- 8 Mon -HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 12 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hospital Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 13 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 14 Sun -Monthly Memorial Svc (9 am) 月例霊祭 *Share Okage
- 16 Tue -Reiko Sensei rusuban (6/16-18, 21-23) at HNL Church
- 20 Sat -Summer Ohana Camp Day 1 at Camp Erdman
Registration at 9:00 am. Begin at 10:00 am
- 21 Sun -Summer Ohana Camp Day 2 (Ends at 2:00 pm)
-Happy Father's Day! No Sunday Service at Church
- 26 Fri -KMH Minister's Gathering @HNL Church (10:30 am-2p)
*Rev. Shinkichi Kawai (Nakano Church) Speaker
- 27 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Mtg. @HNL Church for all (1:30 pm-3:30 pm) *Rev. Shinkichi Kawai (speaker)
-Kaka'ako Ehimemaru Citrus tree maintenance (9:00 am)
- 28 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Ohana Camp evaluation and share okage till 11 am
- 30 Tue -Church clean up (9 am) *Chorus Practice at HNL (2-4 p)

July 2015

- 1 Wed -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage Stories
- 4 Sat -Happy Independence Day! HOLIDAY
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service *Share Okage stories till 11 am
-Tanabata Star Festival tree decoration and light lunch (11:15 am till about 2 pm)



Sunday School Oath

I will advance my faith through understanding the Founder's teachings and will strive to become a more useful person to society.

Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.

Happy Father's Day! 6-21-15

Diligently helps to support the family
Attentive to his child(ren)'s needs
Dedicated family man



Konko Mission of Wahiawa 5th Summer Ohana Camp "Blessed Earth"

Date: (Sat-Sun) June 20-21, 2015
Place: Camp HR Erdman (Mokuleia)
Time: 9:00 am Registration and settle in cabins (Sat 6/20)
10:00 am Start
10:15 am "Blessed Earth" workshop By
Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi (Honolulu Church)
*Detailed schedule will be given on that day



Memorial Service for Ehimemaru victims and Prayer for Ocean Safety at the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park 5/30/15



Konko Daijin says... "Divine blessings can be received if you are determined to receive them through your own heart. So even when others criticize you, don't let it trouble your heart. Perform your work honestly, and receive divine blessings. It is you, not other people, who must practice faith." (*Gorikai II Morimoto Nobu 1*)

Editor's thoughts: If you want to receive a blessing for something, you must be truly determined to receive that favor. You cannot let other people tell you that you cannot receive blessings. This is a relationship between you and Kami-Sama. The stronger your prayer, the more likely you are to receive that blessing.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2015

- 7/10 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 7/17 Fri -KMH/KCNA Joint Conference at CSU, CA thru 7/19.
- 7/26 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)
- 8/1 Sat -KMH Hawaii Gathering
- 8/9 Sun -KM Oahu Volunteer activity at Kuakini Hospital (9:30 am)
- 8/15 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting at Honolulu (10:30 am)
- 8/21 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 9/6 Sun -WGH Bi-annual Church Visit (10 am)
- 9/11 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 9/13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/20 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/29 Mon -201st Birthday of Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
- 10/4 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 10/11 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 10/13 Tue -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service (6:30 pm)**
- 10/23 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 10/25 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 24th Annual HCRP Peace Prayer (4:00 pm)
- 11/8 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 11/11 Wed -KMH Pilgrimage to Honbu & Faith Training (thru 11/15)
- 11/13 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 11/28 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting (10:30 am)
- 11/29 Sun -Rev. Kikue Kodama's 18th Memorial Svc. @HNL (9 am)
- 12/11 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 12/13 Sun -Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 43rd Memorial Svc. (10 am)
- 12/23 Wed -Rev. Fumio Yasutake's 20th Memorial Service at Amagi
- 12/27 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Wed -Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding (8 am)

Visit to Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific on Memorial Day 5/25/15



Happy Birthday

*To all the people born in June
Please continue to receive
Infinite divine blessings from
Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama and
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama*

Alexander Furusho Jason Adkison Jean Noguchi

**Congratulations to Keith Luke & Kristy Koike who got Happily Married on Sunday, May 24, 2015!
Wishing the two everlasting happiness**



Mini welcome back party with friends for Rodney Sensei and his wife Fong Yip. Happy 1-Year!!



Making my bed after waking up in the morning and giving thanks to it is a way for me to practice mindfulness. The bed, sheets, comforter, pillow all kept me comfortable. I can sleep way better by doing this.



A study showed that seven out of 10 people said they made their bed every day or almost every day. The people who made their beds were 19% more likely to report getting a good night's sleep on most days. "People reported sleeping longer hours and feeling better about going to bed when their bed was made, their sheets were fresh, and their bedroom was comfortable," according to NSF (National Sleep Foundation) Chief Operating Officer David Cloud

-WebMD

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

It's summer!! WooHOO! Congratulations to those who have graduated this school year and students and teachers who have successfully went through a safe school year. We are now at the halfway mark of the year. It's hard to believe how fast the days are passing by.

June 21 is Father's Day. Wishing all fathers a Happy Father's Day! I am thankful for my dad in many ways, but I am especially grateful because my dad was and still is a great faith based family-man. He is the head minister of the Konko Mission of Wahiawa, but since I was a kid, I remember he always spent quality time with the family. He took us fishing almost every weekend at the North shore and the nearby lake. My dad is a man of few words, but he really showed us the meaning of a good life through his actions. We can't choose who are parents will be, but I am very grateful that my dad is my dad. It is my hope and prayer that he will continue to live a long, happy and healthy life.

Blessings come in all sizes and shapes and I wanted to share an episode that just happened as we departed for the Konko Missions in Hawaii Missionary Women's Society Seminar in Wailuku, Maui. The flight was supposed to leave at 8:00 a.m. However, when my mom and I arrived at the airport, the personnel at the counter said that the computer had closed the flight because they are boarding already. It was still 6:45 a.m. so I didn't understand what they were talking about. I showed them my printed itinerary which said 8:00 a.m. departure. The ticket counter person said that the departure time has changed for the flight, and that we were supposed to be there an hour and a half at latest. I had called the airline 3 days ago to reconfirm the flight because I read the newspaper that the airline will reschedule flights. So, even if it was just an interisland flight, something told to me reconfirm it. Indeed, the operator said that the flight will go on as scheduled.

I was unusually calm for some reason, even if I just realized we might not be let on that plane. But I explained our situation. It was an issue of not being informed by the flight company of the change. Thankfully, they were able to let us through and my mom and I were able to get on the plane. Had we been even a minute late, the plane would have left us. I am so thankful for these blessings in desperate situations like these. It's that minor thing I did of calling them a few days ago to confirm the flight that made the ticket counter people change their mind and let us through. One little element could have changed the situation. Even a minor traffic accident on the road on the way to the airport could have made us late. But we made it safely on the flight and landed smoothly. Kami-Sama's blessings follow us in every moment of our lives whether we are aware of them or not.

Our life up till now is an accumulation of millions of experiences and encounters. Even picking up a feather on the road can change your life in the minutes ahead. There is an old folk tale of Japan called "*Warashibe-chonja*." There are several versions of this story, but it basically is a story about a poor and unsuccessful man who was walking the streets. He had no possessions of any kind, but he had a good heart. While walking the streets, the man trips and falls to the ground. As he's getting up, he finds a piece of straw on the road and picks it up. He kept it in his hand and soon a big horsefly stops on the tip of the straw. The man then ties the horsefly to the straw and plays with it. As the he keeps walking, he encounters a mother carrying a crying baby boy. The man wanted to make the crying baby happy, so he gave the horsefly on straw to the baby boy. He became

instantly happy. The mother was very grateful, so she gave the man a few tangerines. He ate a tangerine because he was just starving. But still had a couple left. He kept walking on. Then he encountered an exhausted and dehydrated lady. The man offered the rest of his tangerines to her and she was immediately revived. Feeling grateful, the lady offered the him three rolls of silk. As the man continued to walk on, he encountered a stingy man who wanted to get rid of his skinny sick horse and forcefully had him trade the horse for his rolls of silk. The man felt bummed, but he took good care of the sick horse and it soon became well. He walked the horse in town and encountered a samurai lord who was amazed by the horse he had. The lord wanted to buy it from him for 1,000 golden coins. But that horse was dear to the man so he was reluctant to sell it. Just then, the lord's daughter showed up. She happened to be the dehydrated lady that the man had saved through giving his tangerines. She was happy to see the man again. The lord then offered his daughter to marry him so he can be the heir of their castle. From nothing, the young man was able to obtain an unimaginable blessing. It was all a fortunate encounter and a twist of fate. One little thing led to another. The Japanese lesson to this story is "If you fall down, don't get up without catching something." This folktale can be



applied in any given situation. Another example would be if you become bankrupt, don't continuously sulk and feel sorry for yourself. Get back up and use it as a good lesson to rebuild your credit. Keep walking forward with positive expectations.

Can you think of a little event in life that eventually carried you to be in the great situation you are in right now? It might have been something that happened to someone else that lead up to our existence, too. The founder of the Wahiawa Church,

Rev. Haruko Takahashi was kicked by a horse when she was young. It left her face disfigured and her vision poor. Her encounter with the Konko Church of Honolulu changed her life and her vision greatly improved though the practice of faith. Through the hardship that Haruko Sensei experienced and the great blessings she received later in her life, she established the Konko Mission of Wahiawa. Had she not been kicked by the horse, she may have never encountered the Konko faith. If she did not establish the Wahiawa Church, my parents would not be in Hawaii and I would not have been born. If our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama did not establish the faith to begin with, I would also not exist. It's all connected. When times get difficult, we might lose hope. But we have to look forward to the future. We don't know how that will affect us later on in a positive light. When we close one door, there are countless doors that can open for us. We must have absolute conviction that Kami-Sama will grant us favor.

This month, we will have our 5th church summer ohana camp at Camp HR Erdman. The theme is "Blessed Earth." Our Earth, the soil, is the ultimate giver of our needs and wants. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the metals and resources needed to live and make things came from the great Earth. We are very fortunate that the Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi so willingly offers his time for his inspiring workshops for our camps every year. We are looking forward to having him speak this year again, too. I will update you on our July newsletter about our camp. Thank you for your time in reading till the end. Have a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely, *Edna Yano*