

# Views of the Vision

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## A REUNION OF THANKSGIVING

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.” I Chronicles 16: 34

I praise and thank the Lord for His enduring love and for healing me from multiple myeloma. At my one year checkup at City of Hope in mid-July, Dr. Rosenzweig told me the presence of cancer in my body was less than 3%, down from the 20% presence when the disease was at its worst. Jesus is blessing me with renewed health and extended life.

Since my return to Hawaii one year ago, I have slowly been building up my strength and have returned to some music ministry and work. I’m grateful to be strong enough to sing, play the piano and share from the Word in church and concert presentations. Although not up to full strength, I am able to capably minister in public presentations, though we no longer have the busy schedule we used to in our thirty years of public ministry. But that’s all part of the lesson that God wanted to teach me--to not be too busy serving Him that I neglect loving Him with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength.

The photo above was taken in May when we went to Duarte for the annual reunion of transplant survivors. Every year on the first Friday in May, about three thousand transplant survivors and their families gather to honor and thank the hospital for touching lives and giving renewed health. The big round button I’m wearing indicates I’m a “10 month” survivor. It was a wonderful reunion, spiritually and emotionally uplifting.

In the first year following transplant, I went to City of Hope every three months for a check-up with Dr. Rosenzweig. I

delayed my nine month check a few weeks and scheduled my ten month check-up for May to be at the transplant reunion. There is a musical program and we were hoping to sing and share our thanks to the hospital and the Lord at that time.

At last year’s reunion (which I did not attend because I had dialysis that day), Gay spoke to the chairperson, Dr. Stephen Forman, and told him, “My husband and I are musicians from Hawaii, may we sing at next year’s reunion?” Dr. Forman graciously said he would be open to the idea, but added, “Let’s get your husband well first.”

Since God miraculously answered our prayers for my health and we planned to attend the reunion, we emailed Dr. Forman and asked if we could be on the program. Although he first responded by saying that the program was already full with other performers, persistence on our part, a personal visit to his office with red Hawaiian anthuriums and macadamia nut candies and the mention that Andrew could fly in from New York if we were allowed to sing, might have changed his mind. Two days before the program, Dr. Forman’s assistant called us at our hospital apartment and said that we could have a five minute spot on the program.

He asked that we do something “lively,” not wanting us to do a song that was heavy or “religious” as he knew we were music ministers. We assured him that we would sing a spirited Hawaiian song and dance the hula, which intrigued him because one of his staff members is a hula dancer. At the concert, we took our five minutes and stretched it into a medley. Starting with “Hukilau” with Gay and Andrew dancing and me singing, we segued into “Pearly Shells” and called up Dr. Rosenzweig and others from the audience, including Dr. Forman’s assistant Lauren Acevedo who was a beautiful hula dancer. The audience loved the energy of everyone dancing together.

At the conclusion of the medley, we moved into the final measures of “You’ll Never Walk Alone” for a majestic, inspirational conclusion to our set. We received a standing ovation as everyone was grateful for the range of emotions and music we presented in just a few minutes. I had started off the set by saying, “Thank You God, thank you City of Hope, thank you doctors and nurses and wonderful staff, we love and appreciate you all.” I know I was speaking for the three-thousand gathered whose hearts were full of gratitude for the outstanding care and treatment received at City of Hope.



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After my one-year check up at City of Hope in July, we flew to northern California for one day to surprise Pastor and Mrs. James Sakurai of Santa Clara Valley Japanese Christian Church. Pastor Sakurai was retiring after 30 years of service and will begin a new ministry in Japan. We wanted to be at the retirement luncheon to wish the Sakurais well and to thank them for years of support for our ministry.

In the summer of 1986, Pastor Jim - whom we had met through Reverend Yuichiro Nakano, then pastor of the Honolulu Christian Church Japanese Department - invited us to sing at the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society annual conference at Mount Hermon, California. We attended as representatives of his church at the time - Orange County Holiness Church in Huntington Beach, California. People said to us, "I thought you were from Hawaii, why does your name tag say your church is in California?" Pastor Jim complimented us and said we were a special team, that there was no one like us with a musical ministry for the Japanese churches on the mainland. After we sang at the conference, we received many invitations to sing in California and our mainland ministry was born.

In my first month of receiving treatment for myeloma at City of Hope, Pastor Jim came to visit while attending a church conference in nearby Pasadena. I had started writing on the Caring Bridge blog, but only intermittently. Pastor Jim urged me to continue that work more faithfully. He said that since I was unable to do my music, the Lord had given me a new ministry - writing. He also wanted me to know how he and his church members were encouraged by my words and sharing, how they could relate to the lessons I was learning in my trial to challenges in their own lives. When Pastor Jim told me that,

I felt it was a direct word from the Lord to be faithful to this new writing ministry. That diligence has blessed many and I have had almost 59,000 visits to the site in the last two years. I continue to write and pray that my words and sharing will bless all who read Caring Bridge. Pastor Jim and Mamiko-Sensei, may the Lord bless you in your new work in Japan. Thank you for being a light and example to so many people through the years. You have been a tremendous blessing and encouragement to our lives and ministry.



## BACK TO MUSIC MINISTRY

It's good to be back in music ministry again, though our schedule is less active than before. We are limiting our appearances in churches to two a month (a few more during the holiday season), trying to follow doctors' orders and have a more leisurely pace of service. But we are grateful for the opportunity to visit different church families to thank them for their prayers and support for me during my time of sickness.

In June, we visited the fellowship at the First Baptist Church of Pearl City with Pastor Sterling Lee. Liliko Iizuka, our hula dancer friend who lives in Kobe, Japan, was visiting Hawaii that week and appropriately danced "The Lord's Prayer" during that Father's Day service. We also sang that month at the Pearl City Community Church, joined by the hula sisters there, led by Harriet Carmody and Ethel Kubo dressed in their white muumuus with red sashes (photo above).

In August, we went to Maui at the invitation of Pastor Dexter Teruya to sing for the family at the Kahului Union Church. We also ministered for the Sunday evening service at the Wailuku Door of Faith Church with Pastor Barbara Tengan. In September, we went to Hilo to sing at my sister Ruth Binyan's church, Kaumana Drive Baptist, with Pastor Mark Tagami. We also sang that month at the Ilikai Protestant Church and the Punchbowl at the Plaza at Punchbowl Assisted Living Home.

Earlier this month, we went to Hilo to sing at Kuhio Chapel and Haili Congregational Church where I served as Christian Education Director from 1972-1975. It was a nice return to my hometown and to be with the ohana at Haili. We will also sing at the First Chinese Church of Christ on October 20, and in November, at the Ilikai Protestant Chapel, the Kailua Pentecostal Church, the Punchbowl at the Plaza at Punchbowl Assisted Living Home and the Mililani Community Church.

We have the "Kokoro Ni Hikari O" Christmas concert for Oahu Japanese Christian churches on December 5 at Olivet Baptist Church, Nake'u Awai's annual fashion show on December 7, and the "Night Of Delights" at International Baptist Church on December 15. We thank the Lord for restoring my health so that I can be in music ministry again.

## KALIHI UNION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The weekend of August 23-25 was devoted to the centennial celebration of Kalihi Union, our home church in Honolulu. It was one hundred years ago that Reverend Horace Wright Chamberlain, who had been working with the multi-ethnic members of the Kalihi community and had partnered with other churches and pastors in the area, stepped out in faith and started the church that was to become Kalihi Union.

Through the century, God has blessed Kalihi Union in joyful and challenging times. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to our church and her people through several generations.

We have been at Kalihi since 1967. Gay was a student at the University of Hawaii, I was a transplant student from Hilo on the Manoa campus and had been invited to the church to play the piano at a funeral service. That was a wonderful beginning, and Kalihi has been our home ever since. When we started Christian Vision in 1982, our church promised to be our anchor supporting church, helping us build our independent music ministry and sending us off to be the Lord's musicians to the whole world. We are grateful for Kalihi Union's prayers, support and love that have helped us establish Christian Vision.

Our current pastor is Jonathan Steeper, originally from Canada. His father, William "Bill" Steeper, served at Kalihi in years past, so it's appropriate that Pastor Jonathan should return and serve as our Pastor during this significant time in Kalihi Union's history. Libby Steeper, Jonathan's mother and our dear friend, was able to come and celebrate with us during anniversary weekend, joining former Pastors who were present for the occasion: Stanley Johnson and wife Mary, Rich Weisenbach and wife Patty, John Boaz and wife Charlotte, Peter Kamakawiwoole and wife Rhonda, and Marv Norlien and wife Linda. It was a happy reunion time for our church family and these returning men of God whose love and care for our people continue to this day.

Here are some photos.



Pastor Rich and Patty Weisenbach recently retired from the ministry and make their home in Magnolia, Massachusetts. At left is Marilyn Kawazoe, Kalihi Union member and CV supporter.



Stan Johnson (to Gay's left) will always be "our" pastor. He was at Kalihi Union when we first started attending in 1967, officiated at our wedding in 1971, and has continued to be a friend and mentor through the years. His oldest son David-- who passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease a few years ago --was a gifted musician and one of our best friends. Stan now lives in Los Gatos, California and attended the reunion with his lovely wife Mary (next to Randy), his son Dan (next to Gay), also of Los Gatos, and his daughter Debbie and her husband Anthony Martin of Imperial, Missouri.



Gay and I started a youth choir called New Creation at Kalihi Union in the 1980s. The choir sang in church services and performed cantatas throughout the year. Our biggest outreach was presenting the musical "The Cross And The Switchblade," based on the life of Pastor David Wilkerson and his work with New York street gangs. Pastor Wilkerson's efforts led to the establishment of Teen Challenge, a drug rehab ministry which continues to do life-changing work today around the world. Andrew is a volunteer at Teen Challenge Brooklyn, occasionally singing on the praise team and teaching English classes. The joyfully reunited "youth" choir members are pictured above - a few years older. Former Kalihi pastor Peter Kamakawiwoole is in the second row (next to Randy). Peter played one of the leads in the musical, and several years later returned to serve as one of our beloved pastors at Kalihi Union Church.

## SUMMER MISSION TO JAPAN

Andrew has been working as an intern at NBC television in New York since September 2012. While serving as my caregiver at City of Hope, Andrew learned online of a News Associate program at NBC for aspiring television journalists, and applied for and was one of seven young people chosen to learn the basics of network television news. He gained valuable experience working on shows like The Nightly News, Rock Center and NBC Dateline. The position was to have ended in September 2013, hopefully with a job offer at the end of the term.

The job offer and the answer to his - and our - prayers came early. In mid-June, NBC Dateline - acknowledging Andrew's journalistic gifts - offered him a full-time position as an Associate Producer on the show. Thank You Lord!

We had spoken as a family of possibly going to Japan on a short-term mission in September at the end of the internship period. With this unexpected blessing of a full-time position offered, the trip had to be moved up--and planning had to be done immediately. After Andrew called with the good news of the job, we started planning immediately. In one week, we had received my doctors' approval for my making the trip, had called friends in Kobe and Sendai to arrange for concerts and ministry opportunities, and made the necessary travel, housing and dialysis arrangements. Thank You Lord for helping us quickly put together our summer mission tour.

We left Hawaii for Kobe on June 27, Andrew flew directly from New York and met us in Kobe on June 29. The first week was spent in the portside city visiting good friends Hidemasa and Mariko Takayama and their daughters Mayumi and Saori. On Sunday morning, we sang at Saori's church, Kobe Union, an international church where we sang both in English and in Japanese. Interesting that we met a Hawaii woman there who, before moving to Japan thirty years ago, was a member of our home church, Kalihi Union. During the week, we sang at Mariko's West Ashiya Church for a women's luncheon.

We also sang at the Kobe Yamate Church for Pastor Bomukai. It was back in January 1995 when we sang at the church for the wedding of Pastor's daughter Eiko to Hawaii missionary Tad Matsunaga. The next morning, we were caught in the Great Hanshin earthquake, shaken but safe in the home of Hawaii missionaries Steve and Pam Kaji. More than 6,400 people perished, so we were grateful to be alive!

It was good to see many old friends at the July concert who had been praying for me long-distance after they heard about the myeloma cancer. What an emotional reunion. After the concert, there was a refreshment time. Satoe, one of the young ladies of the church baked a cake for me since it was my 66th birthday on July 1. We are pictured (above right) with Reverend Bomukai and my cake, with a close-up of the cake in the bottom photo. The cake is a reasonable likeness of my face--a full, round visage with gummy bears and assorted candies for my eyebrows, eyes, nose and mouth, and a few chocolate flakes representing my hair at the upper left and right of the circle. I jokingly asked Satoe if she had more chocolate flakes I could add to the top for a more hirsute appearance. Everyone roared with laughter.

A few days later on July 4, it was Gay's 66th birthday. The Takayamas graciously hosted a dinner for us at their home with Mariko, Mayumi and Saori preparing a feast for the whole family. Saori's husband Ryuji and one-year old son Shido were also able to attend and celebrate with us. It was a very happy occasion for the Takayama and Hongo families.



The second week of our mission took us to the earthquake/tsunami stricken cities of Sendai, Minamisanriku and Kessennuma in Tohoku, northern Japan. In God's perfect timing, a mission team of eight members from Kalihi Union was in the area at the same time. We joined forces for a few days of ministry.

Some facts about the disaster: the March 11, 2011 earthquake had a magnitude of 9.0, the most powerful to ever hit Japan and the fifth most powerful in the world ever since recordkeeping began in 1900. The tsunami reached heights of up to 133 feet in some areas and traveled up to 6 miles inland in the city of Sendai which we visited. There were 15,883 deaths and 2,654 people across twenty prefectures. Early estimates placed insured losses from the earthquake alone at \$35 billion. The World Bank's estimated cost was \$253 billion, making this the costliest natural disaster in world history.



These figures indicate the enormity of the disaster and the great need of the people who are living in its aftermath. Two and a half years later, the government is still slowly trying to rebuild the infrastructure and people still live in “temporary” shelters--most without jobs, emotionally vulnerable and spiritually lost and without hope.

The host pastors had told the Kalihi team they did not need laborers to build houses or to clean debris, they needed hope and encouragement for the people which we were able to give through Hawaiian music and dances, Christian praise songs and different craft activities. For a few hours, our mission team was able to relieve the bleakness of their existence and bring the joy of Jesus Christ to the people there.

Pastor David Hazama of Kessennuma said this calamity is giving birth to a new Japan. “Just as God brought new life to the world after the flood during Noah’s time, He is bringing new life to Japan.” Pastor was very thankful for the team’s ministry and wants us to return as often as possible to minister to his people. Pictured above in front of a temporary shelter in Minamisanriku are members of the Kalihi team. The shelter is located on a high mountain, part of which was reached and damaged by the strong tsunami. Some children attending a school on that mountain were killed by the wave, while others were saved by escaping to the upper floors.

At left in the photo in the black blouse is Mayumi Takayama from Kobe who was our driver and translator. To her right is my Aunty Miyo Oe, younger sister of my father Glenn Hongo; behind Aunty is her son Seiichi, and next to him holding an ukulele is Seiichi’s wife Kazuyo. The Oes drove four hours from their home in Hitachi, a seaside town on the eastern coast of Japan, to visit us. We had a happy family reunion.

Our talented and energetic Kalihi Union team members include Aileen Asato, Yolanda Asher, Chester Centino, Annette Gima, Beverly Kawamura, Dennis Kawamura, Yasuko Shiraishi and Bernard Yuen.

An unbelievable sight in the town of Kessennuma was a fishing vessel that had been carried to shore by the tsunami, then grounded after the waters receded. Andrew and I are pictured below, standing in front of the ship, a testament of the strength and force of the tidal wave.



The photo below was taken in Kessennuma in front of the Hongo Chapel, named after the district where the church is located. The Japanese characters in dark, bold print between my head and Andrew’s read “Hongo Chapel.” We felt this was God’s confirmation that our family was in the right place at the right time ministering to His chosen people. Gay and I had planned a trip to sing for the Tohoku disaster victims in December 2011 but had to cancel after learning of my cancer diagnosis. A year and a half later in God’s time and because of His miraculous healing, our family was able to fulfill our mission and encourage the disaster victims with God’s aloha through our songs and testimonies. Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support in this work.



## REPORT BY ANDREW

Dear family and friends,

Thank you so much for praying for my family during our missions trip to Japan this past summer. It was so clear, from beginning to end, that the hand of God was guiding us each and every day of the trip. We were constantly encouraged, knowing that we had prayer warriors across the world interceding on our behalf.

One thing that never ceased to amaze us was that a year ago, my dad was having a stem cell transplant at the City of Hope cancer center in Duarte, California. At that time, he was too weak to speak or eat or bathe himself, and we really had no idea if the transplant would be successful. That he would be back doing overseas missions within a year - I don't think we considered that within the realm of possibility at the time. But praise God that He specializes in working outside the realm of what is humanly possible.

My dad's health held up pretty well throughout the entire trip. Our weekends were busy, with a concert or two every day, but on dialysis days (three times a week), Dad would just rest. My mom, of course, was always giving him his medication, encouraging him to rest, and telling him not to eat so much of the delicious Japanese food. We were impressed with the quality of health care in Japan, and all of the dialysis techs we met were very capable and very kind. I often worried about my dad's health, just knowing the stress travel puts on the body. But at the same time, I saw how happy he was to be ministering and singing again, and I realized that probably the best thing for his health is to do what he loves to do.

For me, the highlight of our trip was our time in Tohoku, the region that had been hit by the earthquake and tsunami. We met up with the short team mission team from Kalihi Union (my home church in Honolulu) and did several programs with them.

On our last day of ministry, we did an hour long program of Hawaiian music for people at a temporary housing shelter. About a dozen people came out, most of them older; one lady was 92 years old.

Mr. Sato, who lives in the temporary housing shelter, told us that when the tsunami came, his son was in school, and because all communication lines were down, he had no way of contacting the school to find out if his son had survived or not. He tried to get to the school, but most of the roads had been flooded, so he had to climb over the surrounding hills and mountains in the area. When he finally arrived at the school, he found his son alive and well. The tsunami had flooded the first story of the school (which itself was on a mountain) and the students had to climb up to the second story of the building. Even then, if the flood had been a foot higher, they all would have perished.

Mr. Sato is not yet a Christian, but before we left the shelter, the Kalihi team and my family all joined in prayer with Mr. Sato and the others at the shelter. We asked the Lord to work in their lives and continue to show His love for them. We believe that the Lord protected them through the disaster because He has a purpose and plan to use them.

This was confirmed by a story my mom told me later. She had put a financial gift into an envelope with one of our family photos, intending to give it to one of our missionary friends in Japan. But before she could actually give it to that friend, she lost it--and she didn't know if she had taken the money out of the envelope or if she had mistakenly given it to another person. The following week, we received an email from Mr. Sato, thanking my mom for her generous gift. Mom said, "Well, I guess that was God's will for him to get that money." She wrote back and asked him to use the money to serve the people who were in need.

The pastors we worked with in Tohoku - Pastor Hazama, Pastor Minegishi, Pastor Nakazawa - have already invited us back for another trip. And next time, of course, they want us to stay longer and visit other areas that need encouragement and hope. They say that our music brings healing to people who desperately need it.

It is hard to know how to pray for people who have lost so much. Though Mr. Sato found his son safe and sound, we met many others who lost not just their homes and belongings, but family members as well.

I remember a year ago when my dad was at his worst during the transplant. He was in an isolation unit because his immune system had basically been knocked out, and I had to wear a mask and gloves whenever I went in to visit him. I would hold his hand and read him from the devotional *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, or I would take in my ukulele and sing praise songs with him. As horrible as his suffering was, I also have to say that the presence of Jesus Christ with us in that isolation unit was so real, so precious, so sweet. He was with us. And that presence, the presence of the Lord Himself, was such a great gift to us.

That is my prayer for the people of Japan. That even through this tragedy, they would come to know the goodness and presence of God each day. Please continue to pray with us for them, and for God's glory to be displayed in this country.

Thank you for your partnership in our ministry,

Andrew



With the Kalihi team at the temporary shelter. Mr. Sato is to the right of my mom with the white towel on his shoulder.

## *Aloha Good and Faithful Servants...*

Several dear servants of the Lord and Christian Vision supporters have passed away recently. We praise and thank the Lord for each one, and pray the Lord's blessing upon their family members as they lean on Jesus for strength and comfort during this time. We love and miss you all, blessed saints, and are grateful for your love and support through the years.

### **Donald Hustad**



Donald Hustad was my music professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky where I studied for my Master of Church Music degree from 1975-1978. Dr. Hustad taught me hymnology, church music history and organ. Don and his wife Ruth had a special love for the students from Hawaii and would often invite us to their home for dinner and warm fellowship. For many years, Don served as organist with the Billy Graham Crusades.

We enjoyed being at Southern's first-ever music school reunion in the summer of 2011 and were disappointed that Dr. Hustad was not able to attend because of frail health. But we drove several hours to the Hustads' home in Chicago to thank them for their love and support for our ministry. Both Don and Ruth went home to be with the Lord earlier this year. We will miss very much these loving, faithful servants of God.

### **Don Baron**



Pastor Don Baron was a man who loved the Word and taught it with great skill and passion. He was one of the founders of the Bible Institute of Hawaii (BIH), a para-church ministry that offers Bible classes to people in the community.

We took many courses from BIH, several from Don whose joy in examining and interpreting the Word was infectious. He made us want to study the Bible even more. One course we took was a study of the Psalms. Because of Pastor Don's inspired teaching, we wrote and recorded several songs including "Pleasant Places" (Psalm 16), "Create In Me" (Psalm 51) and "Make A Joyful Noise" (Psalm 100).

Our personal favorite composition is "Blessed," based on Psalm 1. Some of the lyrics perfectly describe our brother Don: *"Blessed is the man who walks in the sight of the Lord... who listens to the counsel of the wise, who delights in God's word...like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in due season, whose leaves never wither, in all that he does he prospers..."*

We had the privilege of singing that song at Don's funeral service in late September at the request of his wife Ia Mei and son Christopher. Indeed, Don was that blessed man of God who yielded much fruit for the glory of God during his season here on earth.



### **Paul Abe**

After my July check up, Gay and I went to Oceanside to sing for the North Coast Church's Life After Fifty senior program at the invitation of Nancy and Michio Ogomori, Christian Vision supporters

We invited Paul and Bea Abe (pictured above center, with Nancy at left) to attend the luncheon. The Abes--former islanders who moved to the area to be closer to family-- have been faithful supporters through the years. Paul had been in poor health so we were glad he could attend the concert.

A few weeks ago, we received word that Paul had passed away from brain cancer. We thank the Lord for the few hours we were able to spend with brother Paul at the luncheon, grateful that he was able to hear our music in person one last time. How blessed he is now to be in heaven with Jesus, hearing the glorious sounds of the angelic choir.

### **Judy Chinen Tsutsui**

Judy taught Sunday School at Kalihi Union Church and was the wife of Hidemi Tsutsui, former pastor of Ewa Community Church. A member of the well-known Chinen family--many of whom are servants of the Lord including Pastors Calvin Chinen, Gerald Chinen and Hiroshi Chinen--Judy was a faithful supporter of our ministry through the years. We rejoice with her family that Judy is now at eternal rest with the Lord Jesus.

### **George Nomura**

Mr. Nomura was Gay's choir teacher at Waipahu High School, the man who taught her basic music education and helped make her the fine musician she is today. He would often tell Gay that she was off-pitch--a critique that helped Gay develop her musical ear. An excellent trumpet teacher, Mr. Nomura did compliment Gay in recent years saying her pitch was "perfect." Gay was elated to hear this until George's wife Pat said, "You know he's going deaf." We were honored when Pat asked us to sing at Mr. Nomura's funeral service at Olivet Baptist Church.

### **John Robillard**

I met John and Kris Robillard in the 1980s when I was playing piano at the Halekulani Hotel in Waikiki. They loved my music, we became friends and remained close through the years. When they heard we were building the Hongo Music Education Center, the Robillards donated their beautiful black Kawaiii baby grand piano and shipped it to Hawaii where we are keeping it in our apartment until the Center is built.

In late July, John was hospitalized with a tumor on his neck. After a few rough days and intense prayers, the doctors pronounced him better and he was able to go home to convalesce with Kris and their beloved dog Smoochy. On October 14, Kris called. John had a relapse and was in the hospital. She asked us to sing to him, we sang "Amazing Grace." Later in the day, John succumbed to the disease. John's favorite song of ours was "Christmas, Hawaiian Style." When we sing that song this December, we will certainly be dedicating it to our dear brother and friend, John Robillard.

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## *Ministry Calendar*

### OCTOBER

- 20 First Chinese Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m. Worship  
1064 South King Street, Honolulu

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Ilikai Protestant Church, 9 a.m. Worship  
1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu
- 10 Kailua Pentecostal Church, 11 a.m. Worship  
298 Kakahiaka Street, Kailua
- 17 The Plaza Assisted Living Home, 9:30 a.m. Worship  
918 Lunalilo Street, Honolulu
- 24 Mililani Community Church, 9 a.m. Worship  
95-801 Kipapa Drive, Mililani

### DECEMBER

- 5 Olivet Baptist Church, "Kokoro Ni Hikari O" Concert, 7 p.m.  
1775 South Beretania Street, Honolulu
- 7 Nake'u Awai Fashion Show, 12:30 p.m.  
Ko'olau Ballroom, Kaneohe
- 15 International Baptist Church, "Night Of Delights," 6:30 p.m.  
20 Dowsett Avenue, Honolulu



While in Japan, we sang at the Kihei Nursing Home in Osaka for the family of Pastor Yoshitaka Fujinami of Kalihi Union's Japanese Fellowship. Pictured are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fujinami, and his sisters Kazue and Rikako. Mrs. Fujinami, a resident at Kihei, joined Gay in singing some Japanese folk songs and surprised us all with her beautiful soprano voice.