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ORIGINS

*You are thinking that you are already near fifty.
Yet in the eyes of God you have many years ahead of you.
Ofudesaki I:63*



*37th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar - August 26, 2007
Tenri Cultural Center*

Message from the Head of the Overseas Department August 26, Tenrikyo 170

Thank you for all of your daily sincere efforts within your positions and duties.

This summer's fierce heat was on a record-breaking level and although the heat still lingers in Jiba, the monthly service fell on a Sunday so many followers returned in large numbers. The August monthly service was performed without mishap with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the monthly service prayer, the Shinbashira touched on the subject of the Successors' of the Path Seminar being held (in Japan and in various countries) from the 28th of August to April of next year. He talked about how each person, drawn to this path based on their causality, will succeed the path that Oyasama laid out for them without fail, and put the Teachings into practice with conviction. He also asked that through our determined efforts, we would grow evermore spiritually to lead the construction of the Joyous Life World.

After the Service, Honbu-in Rev. Seitaro Yamada mentioned in his sermon that even though the summer activities in Jiba, such as the Children's Pilgrimage, the Tenrikyo Student Association Spiritual Development High School Course, and the Successors' of the Path Seminar, allow us to learn the Teachings in Jiba, the efforts that we apply when we go back to our own homes and countries are all the more meaningful and important.

In addition, because this year is the significant year of the 170th year of Tenrikyo, he also talked about the day of origin of the faith.

Then he spoke about the mind of "greed," citing passages from the first part of Chapter Three, "On the Way" from *The Life of Oyasama, Foundress of Tenrikyo*, and also from the *The Mikagura-uta, Songs for the Service*. Rev. Yamada said that the mind of "greed" means wanting everything to come your way. While we humans cannot help but feel that way at times, he conveyed that we must let go of the mind of "greed" and change the way we think or we may be unable to advance towards the Joyous Life.

Rev. Yamada concluded his sermon by encouraging as many people as possible to return to Jiba for the Autumn Grand Service, which will be held on October 26th in the 170th year of Tenrikyo.

As the Shinbashira mentioned in his prayer, the Successors' of the Path Seminar will begin the day after tomorrow. At the same time, the Seminar will be held overseas in twenty-one different locations. Let us apply our utmost effort so that the younger generation in various places and countries can deepen their faith considerably through these Successors' of the Path Seminars. I humbly ask for your cooperation.

Yoichiro Miyamori, Head of the Overseas Department

August Monthly Service Prayer

Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, residing in this shrine, I, (Michihito Hamada, bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii) pray with reverence.

God the Parent, out of Your deep parental love for all Your children, there isn't a moment You cease to protect us, as You advance to allow us the blessing of world salvation. For this we are deeply grateful, and in repayment we are striving to meet Your desire by daily engaging in the effort of sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the August monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. Today, we are honored with the presence of the vice-head of the Overseas Department, Reverend Hirokazu Moroi and Reverend Nozomu Itakura. We brothers and sisters of this Path have looked forward to this day and today, we are gathered here in prayer before You to sing the Mikagura-uta. As You watch us, we hope that You can be spirited as well. This summer, Ojiba was filled with 25,000 children, and despite the extreme hot weather, the Hawaii group was able participate and return with enhanced joy in their hearts. Also prior to this, the students of the Oyasato Seminar were able to deepen their knowledge of the teachings in good health. Also last month, the All National Junior Judo Tournament was held in Texas. 17 of the 22 participating members from the Tenri Judo Club placed between the 1st and 3rd place awards displaying outstanding results during this tournament. Also on the 26th, the Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held, and we hope that this will further advance our effort in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings to others in this district. As we spiritedly pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, we hope that we can effectively direct the minds of all those in the world who still know nothing of the sincere Parent toward the Joyous Life, by striving with all our effort to relay the intention and workings of the Original Parent.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity and as the people of the world striving to attain harmony by helping one another, we ask that You guide us toward reconstructing the world into a world of unlimited joy. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.

Mission HQ August Monthly Service Sermon

Reverend Hirokazu Moroi

(Tenrikyo Overseas Department Vice-Head)



Today, I would like to congratulate you for completing the monthly service at the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii.

It has been 4 years, and a while since I last was able to be here to attend the monthly service. Since I have been given the opportunity to deliver the sermon, I would like to fulfill this by sharing some of my thoughts on a few things regarding recent matters at the Overseas Department. I ask for your kind attention.

Before I begin the sermon, I would like to express a word of gratitude to all of you. Last year being the 120th Anniversary of Oyasama, we urged everyone to invite as many as possible to return to be near Oyasama so that Jiba could be bustling with many returning followers. Thanks to the effort of all followers of this religion,

your heartfelt sincerity was received, as we were able to see a multitude of bright and smiling faces as we greeted many returning followers to Jiba during the past year. Many returned from Hawaii as well. There is no parent who does not rejoice at the sight of brothers and sisters lovingly coming together as they return home and I am sure that this brought much joy to Oyasama. Also, I am sure there were many who although were not able to physically return to Jiba, directed their sincerity toward Oyasama, as they prayed from Hawaii. At this time, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your dedication and effort.

Also the summer in Jiba as it is every year, was livened by the Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba, which commenced over a period of 10 days, from the 26th last month directly following the monthly service, until the 4th of this month. Although it was no comparison to last year, as always, the air was filled with many cheerful voices of children. I am sure Oyasama viewed this smiling from ear to ear and we along with Her, could not help but feel joy. This year, the rainy season had a late start and I found that I was not the only one who was worried it would not come until the children's pilgrimage began. However,

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due to the wondrous blessings of Oyasama, during the pilgrimage, the children were able to bask under the summer sun, in complete enjoyment. Even then, due to an approaching typhoon, the last two days were filled with cloudy skies. However, miraculously enough, the typhoon missed Jiba by many miles and I cannot express enough how the children were protected as the warmth of the Parent could be felt. According to the words of Oyasama, “Whoever comes to this house, never leaves without being filled with joy,” I feel joy that there were many facets to the way we were able to experience this. Today, I am sure there are many of you here who accompanied the children back to Jiba and I would like to commend you for your effort in guiding them. Thank you very much.

I would now like to begin the main portion of my sermon. Actually, I would like to express my thoughts on the topic I just mentioned, which is about “returning to Jiba”. When we think about returning to Jiba and reflect back to its beginnings, we must after all, look back to that time when Oyasama was still physically present. And I feel the stories within the Anecdotes of Oyasama can best tell us how matters were during that time. I now would like to read you story number 16 from the anecdotes, *The Child’s Concern For The Parent*.

Kiku, mother of Isaburo Masui, became ill. Her condition gradually worsened and reached the critical stage. After waiting impatiently for daybreak, Isaburo left Izushichijo Village early in the

morning and, walking about five and a half kilometers, he returned to the Residence. When he was received by Oyasama, he asked, “Please save my mother from her illness.” Oyasama replied, “I’m sorry, Isaburo, in spite of your request she cannot be saved.”

As this reply came from Oyasama Herself, he excused himself from Her presence, saying, “I see, I understand, “ and returned home. However, when he saw his mother suffering from illness, he was overwhelmed with the thought, “Oh, I want her to be saved at any cost.”

Therefore, he again returned to the Residence and asked earnestly, “Please, I beg of you, I wish to have my mother saved however difficult it may be.” Oyasama replied again: “Isaburo, I am sorry, she cannot be saved.”

When Isaburo was so told by Oyasama, he was convinced for the time being that nothing could be done. However, when he came home and again saw his mother suffering, he could not bear to sit by and do nothing.

So again, he trudged back the five and a half kilometers. When he arrived at the Residence it was already dark. He was told that Oyasama was already in bed, but he implored again, “I understand that my mother cannot be saved but somehow, please, save her.” Then Oyasama said:

“The child comes for the sake of his parent to ask that the life, which cannot be saved, be saved at whatever cost. This is sincerity itself. If sincere, God will accept.”

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With these gracious words, Kiku, Isaburo's mother was saved from the life that could not be saved otherwise, and lived to be eighty-eight.

One thing this story teaches, is that on our part, we have an important goal to return to Jiba and the other, teaches us the mind we must foster in order to attain that goal. Further on top of that, I feel this story also allows us to become aware of the immense parental heart and blessings we are capable of receiving. What is made clear through this story, is that sincere mind we hear about, which desires for another to be saved (in this case, from the stand point of a child, the deep desire toward the mother), and being embraced by the warmth of the parental heart who desires to give salvation.

And another story, number 182, "The Residence Of Origin"

Naka, wife of Denshichi Oura of Kasama Village in Yamato Province, suddenly felt an acute pain in her forefinger, which would not abate. She asked their neighbor, Hyoshiro Kami, to pray for her. When Hyoshiro prayed for her, the pain stopped. But a short while later, her finger became painful again. Again, she had Hyoshiro pray, and then again the pain stopped. After this happened three or four times, Hyoshiro said, "Let's return to Jiba and ask Oyasama."

So Naka, accompanied by Hyoshiro, returned to the Residence and was received by Oyasama. At their request, Oyasama breathed three times upon Naka's forefinger. At that moment, the acute pain

stopped instantly. Naka was deeply moved by this instantaneous blessing and thought, "What a truly marvelous God!" On this occasion, Oyasama said:

"This is the Residence of Origin where human beings were first created. In the future, people will come here from all over the world and say, 'This is indeed the place of man's origin, the parental home.' This village will be a busy town where you can buy anything by just taking a step outside the Residence."

This story is about the Residence of Origin, which we as human beings must return to, and this is what is referred to as 'returning home to Jiba'. This Residence is the birthplace of all humankind in the world and is considered by all who returns, as their hometown. It is said that when one has some time to rest, out of their desire to bring joy to the Parent, no matter what may be, it is a place they desire to return to. Because the Parent is waiting, it is a place where one desires to return. Oyasama is no different toward anyone. She is only waiting anxiously for Her children to return. And She waits for our return with a heart that desires, "Whoever comes to this house, never leaves without being filled with joy." It is because Oyasama is always present, that we want to return.

The two stories you just heard were chosen especially for the sake of this sermon. I am sure you are all aware of this; however, mostly all of the stories in the Anecdotes are about Oyasama who awaits our return. As we rely on the parental heart of Oyasama, we all desire to acquire that

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mind within ourselves and the place where we go in yearning desire for Oyasama is called Jiba. I am sure it brings joy to God the Parent to see us in this state of mind.

And it is said that even gifts are given to us when we return. This is clearly expressed in the following story. Number 79, “Children Who Return”.

Oyasama once told Jirokichi Kita the following: “Among the many children who return to Jiba some people pack things and take them in carts; some put things in a wrapping cloth and carry them on their back; some put as many things as possible in a torn wrapping cloth and carry them in their arms; and some lose everything before they reach home.”

God the Parent discriminates against no one who returns home, and desires to have every person take back many gifts with them. What a grateful thing! However, I feel this story teaches us that the amount of gifts we are able to carry back, all depends on us.

By the way, a little while ago, an acquaintance called upon me for some advice. This person told me that in recent years, he could not help but feel troubled and depressed. One could simply account for this as an illness of the heart, however, this person, knowing that it would not do as a follower of the faith, wanted to bring himself back to that way of life that is focused on Oyasama. However, this time it was difficult. He claimed that it was difficult to pull him away from having a mind that was abrasive and easily affected by anything he came into contact with. I

advised him that, when I heard about his situation, that I deeply felt he was being guided by God the Parent’s teachings, which is that “we are brought together according to the causality of previous lives.” I told him that his mind was not being accepting, and with an abrasive mind, no matter how wonderful the story, it could not settle his mind. I advised him of something he could do physically, something he could continue to do, that would help him. It is something that can be seen and readily done by those living in Jiba everyday. That is the corridor cleaning at the Main Sanctuary.

It is a way in which one can quietly sow the seeds of sincerity at the Residence at the Jiba of Origin. It is something that can be done by anyone. However, because it is so easily accessible, we tend to lose sight of the fact that it is the best thing for one to do. However, we must not lose sight of this thankful opportunity to sow the seeds of sincerity. With this, I have taken the opportunity to express my feelings on this matter.

This person is actually a very accepting person and right away from the following day, he took my advice to action. The result, as I am sure you know, is reflected in the truly marvelous way his being-ness is gradually becoming joyful. He says that he could feel his heart gradually becoming lighter with each passing day.

We can even lose control of our own minds. However, as long as we make it possible to receive God’s blessings, we can change our minds to become a mind

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capable of asking for blessings. As we sow the seeds of sincerity at the Residence, if we apply our effort thinking that it will bring joy to Oyasama, it is possible to receive miraculous blessings.

Today, I talked a little about returning to Jiba and sowing the seeds of sincerity. However, lastly, there is one more point I would like to express. Since I have come to the Overseas Department, in my travels to many places around the world, there is one thing I have come to recognize, and that is the reason why the mission headquarters was established.

The mission headquarters is a place that represents the Jiba, and as an example of the joyous life, it functions as and has the responsibility of a church. And one thing, it exceeds the boundaries of the church lineage, and assists the congregation in helping each other to spread in depth the joy of faith to others. It has the responsibility somewhat like that of a diocese in Japan. I know you all are well aware of this. There is something that I have been thinking of regarding the time the mission headquarters was established that clearly expressed the parental heart. It is regarding the fact that although there is a desire to return to Ojiba, being in a far-away country having to cross an ocean to accomplish this makes it difficult for all of you to return. Because of this, the mission headquarters was established so that you could express your fervent desire toward the Jiba and Oyasama on a daily basis. It

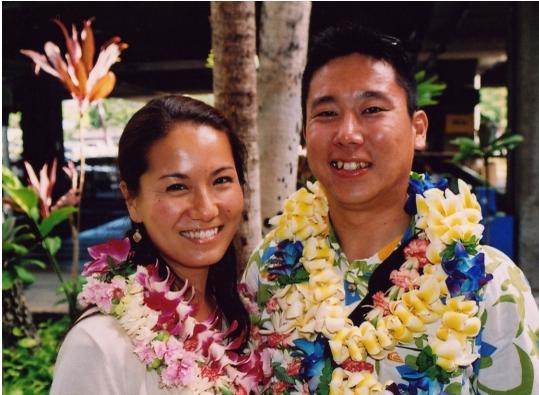
is not to say that it takes the place of Jiba. However, I feel there is a desire that it can be the next best thing and a place where those here can rely on to find peace of mind. I know that I do not need to mention this and I know you are able to feel and understand this as you come to the mission headquarters on a regular basis. Yet it is something I have been strongly feeling and I wanted the opportunity to express it as the final point of my sermon.

It is alright to say that the mission headquarters is the headquarters of Hawaii, so if you all apply your effort to connect your mind and body toward God the Parent and Oyasama, I am certain that your effort will be accepted in the same way it would if you had actually returned to Jiba. I feel that if you visit the mission headquarters bearing the intention to return to Jiba to sow the seeds of sincerity, it will be accepted in that way and on top of that, you will even be able to receive the blessings which will make it possible for you to return to Jiba.

To bring further joy to Oyasama, who always guides us with Her cheerful parental heart, we must follow the path of our faith with a cheerful mind of gratitude for the blessings we receive from God the Parent. As we pass on the desire to make repayment for the blessings we receive from God to the next generation, let us together deepen the course of our faith.

I thank you for your kind attention.

Encounters with Salvation



Moses and Chieko Nakao

by Moses Nakao

Allow me to share with you, one of the many wonderful lectures that I have heard during my time in Jiba.

Among the billions of people on this earth, I think it's safe to say that there is not a single person without problems. Everybody has problems and we are all given a life-time to deal with these problems. Some have a knack for solving their problems quickly, while others might be good at pretending that they don't have any problems, and then there are those who have great difficulty in managing their problems. However, these problems are good! We like to think that these problems are not problems, but are guidance's from God. It is through faith that we are given the power to deal with these problems. These guidance's give us the opportunity to cleanse our minds and souls.

We followers of the Tenrikyo path

are so lucky! Why do we get to be so lucky?! While others may fully rely on a professional in medicine or counseling to deal with their problems, we have been given two essential tools taught to us by Oyasama. We are taught that the Service and the Sazuke (Divine Grant) are the means to salvation of your mind and of the world. I cannot help but believe that we are truly fortunate to have the causality within this lifetime to be blessed in learning the Service and being bestowed the Sazuke. It is through the performance of the service and administering of the Sazuke that we are able to receive the unlimited blessings of God the Parent. Our minds have a limitless power, but we haven't realized its true potential. Faith is what releases this power. Let us unlock this power by actively engaging in our faith and realize a life of joy. If you can experience and savor this joy of living for just a moment, you will surely want to share your joy of faith with those around you. Please do not hesitate to share your joy with your friends, neighbors, co-workers and especially your family!

I am truly grateful for all the opportunities that I have been given in Jiba. The two years that I was at the Overseas Department was truly a rewarding experience. I was able to be a part of many projects and events for the advancement of the overseas path, (*continued on page 10*)

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especially during the 120th Anniversary of Oyasama and the events throughout the seasonable year. Through the guidance of many, I was able to attend the Spiritual Development Course with my wife, Chieko. We were blessed with the opportunity to strengthen our relationship as a couple and study the Teachings of Oyasama together. Upon completion of

the Spiritual Development Course, Chieko and I were wed in the presence of Oyasama with Bishop Hamada presiding as the chief officiant. I attended the Minister Qualification Course One before returning to Hawaii. Chieko and I plan to engage in hinokishin with united minds and in high spirits for two years at Hawaii Dendocho. We ask for your cooperation as we work together to realize the Joyous Life.

September Monthly Service

September 16, 2007 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Sermon in English by Rev. Mark Hisao

Japanese Interpretation by Mrs. Taeko Nakao



2007 Pilgrimage to Jiba

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October Pilgrimage to Jiba

10/17 (Wed) -10/27 (Sat)

10/23 (Tue) -10/31 (Wed)

**On October 25, Thursday, there will be a dinner hosted by the Overseas Department. The dinner will start at 4:00 p.m. at Dining Hall 6 and the entrance fee will be 1,000 yen. Please make reservations with your church for this event.*

ISLAND LIFE

37th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar

With a totally new steering committee, the 37th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held with nervous anticipation with several changes taking place; including

1. Discontinued use of most of the wooden booth frames due to old age and replaced by using more tables borrowed from the many Tenrikyo churches on Oahu.

2. Purchase and use of two 20 x 40 canopies, use of three YMA canopies; which drastically reduced the use of rental canopies.

3. Installing a stage and creating an entertainment program.

4. Expanding the bazaar area partially into the parking area to give more roaming room for bazaar patrons.



YWC Cookie Booth



Tenri Saturday School kids perform!



Keiki Hula



Takoyaki(Grilled Octopus)

ISLAND LIFE

However, due to the sincere hinokishin efforts of everyone involved, many items were sold out or near sold out. Island favorite Bar-be-que chicken was sold out for the first time in many years. People also enjoyed new items such as BBQ short ribs, Kalua pork and cabbage plate lunch, Tenri Stamina Ramen (2nd year), bubble drinks (3rd year), bounce house (2nd year) and tsukemono (Japanese pickled vegetables)! Of surprising and lasting popularity was oden (stewed vegetables variety) with a constant long line of customers, some waiting with big pots in their hands! The parking lot volunteers had their hands full with the parking lots at the Tenri Cultural Center, Nuuanu Mortuary and Honolulu Central Seventh Day Adventist all being

full for most of the day!

While bazaar volunteers were kept busy at the booths with a constant flow of customers, bazaar patrons also relaxed in the dining area enjoying the various entertainment which included: Tenrikyo Aloha Band, Rev. Mima's Band, Japanese Songs by Tenri Saturday School Kids, music by Kui Lima, Mochi Pounding demonstration, Hawaiian music by Manawa Elua, sushi and water melon eating contest, and Hula, Keiki Hula, Hawaiian and Japanese music by Tenri Stamina Ramen Hawaiian Hula Band. In between the performances, several ministers gave short talks on the tenrikyo teachings.



Making Andagi



Juda Club members bagging B-B-Q chicken

BGA UNICEF DONATION DRIVE

It's that time of year again! We ask for your support in aiding children around the world who need our help. Boxes will be available at Mission HQ until September 26th. Trick-or-Treat!



What Do You Think?

*Q: What is your favorite thing about the Bazaar?
What will you remember the most?*



Jean Matsunobu (79)

"The people that come are so happy to be here because they can get so many things for a reasonable price. They get these items for cheap prices and are happy & making people happy is hinokishin. That's real nioigake right?! Haha! So let's keep it going."



Ty Khong (27)

"I really enjoyed the kind personality of everyone. It was really uplifting to see everybody interacting and having fun. That being said, the thing I will remember the most is the heat!"



Cheryl Horikawa (22)

"My favorite thing about the bazaar is when it hits 2:30, because that means I'm done with everything. Haha! Seriously though, my favorite is being able to see my Oyasato Seminar students."



Bishop Rapoza (8)

Tenri Judo Club

(2-Time National Gold Medal Winner)

"The games, the food, and the trampoline! I like them because they are fun! I'll definitely be back next year."

Children's Pilgrimage

The 2007 Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba Hawaii main group departed on July 18 with nine people and arrived in Jiba on July 19. The group split up by their respective grand church affiliations and then on July 24, all twenty-two participants (including those which departed on other dates) join together at the 38th Moya (followers' dormitory) in the evening of July 24th.

Five kids and one counselor, Lucas Nakao, joined the International Boy's and Girl's Hinokishin Corps with eight others from the mainland U.S.A, Canada and Australia forming the English-speaking group. Other countries, included: Taiwan and Korea.

Since the Hawaii main group of four kids was small in number we joined up

with the mainland U.S.A./Canada group for most of the activities which helped the Overseas Department in providing interpretation and English-speaking staff which was necessary for some of the activities.

The Tenrikyo Aloha Band led by Jason Miyauchi with six members participated in the Oyasato Parade on July 27th and the Dedication Performance on July 29th.

This year's Children's Pilgrimage was marked by renewed friendship and cooperation with the mainland USA/Canada group. We shared our faith by taking turns leading the morning and evenings services and giving short faith talks held in the large assembly room on the 2nd floor of the 38th Moya.



KAILUA KONA CHURCH SENDS FIVE TO CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE

For this year's Children's Pilgrimage in Jiba, Kailua Kona Church Reverend Sparky Shiba was able to send five participants to the festivities in Tenri. We caught up with Reverend Shiba and asked how he was able to send all five children this year.

Aloha Everyone,

We had five young men, age 15 years, who decided as long time best friends to go to Japan. They came up with a two week five city tour and had Timothy's father (Rev. Sparky Shiiba) to help make the trip a reality.

We had the young men agree to these promises:

1. The young men will keep up and finish the school year with good grades.
2. They will help in all fundraiser activities to pay for the trip.
3. They will get a summer part time job as soon as possible.

We started by selling snicker bars at school, sold spam musubi's too. There were two car washes, two garage sales, once a lemonade stand sale, got some Hayden Mango (golden red) bought by two stores for cash, collected one week empty bottles for cash, collected used books for cash, and sold lunch boxes in town to workers in businesses for cash.

They were able to support themselves without asking for money from their parents. It was such a successful effort - attaining the goals-\$2,500 for plane fare and transportation, spending money from summer jobs, and did another act.

We had a sign- "Tenrikyo Kailua-Kona Church, boys' fundraiser for Trip to Japan, please donate!"

When people saw the sign, there were some who gave more than the price of the product, like an extra \$5, \$10, or \$20, and a few persons did not buy but only left the money as a donation. With help from six radio stations, three all island newspapers, and some neighbors; we were able to make this trip.

We spread nioigake- told the words of Tenrikyo as people asked what is this religion and where we were going in Japan.

Thank you,
Reverend Sparky Shiba

NEW BABY ON BOARD!



LEA ASUKA YAMAMOTO

BORN: AUGUST 2, 2007

WEIGHT: 6 LBS. OZ. 20 INCH.

**PARENTS: HIRONORI & YUMIKO
YAMAMOTO**

**CHURCH: HIMIYA BRANCH CHURCH/
NAN'A GRAND CHURCH
CONGRATULATIONS!**

HAWAII TENRI JUDO NEWS

TWENTY-TWO PARTICIPATE AT THE NATIONALS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS!

In another record-breaking year for Hawaii Tenri Judo placed eighteen of twenty-two participants at the USA Judo National Junior Olympic Judo Championships at San Antonio, Texas on July 21 & 22; including nine gold, 7 silver and 2 bronze finishes. Also, fourteen placed at the USA Judo Junior Open Championship at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on July 28 & 29; including nine gold, one silver and four bronze.

In total points, Hawaii Tenri Judo placed second overall in the nationals at San Antonio. In other awards Teniya Alo won the Most Outstanding Bantam award at the US Junior Open and Taylor Ibera earned the USJF International Female Youth Athlete Of the Year Award!

U.S.A. Judo National Junior Olympic Judo Championship, San Antonio, Texas
Gold medal winners:

- Bishop Rapoza, Bantam 3; 31kg
- Chrissy Chow, IJF Junior; 52kg
- Chrissy Chow, Juvenile B; 52kg
- Mindy Chow, Juvenile A; 53kg
- Teshya Alo, Intermediate 1; 30kg
- Cassidy Chandler, Intermediate 2; 38kg

- Bree Rapoza, Intermediate 2; 48kg
- Dane Pestano, Intermediate 2; +73kg

Silver medal winners:

- Braun Castro, Bantam 2; 21kg
- Jared Kaneko, Bantam 3; 31kg
- Arnold Toriumi, IJF Junior; 60kg
- Teniya Alo, Bantam 3; 23kg
- Taylor Ibera, IJF Junior; 44kg
- Kaylin Castro, Intermediate 1; 34 kg
- Chaeden Grace-Reyes, Intermediate 1; 34kg

Bronze medal winners:

- Katherine Lum, Juvenile A; 44kg
- Czarina Pineda-Abaya, Bantam; 23kg

4th place winners:

- Noah Pineda-Abaya, Intermediate 1; 30kg
- Brayden Bella, Bantam 1; 19kg

U.S.A. Judo Junior Open Championship, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Gold medal winners:

- Bree Rapoza, Intermediate 2; 48kg
- Teshya Alo, Intermediate 1; 30kg
- Dane Pestano, Intermediate 2; +60kg
- Taylor Ibera, IJF Junior; 44kg
- Chrissy Chow, Juvenile B; 52kg
- Teniya Alo, Bantam; 23kg
- Bishop Rapoza, Bantam; 31kg
- Mindy Chow, Juvenile A; 53kg
- Taylor Ibera, Juvenile B; 44kg

Silver medal winners:

- Daniel Chow, IJF Junior; 66kg

Bronze medal winners:

- Czarina Pineda-Abaya, Bantam; 23kg
- Chaeden Grace-Reyes, Intermediate 2; 48kg
- Noah Pineda-Abaya, Intermediate 2; 48kg
- Chrissy Chow, IJF Junior; 52kg

5th place:

- Caeleb Reyes, Intermediate 1; 30kg

MISSION HQ (DENDOCHO) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Autumn Memorial Service

September 27, Thursday 10:00 a.m. at Mission HQ

The following anniversaries will be observed at this coming Memorial Service:

5th anniversary	Rev. Miyako Inouye, first head of Rainbow Mission Station
20th anniversary	Mrs. Haruko Miyasato, follower of Tohi Grand Church
30th anniversary	Rev. Masayuki Iwata, first head of Honolulu Ko Church
30th anniversary	Kazuo Okamoto, fourth head of Open Church

Tenrikyo Language Institute (TLI) Application

Mission HQ (Dendocho) has received the application forms for the 2008-2009 academic year for the Japanese Language Department of Tenrikyo Language Institute (TLI) as well as application forms for the Ichiretsukai Scholarship for students admitted to the school. For those who wish to apply, please notify Mission HQ (Dendocho) by the end of August. Additional information are as follows:

Form	Application Period	Fee
TLI Japanese Department	September 1st to 27th	\$5.00 per application
Ichiretsukai Scholarship	September 1st to 27th	No Fee

Mission HQ Staff Changes

Welcome Moses & Chieko!

On August 16, Thursday, Overseas Department staff Mr. & Mrs. Moses Nakao (Pearl Church/Tengen Grand Church) arrived in Hawaii. Moses & his wife, Chieko, had previously been stationed at the Overseas Mission Department in Tenri, and will now be stationed in Hawaii. Moses will be part of Mission HQ's office staff, while Chieko will assist Mission HQ's kitchen staff. Welcome to the new happy couple & best of luck!



Thank You Mitsui Family!

On August 22, Thursday, Overseas Department staff member Mr. Akihito Mitsui & family (Tokushima Church/Muya Grand Church) returned to Japan. Mr. Mitsui & his wife, Fumi, have spent the last 4 years & 3 months as part of the Mission HQ staff. Along the way, they were blessed with two sons, Hiro Ryan & Kai Dylan. Upon returning home they will be stationed at the Overseas Mission Department North America Section until March. Thank you very much to the Mitsui family! We will really miss you guys!



*The Mitsui Family - Fumi, Kai
Dylan, Hiro Ryan, & Akihito (Michi)*

All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day

Date: September 29th (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Please assemble at Old Stadium Park in Moilili.
We will separate into three groups: Door-to-door nioigake group and two groups for park cleaning.

Shuttle Bus

For those who would like to ride the shuttle bus, please reserve your seat with Mission HQ and assemble at Tenri Cultural Center (TCC) before 8:30 a.m.

Hope to see you all there!

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Associations' Reports



BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

TCC BAZAAR HINOKISHIN

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out for hinokishin on August 18th at TCC. The bazaar patrons were able to enjoy the clean and beautiful facility.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF!

In our efforts way to contribute to the world community we will be conducting our 33rd Annual Trick or Treat for UNICEF fund drive. We ask the Tenrikyo Hawaii community to help us in this year's collection drive. Last year, due to everyone's sincerity, \$630 was collected and we thank you deeply for your efforts.

Collection boxes will be distributed by September 26th. Please inquire at the Mission Headquarters office if more boxes are needed. The actual collection is normally done on Halloween Day when trick or treating, but it can be done at anytime - at church, work, or other gatherings. Turn in collection boxes by November 7th. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 10am-12noon

ALOHA BAND PRACTICE

Every third Sunday, 1:30- 4pm



YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

YWC GARAGE SALE

Thank you to everyone who donated goods to the YWC Garage Sale on July 29th. The garage sale was a success. A net total of \$601.91 was collected. The proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of the YWC Convention in November.

A special thanks to Mission Headquarters for the use of the facilities, and to the volunteers who helped set up, cashier, sell, and repack everything.

BAZAAR THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods for the YWC Sweeteets Booth, and with the bagging and labeling of the packages on Saturday. We sold out of all the baked goods and items.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the making of ohagi, sekihan, andagi, imoten, and yasaiten, and to all the volunteers who manned the booth. Your help and smiling faces kept the mood light and fun.

YWC Convention

Please mark your calendars...our YWC Convention will be on Saturday, November 17th at the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please email Terri at terrim@servco.com.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A big Mahalo to all of you for your sincere efforts in making the 2007 Tenrikyo Bazaar a success!

At the end of this month the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day will be held, and once again we hope that you can make time to engage in spreading the teachings of the ever-living Oyasama to more and more people.

Once again, thank you for your hard work!

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

September 8 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETING

September 10 (Mon)
Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Anecdotes of Oyasama 10:15 a.m.
Lecture from Bishop 11:15 a.m.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE

September 11 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

TCC HINOKISHIN

September 15 (Sat) 9:00 a.m.

HUI O WAHINE OHANA

September 15 (Sat) 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 3 (Mon)

WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK

September 22 (Sat) 7:00 p.m.

*West House Bazaar hinokishin members thank you very much.

*September lunch hinokishin is GODO A group.



YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

HINOKISHIN AT SCOTT SHAMOTO'S HOUSE

September 1-3 from 9 am-4 pm

HINOKISHIN AT HAWAII CENTRAL CHURCH

Church Clean-up with Rev. Tyron Inouye: September 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, 29, 30 from 9am-2pm

Please contact Daniel Suzuki for more information.



The Hungry Reporter

This month I decided to check out the web and found a great easy recipe through Yahoo Food. It featured Rachel Rae's recipe from the September 2007 issue of her magazine, *Everyday with Rachel*. I was looking for a great soup recipe and found the perfect one. Like always, her recipes are done in 30 minutes and delicious. This one is a slight twist in the conventional corn chowder. You can make spicy or just enough to suit your palette. I'm sure

you will enjoy this!

Creamy Corn Soup

Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 slices bacon, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
1 pound small potatoes, cut into small chunks
4 to 5 large corn, kernels from the cobs
1 medium zucchini, finely chopped
5 to 6 sprigs thyme
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon paprika
3 tablespoons flour
One 32-ounce (4 cups) chicken broth
1 cup milk
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
Salt and pepper, Hot pepper sauce
Oyster crackers or popcorn

Directions

1. In a medium soup pot, heat the extra virgin olive oil, 2 turns of the pan, over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and cook until crisp at the edges. Add the onion and bell pepper and cook until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the potatoes, corn, zucchini, thyme, bay leaf and paprika and cook for 4 minutes. Sprinkle the flour into the pot, stir and cook for 1 minute. Gradually stir in the broth and simmer until thickened a bit. Stir in the milk, cream and parsley and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 8 minutes.
2. Season the corn soup to taste with salt, pepper and hot pepper sauce and serve with crackers or popcorn to float on top.

September 2007

1st Sat	Missionary House Monthly Service	TCC	10:00 a.m.
2nd Sun	BGA - Sunday School	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
3rd Mon	WA - Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4th Tue	Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
8th Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
9th Sun	BGA - Sunday School	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
10th Mon	WA - Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
11th Tue	WA - Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
12th Wed	YMA - Monthly Meeting	RH	7:30 p.m.
13th Thu	BGA - Staff Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
11th Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
12th Sun	BGA - Sunday School	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
15th Sat	WA-TCC Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 a.m.
	Hui O Wahine	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
16th Sun	Dendocho Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
17th Mon	Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
22nd Sat	Women's Support Network	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
23rd Sun	BGA - Sunday School	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
26th Wed	Monthly Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
27th Thur	Autumn Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
29th Sat	All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day (Island of Oahu)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
30th Sun	BGA - Sunday School	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.

WA = Women's Association
 BGA = Boys & Girls Association
 YMA = Young Men's Association
 YWC = Young Women's Club

TSA = Tenrikyo Student Association
 RH = Rainbow Hale
 WSN = Women's Support Network
 TCC = Tenri Cultural Center

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All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day

September 29, 2007 (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. assemble at Moilili Stadium Park

8:30 a.m. shuttle from TCC

Let us spread the fragrance together.



**One World,
One Family.**



Tenrikyo