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# ***ORIGINS***

*Look at things in the world and through all ages.  
Calm your mind and ponder over them.*

*Ofudesaki I:69*



***BGA LEADER'S CAMP & NEW YEAR'S PARTY***  
*January 26-27, 2008*

## Message from the Head of the Overseas Department January 26, Tenrikyo 171

Extreme cold weather has continued in Oyasato for the past few days, and today, light snowflakes danced as the flow of the cold wind brought many returning followers in yearning remembrance of the hardships of Oyasama. The January Grand Service of the 171<sup>st</sup> year of Tenrikyo commenced in high spirits with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his prayer, the Shinbashira urged each follower to make a resolution to follow the path of the Divine Model step by step within each of their asserted roles and beginning with those nearest to them, to spread the circle of joy out toward the entire world. Also, as in the words, 'to step out into the world to level the ground', he urged all brothers and sisters of the path to apply their effort toward reconstructing a joyous world where we can spend our days living in harmony by helping one another.

Continuing after his prayer, we received further words as the Shinbashira gave his sermon.

The Shinbashira spoke about the original day of the January Grand Service, and as he read from chapter 10 of the Life of Oyasama, the Foundress of Tenrikyo, 'The Portals Opened', he relayed that the service is the basis in our attainment of single-hearted salvation.

He mentioned also, that the words within the Divine Directions dated January 13, 1887, should be a source of comfort to us when we are caught between decisions of single-heartedness to God and self-centered human thoughts during the course of our path toward single-hearted salvation. And for those who are on this path, it is the basis in which we can attain clarity in judging all kinds of matters.

Continuing on, as a way to attain ideas of regular activities following the anniversary of Oyasama, he talked about the establishment of the church, and the system to grant the Sazuke after Oyasama Hid Her physical being.

Again, as he read from the Divine Directions, he talked about the truth of the Sazuke. He relayed that the starting point of our role as Yoboku begins when we receive the Sazuke, and he talked about the importance of our dedication thereafter.

Lastly, he touched on the topic of the Successor's Seminar, which is already two-thirds complete in its scheduled seminars. He mentioned that we should not complete the course simply satisfied at having participated. Rather, it is important that our participation become an opportunity to begin our effort in dedicating ourselves as Yoboku from here on.

Please read his sermon in its entirety in the Tenri Jiho publication.

Further, the January Grand Service was participated by many people from overseas countries. I would like to report that 430 returned from Korea, Taiwan, America, Hawai'i, Brazil, Colombia and Australia.

Yoichiro Miyamori, head of the Overseas Department

## *January Grand Service Prayer*

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

*God the Parent, You have nurtured and guided us over many long years since You created humankind out of Your desire to see human beings live the Joyous Life. Also, coinciding with the arrival of the Promised Time, You accepted Oyasama as Your living shrine and revealed the truth of creation in detail, taught the service, showed us free and unlimited blessings, and guided us toward the path of the Joyous Life. These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. We are forever grateful for these blessings and we express our gratitude day and night as we spiritedly apply our effort toward the path of single-heartedness with God. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the January Grand Service at this mission headquarters. This month signifies the original day when Oyasama, out of Her desire to save all people of the world even a day sooner, shortened Her 115 years of life by 25 years to step out and level the ground. We express our deep appreciation, as the service performers unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. Today, as you view the brothers and sisters of the path who have looked forward to this day singing the songs of the service in unison with hearts filled with gratitude for Your parental love, we hope that You can be spirited as well.*

*We, Yoboku are presently embarking on our next goal and applying our effort toward the service and missionary work in hopes to create a haven where those who are suffering from hardships and privations and lost within the darkness of their own minds can rely on. By relaying to them, the intention of the Parent, we hope that they can come to know the blessings of the Parent and open their minds to the truth of this world. Together, we pray for the happiness of all people of the world by applying our utmost effort as we walk the path toward spiritual maturity.*

*May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and utilize us with Your unchanging parental-love, and we ask that you guide us even a day sooner, toward reconstructing the world where we can spend our days living in a state of joyousness and harmony by helping one another. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.*

*Mission HQ January Grand Service Sermon*

## **Bishop Michihito Hamada**

*(Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii)*



Together with all those present, we have just completed the January Grand Service joyously in high spirits. Thank you very much. From now, I would like to talk about the service, which Oyasama went to the extent to even hide Her physical presence in order to hasten its completion.

Oyasama hid Her physical presence on January 26, 1887 for the purpose of hastening world salvation. In answer to that parental heart, the January grand service is celebrated to express our dedication toward the path of spiritual maturity. At Church Headquarters, this service is performed on Jan 26. At all other churches, the grand service is performed on a designated day,

which bears the same significance.

God the Parent appeared in Person out of the desire to save humankind and the world. The Service was taught to us as the way to attain the path to salvation.

The 50-year path of the Divine Model, shown to us through Oyasama, was the way to bring about the completion of the Service. Beginning with items from Her marriage dowry, items within the household, their land and parts of the house itself, were one after another taken apart and given to people in greater need. This was done in order to show human beings how to rid the mind of greed and cultivate the mind to bring about the Joyous Life, applying value towards God, as opposed to putting value upon material things. Also, the purpose of clearing the items from the Residence was to make way for the building of the Place for the Service.

The Grant for Safe Childbirth was the miraculous salvation that opened up the way for people to gather around Oyasama. The early performers of the Service were drawn from among those people and those first performers of the service were people who were able to endure hardships by firmly dedicating themselves towards God's Intention.

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During a time when the nation was trying to become unified, the early followers were struggling between Oyasama's words and the laws of society. They found it difficult to differentiate between the ideals of Oyasama's words and the reality of laws. As Oyasama began to progress in age, She even further hastened the performance of the Service. However, She was taken in by the authorities many times and endured custody for many hours. Seeing this, regardless of the fact that these were instructions from Oyasama to whom they were greatly indebted to, the followers could not easily comply with Her wishes. The people hesitated and if the Service was not performed world salvation could not progress. Urging the fact that it would hinder world salvation if matters continued in this way, Oyasama shortened Her life by 25 years and hid Her physical presence.

The hiding of Her physical presence contradicted what was promised in the beginning. Oyasama always said that she would live to a hundred and fifteen years old. People always firmly believed that She would live until then, however, the course of matters changed. To those around Her, this merely appeared to be a change of course, however, Oyasama's intentions did not change even a bit, and only her physical presence was not visible. Nothing changed from before and when the people realized that She would continue Her blessings in the same manner as when She was physically present, they were greatly

relieved. Instead, they were bestowed the Grant of Sazuke, which they were not able to administer before, and people were greatly roused with much encouragement at being able to apply their effort toward single-hearted salvation.

It was the performance the Service, that Oyasama and those who adored Her, risked their lives to do. Oyasama spent 50 years of Her life to bring about the completion of the Service. That is how important the Service is.

If we think of the Service merely as a way to express our gratitude and prayers, further understanding will cease to progress. There is no doubt that it is a form of prayer. However, the Service is the origin of all humankind and all living things in this world, it is what allows for society to exist, and the source which allows for the sun, the earth, and all celestial bodies to move in due course.

This world exists and continues because we perform the Service, and if we stop performing the service, this world will cease to exist.

If you allow me to give you an example that I have at hand, you may understand this better. We are now living. To be alive merely means that we are taking breaths and breathing. This breathing is one of the Ten Divine Providences of God the Parent. We are able to breath because of the workings of Kashikone-no-Mikoto. Also, we can move our bodies because of energy, and the root of this energy is possible because we eat food. We are able to digest and

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absorb the food within our body, which is what gives the body strength. This is the source that allows the body to grow. After digestion, the body naturally goes through the process of elimination. These things are made possible through the workings of Kumoyomi-no-Mikoto.

Within the body there is always the right amount of fluid and warmth. Bones supports our body and is covered with skin. Kunitokotachi-no-Mikoto allows the working of water, warmth in the body is made possible by Omotari-no-Mikoto, the skeleton is made possible by Tsukiyomi-no-Mikoto, and the skin is made possible by Kunisazuchi-no-Mikoto. We are constantly protected through the workings of these providences. Our eyes can see through the workings of Kunitokotachi-no-Mikoto. We can speak and communicate through the workings of Kashikone-no-Mikoto. Through the workings of the Ten Divine Workings of God the Parent, our bodies are able to function and move about freely in the manner in which we desire.

What allows men and women to meet and become husband and wife is the workings of Kunisazuchi-no-Mikoto. New life is repeatedly being born. The birth of life is made possible through the workings of Kunitokotachi-no-Mikoto, Omotari-no-Mikoto, Kunisazuchi-no-Mikoto, Tsukiyomi-no-Mikoto, Izanagi-no-Mikoto, and Izanami-no-Mikoto. The workings of Otonobe-no-Mikoto is what allows for children to grow, and draws forth their mental capacity. As life is

brought forth, life also ceases to exist; it is because of the workings of Taishokuten-no-Mikoto that life can cease to exist.

This applies to not only the human body. In order to breath, it is necessary to have air. Air is made possible through the workings of Kashikone-no-Mikoto. The food we eat in order to create energy within the body cannot grow without sun and water. Even in our daily lives, various tools are made from raw materials utilizing heat and water and cutting and joining.

In our daily lives, we cannot do without money. The distribution of money is also due to the workings of Kunisazuchi-no-Mikoto. Presently we are faced with an influx of all kinds of information.

We constantly live each day faced with making decisions over and over again, to decide what we are going to apply our concerns towards. This is made possible through the workings of Taishokuten-no-Mikoto.

Due to the Ten Divine Providences, our bodies are able to move about freely, we can live our lives daily and society can exist. Should we lose one of these providences, our lives will be affected and we will not be able to go through life. Also, society in itself cannot be formed.

It has become an age where human beings are able to explore the universe. From the time the space shuttle takes off into space and until they return, ground control is constantly observing so that nothing happens during orbit.

If you look into the night sky,

countless amounts of stars exist. These stars are not controlled by human beings and have been moving about for millions of years. It would not be a wonder to think that human life and the universe is able to move about without any kind of control. However, we are being watched over by something greater than we can imagine, which prevents even the slightest mishap.

In this way, the workings of God the Parent exuberantly exist within the body, the world, and in the universe because the Service is performed at the Jiba of Origin. The essence of the Service is the Kagura Service, which is performed around the Kanrodai.

The Kagura Service is performed using hand gestures to re-enact God the Parent's creation of human beings and the world where there was no form. When performing the service, the ten Service performers detach themselves from self-centered human thoughts and align their minds with God's Intention of single-hearted salvation to save all children in the world. When the ten Service performers properly carry out their respective roles, the workings of the ten providences can come together and each blessing that was brought forth into this world can be properly represented and a new creation can emerge. Here, the blessing of the ten providences of God the Parent can newly emerge and it can reach not only the world but also even the universe, which we consider to be the body of God.

Together with the melody of the nine

instruments and the words of the Seated Service, the selfless minds of the Service performers can be uplifted with the joy of human creation. And around them, those who were saved and nurtured by God the Parent can together in harmony express from their hearts, gratitude for the countless blessings received. Seeing the spirited minds of the Service performers, God the Parent in turn becomes spirited and soon that peace can reach all humankind.

The Kagura Service symbolizes the truth of the workings when God the Parent created the human world. When hearing this, it can easily be taken as something simple. However, this was a tremendous undertaking by an almighty God who created the human world.

In the Ofudesaki:

*"It was difficult to begin a world  
which did not exist. I prepared to  
find what could be used as  
instruments."*

Ofudesaki VI: 82

What does it mean to say 'to begin a world from where there was no form?' When we human beings create things, we must find all kinds of materials and tools. Even though this may be difficult, we can use things within the natural world.

However, during the beginning of this world there was nothing natural. It is said that it was a creation from absolutely nothing. Even if it was the omnipotent Moon-Sun, God the Parent, we are taught

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that it was ‘a world which did not exist.’ When we think of all the results brought up until now, we can feel that God is omnipotent and we think that God can easily bring about anything, however, even if it was God it was a very difficult thing to do.

We can say the same thing in regards to the Path of the Divine Model of Oyasama. Because Oyasama is God, we can easily think that She can go through any kind of hardship. If we remember that She was not thought of as a God from the beginning, I feel we can better understand this. As each effort was brought to fruition, it was that Path that allowed for people to believe that Oyasama was God.

Furthermore, in the Ofudesaki it is written:

*“From that time on, God’s providence has been by no means an easy matter.”*

Ofudesaki IV: 125

Even for God, it was difficult to create this world and humankind. And furthermore, the path to nurture humankind and the world was by no means an easy task.

The first head minister of Kawaramachi Grand Church, Rev. Genjiro Fukaya said, “God (referring to Oyasama) always talks about the creation of humankind whenever I visit. Also, Oyasama always cried when telling me about this.” I am sure Oyasama (Tsukihi) always envisioned in Her heart

the hardship experienced by God the Parent when creating humankind over the course of millions of years.

It is important for us to remember that the hardship experienced by God the Parent is embedded within the service, which symbolizes that intention and workings of God the Parent to create the human world from where there was no form.

The services at the churches bear the same significance as that of the Kagura Service. That is why we must perform the service at our churches with that same intention. However when we perform the service, we often allow our own conveniences to get in the way and I am sure that we are unable to properly perform the service. For example, when we perform the service at our churches we find it cumbersome to wear the service attire. We complain that the service is being conducted in Japanese so we don’t understand. We complain that it’s too long. Even if we arrive late, we complain that it is still going on. We justify that I have work so I guess it’s all right that I don’t go, and etc, etc. There are many ways in which our conveniences become excuses.

Our discrepancies in complying with the truth were strongly shown to us by Oyasama through the Path of the Divine Model. In the Ofudesaki it is written:

*“If anyone dares to stop this Service, I shall withdraw even from the proxy at once.”*

Ofudesaki XV: 88

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In this Ofudesaki verse, what is meant by the ‘proxy,’ refers to the person that represents Oyasama, which in this case was Oyasama’s eldest son, Shuji. Shuji was constantly by Oyasama’s side and understood Her thoroughly. However, as the religion grew and more people began to gather, the authorities began to intervene, and Oyasama, Who was advanced in age, was often taken into custody. Shuji felt that Oyasama would not need to go through hardships if the religion could be worshipped openly, and despite physical difficulties he took an active part in that effort. However, regarding his effort, Oyasama said, “If you do this, God will withdraw.”

Despite Oyasama’s urging, Shuji continued to protect Oyasama, rather his mother, and failed to listen to Her words and was able to receive sanction as a dignitary of a certain temple. From there after for a short period of time, they were able to secretly perform the service under the guise of the permission they received. However Oyasama said, “There is no way that we can receive permission.” Then a year later Shuji passed away for rebirth. The act of a child attempting to protect the parent is something that should be praised and not ridiculed. However God took Shuji’s life. This is a very severe example of display of the Truth.

The duty of a human being should not be taken heavily and God’s path is not a path when taken lightly. Even though you

do not uphold the truth of human beings, it can be considered a path when you uphold the truth of God. In this way, we are strongly urged to firmly uphold the truth of God. Are we going to firmly uphold the truth of God? Or are we going to allow ourselves to give in to human emotions? We are constantly faced with pondering over these two thought patterns within our faith. If I were in Shuji’s place at this moment, what kind of action would I take? I would probably be very troubled.

However, we should not take lightly the example of Shuji’s path who risked his life.

Despite the fact that Shuji was constantly near Oyasama and assisted Her, all it took was one mistake for his life to be taken. God’s rule is so firm that it could not do to change it.

To express this we have the following Ofudesaki verse:

*“Ponder over this Service, whoever you are. If you dare to stop it, your life will be stopped.”*

Ofudesaki XV: 53

To not do the service is like not eating. Even if you don’t want to eat, if you don’t eat, your life will not continue. The service is the origin of all life. If you do not do the service all life will cease to exist.

Because humankind throughout the world is precious, God the Parent goes to that extent to firmly urge the performance

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of the service. That is why it is said that God hastens to save them.

*“Only through the exhaustive efforts of Tsukihi, made step by step, have you become the humans you are.”*

Ofudesaki VI: 88

It is taught through this Ofudesaki verse that God the Parent, Who created this universe, applied the utmost effort, which resulted in the creation of humankind. This Ofudesaki verse expresses the Parental heart that cannot help but bring happiness to all children and is overflowing with wholehearted parental love. This is a firm resolution made by God the Parent. That’s why by all means, God the Parent dedicates, protects, and guides all children towards the Joyous Life.

When God the Parent says to perform the service we should immediately comply, “yes I will perform the service.” If we do this, how happy God will become and will grant us whatever kinds of blessings.

*“If you wish that the crops grow spiritedly, do the Kagura Service and the Teodori.”*

Ofudesaki I: 14

*“This Service is the path of salvation for the entire world. I shall enable even a mute to speak.”*

Ofudesaki IV: 91

*“Day by day, hasten to begin the Service. You will escape any danger whatever.”*

Ofudesaki X: 19

*“If you quickly unite your minds and do the Service correctly, the world will settle.”*

Ofudesaki XIV: 92

*“If only the Service is done without error, the Gift of Heaven, also, will be given without fail.”*

Ofudesaki X: 34

If we can perform the Service every month without any mistakes, the Gift of Heaven will undoubtedly be received. There is nothing more reassuring than this.

Without God the Parent’s blessing we cannot do anything. Because we are protected by the Ten Divine Providences, we are able to move our bodies freely and we can walk the path of life with hope in our hearts.

Because the ten instruments that were gathered from the muddy ocean were able to align their minds with the Intention of Tsukihi, God the Parent, they were able to appear and become the Ten Divine Providences. If we perform the Service and align our minds with the Intention of God the Parent, we can also be shown the blessings of the complete providence that we desire.

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*“Now today, by all means, you must quickly do the Service.”*

Ofudesaki XV: 74

No matter what kind of troubles may arise, this is the desire of God the Parent so we must perform the Service.

If we perform the Service, our

families can live in good health and live together harmoniously, our harvests will be abundant, and the world will advance towards world peace. Firmly believing in the realization of the Joyous Life, let us join our minds in joyous spirit and apply our efforts diligently.

Thank you for your kind attention.

## *February Monthly Service*

*February 17, 2008 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)*

*Sermon “Oyasama” in English by Reverend Lynn So  
Japanese Translation by Mrs. Shigemi Nakao*

## *Successors of the Path Seminar*

*Saturday, March 29, 2008*

*Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii*

*8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.*

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Hiroshi Fuyaka (Honbu Juin)

“Living our joy of faith”

Guest Speakers

Rev. Robert Kokuryo - Head Minister of Granville Church (Canada)

“Embracing the Divine Model in our Daily Lives”

Mrs. Kay Morishita - Wife of the Head Minister of Brotherhood Church

“Balancing Work, Family, Church & Spirituality” (Los Angeles)

*Open to anyone with some basic knowledge  
of the Tenrikyo teachings, ages 17-40 years.*

Please inquire with your head minister or Mission HQ for further information

# OYASATO SEMINAR COURSE 2 REFLECTIONS

## Elliot Saiot; Student

When I received the information about the fact that I have to attend the Oyasato Seminar Course 2 during “my” winter break, it made me feel annoyed and exasperated because I could be doing more enjoyable activities that please me. But as time had elapsed during the seminar it had hit me that it wasn’t so bad as I had thought it would be, and that I was actually having a real peachy time. It was pretty funny that I was the only boy in the Hawaii course, so that led to me staying in the dormitory down the hill by my self, along with 2 other seinens and daniel as my guardian. Everyday we would wake up at around 5, I think, and do Hinokishin for half an hour. After Hinokishin we would eat breakfast with Bishop and Mrs Hamada and the entire Dendocho staff. Thank you again for the amazingly tasty entrees!!!!!!!!!! Then we would do our other activities that basically took the entire duration of the day. One day we went to the elderly hospital to help the staff take care of the old folks and just converse with them for a couple hours. I had a great time with my stay at the elderly hospital because it was a relief how they still have such a great attitude and a bright smile at their age. I made a new friend over there who kept asking me who my teacher was and we made a little kite looking thing

with paper and glue. We also folded cloth over and over. Then came Niogake..... I personally don’t like doing Niogake because you don’t really know how the people will react to your presence. Anyway I was teamed up with Janyce Imoto to pass out flyers about Tenrikyo and do Niogake. We ended up going to Janyce’s friend’s house to say hello, but they were on a trip long gone with their friend watching over the house. She was Muslim, from Paskistan if I can remember or San Diego but she was full of joy and wisdom. Oh dear. I’ve forgotten her name. my apologies. She gave us fresh homegrown oranges from outside in their yard, which was fabulous. Janyce and I talked to her about Tenrikyo and our faith and she did the same. Turns out that her religion is very similar to Tenrikyo. We talked for about an hour and a half and our Niogake turned into a success! She is very excited to fly to Jiba and learn more about Tenrikyo. : )

I thought it was just amazing what happened that day because it’s not everyday that you meet someone new who is very interesting, different, and is . . human. As the Seminar came to an end we received awards for our completion of the course. I am so glad that i’ve gotten to experience Course 2 and that it will be an unforgettable milestone in my life.

This coming summer will be the Oyasato Seminar Course 3 with the whole “family.” I am overjoyed that i will be able to return to Jiba and see all of my pals in Japan. I can’t wait to do Hinokishin and get my sazukey!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Jennifer Shiba; Student

Course 2 was definitely different from my Course 1 experience. From a group of 19 kids, there were only three of us in course 2. But to my surprise, it was just as fun as being in course 1. Though it may have felt like our Course 1 brothers and sisters were missing, the three of us stuck together.

From narimono renshyu (musical instruments practice), to door to door nioigake, to having a group meeting with Bishop Hamada himself, I believe that we all became closer with each other and also with our Hawaii counselor Cheryl. This memorable experience helped us become familiar with our Hawaii Dendocho (Mission Headquarters) and the friendly faces we see each time we go.

Now with Course 3 coming up, I can't wait to see our extended family from Course 1 all over again. I'm looking forward to returning back to Jiba and receiving the Sazuke with everyone in Course 3. I'm also looking forward to Keidai (security detail), and meeting the Shinbashira once again.

## Tiffany Maegawa; Student

This December, I attended Course 2 for the Oyasato Seminar at Dendocho. I had

a lot of fun and learned so much during the short 3 nights and 4 days. Although Course 2 consisted of a total of 3 students I enjoyed those days with them. I enjoyed the food, they were all very delicious and it was fun eating with Chocho-san (Bishop) and Oku-san (Mrs. Hamada). I know it would have been more fun with everyone from Course 1 but I look forward to seeing everyone again this summer.

One memorable moment from Course 2 was visiting the hospital for old people. A lot of people there looked happy to see us. I enjoyed coloring and doing art work with the nice elderly people. I had fun talking stories with them. It made me happy to see them happy. They don't usually have people talk to them each day so having us there to entertain them was a great experience.

This summer I look forward to seeing everyone again. I am ready to learn new and wonderful things at the Jiba. I can't wait to listen to all my Besseki lectures because it is a step closer for me getting my Sazuke. I know Course 3 will be filled with lots of fun and learning. C1 and 2 had been a great experience I am anxious to start Course 3 this summer. I hope we can all grow a stronger bond with one another.



# ISLAND LIFE

## Spring Grand Service in Ojiba



On January 26th, Saturday, the Spring Grand Service was held at Church Headquarters in Tenri, Japan. The service started at 11:30 a.m., with followers making the long journey from around Japan as well as from countries throughout the world. Those that could make it from Hawaii were blessed with a light snowfall during the service. After the service, the Shinbashira presented his speech, with a pause at 2 o'clock to honor Oyasama. When asked how the service was, first-time attendee Nguyen Phan responded "I was just in awe of everything...I have seen people

(at smaller churches) pray before, but to see that many people all pray for one common purpose was incredible."



*Followers from Hawaii with former Mission HQ Staff members*

## BGA LEADER'S CAMP & NEW YEAR'S PARTY



*YWC members volunteering at the HUGS event*



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A record twenty-one junior leaders ranging in ages from 11-15 attended the annual Hawaii Boy's and Girl's Association Leadership Camp, held on January 26 & 27 and 115 people participated at the New Year's Hinokishin and Barbeque picnic held on Sunday, the 27th. The camp offered workshops on communication, teamwork and respect and focused on those aspects of leadership. The leaders were then able to apply those leadership skills in planning and conducting the games during the Barbeque picnic held the following day.

At the Hinokishin and Barbeque Picnic at Moili'ili Stadium Park, members of the Young Men's Association and Young Women's Club joined in to set up the canopy and barbeque. Also for the second year, members of the Tenri Bunko Saturday School attended the event. BGA chairman Owen Nakao said, "I really give thanks to Rev. Takatoshi Mima, our

previous chair, who started this event (the park cleanup and BBQ picnic)! Through everyone's efforts, we are accomplishing so much in just this one activity: such as giving the leaders a chance to become role models and practice their leadership skills especially in conducting the games, transmit values of faith, community service and helping others, to the children in a real and tangible way from a young age, reach out and contribute to the community, do nioigake to our friends and family who attend the event and nioigake to the community.

We are laying a strong foundation of faith for the future path in Hawaii. I would like to ask the whole congregation to join us in this endeavor especially in the coming Spring Camp and Children's Summer Pilgrimage!"

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEW YEAR PARTY

On January 14th, Monday, the Women's Association held their New Year's Party. The event started with a speech from Bishop Michihito Hamada, followed by the attendees breaking up into two teams, red & white. As you can imagine, many competitive and fun-filled games and were played. Following the games, was a nice bento lunch and of course karaoke! Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's event.



## JUDO NEWS

### VISITATION BY THE AKITA PREFECTURE JUDO TEAM

The Akita Prefecture Judo Team members, comprised of young men and women of the college student/working professional division, took the overall championships at the 62nd National Athletics Tournament (October 7th – 9th) in the Judo Competition. On January 14th (Monday), the team members visited the Hawaii Tenri Dojo.

An international exchange through the shared interest in Judo was held by request from the Akita Prefecture Judo Federation, with the Team Representative, Head Coach for both the men's and women's teams, and four athletes (3 male, 1 female)



participating in the exchange. From Tenri Judo, more members than usual came out to participate in the event. The exchange began at 5:30 pm and lasted a mere 2 hours. The Hawaii born athletes felt that this opportunity to interact with the powerful athletes from Japan was a rare occasion making this an exceptionally valuable experience.

## MOCHI POUNDING

During the year-end/new year season, the tradition of mochi pounding was held at various locations across Oahu. Aside from the usual demonstrations held at Kuakini Hospital, Mission HQ and the Japanese Cultural Center, two new venues which began a year ago at JAL cargo and the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, were supported by the efforts of the many members in our congregation. In addition, three Dendocho staff members pounded mochi at the KGMB9 News studio during the SUNRISE morning show for the promotion of the Ohana Festival sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. Surrounded by the many spectators at every venue, members spiritedly engaged in the pounding of mochi. Beginning with the JAL demonstration at the end of 2007, we were able to pound a total of 489 pounds of mochi thus far!



### DEMONSTRATION VENUES

12/ 21	FRI	JAL Employees
12/ 28	FRI	Kuakini Hospital
12/ 30	SUN	Dendocho
1/ 03	THU	Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
1/ 09	WED	KGMB9 Studios
1/ 13	SUN	Japanese Cultural Center



### NEW BABY ON BOARD!

BRAYDEN TAKASHI KEONI ROBINSON

BORN: DECEMBER 1, 2007

WEIGHT: 8 LBS. 5 OZ. 21 3/4 INCH.

PARENTS: GARETT & JOY ROBINSON

CHURCH: KOSHINOKUNI HAWAII CHURCH

KOSHINOKUNI GRAND CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS!





TENRIKYO HAWAII BOY'S & GIRL'S ASSOCIATION

# 33RD GENERAL MEETING AND SPRING CAMP

MARCH 21-23, 2008

Camping on the grounds of the Tenri Cultural Center at 2236 Nuuanu Avenue: Fun, games, campfire, educational, challenging and rewarding! Open to ages 6-15. Over 15 are welcomed to assist as counselors and leaders. 50% airfare subsidy available for those attending from the neighbor island.

## SCHEDULE

- March 16 Sun Camp Application deadline  
March 20 Thu 6:30pm Leaders (11 and above) report to Dendocho  
March 21 Fri 9:00am Registration at TCC  
March 22 Sat 9:30am General Meeting at Dendocho (open to everyone: kids, parents, friends, relatives and ministers).  
11:30am Lunch reception for General Meeting attendees  
March 23 Sun 2:00pm Camps ends at Tenri Cultural Center  
(Parents pick up there)

## GENERAL MEETING SERVICE PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

(wear happi, dark slacks, and white socks)

- Feb. 2 Sat: 7pm Pearl Church: 1634 10th Ave. Ph: 734-1449  
Feb. 8 Fri: 7pm Aloha Church: 94-139A Waikele Rd. (Waipahu) Ph: 677-8028  
Feb. 17 Sun: 7pm Mission HQ: 2920 Pali Hwy. Ph: 595-6523  
Feb. 23 Sat: 7pm Kochi Makoto Church: 1319 Farrington St. Ph: 941-2730  
Feb. 29 Sat: 7pm TBA  
Mar. 7 Fri: 7pm Hawaii Central Church: 3174 Lincoln Ave. Ph: 734-5192  
Mar. 19 Sun: 7pm Mission HQ: 2920 Pali Hwy. Ph: 595-6523

For more information please call Owen at cel: 381-9612 or  
email me at: [onakao@tenrikyopearl.org](mailto:onakao@tenrikyopearl.org).



## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

On Monday, January 21, following a night full of snow, Grant Inouye (Hawaii Central Church/Higashichuo Grand Church) and Haruko Murata (Brazil Dendocho) were married at the Foundress' Sanctuary in Tenri City, Japan. Haruko is the daughter of Brazil Dendocho Bishop Yuji Murata. Grant & Haruko will move to San Francisco, where Haruko will attend graduate school and Grant will continue his study in computer arts. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new Mr. & Mrs. Inouye!

## TCC Hinokishin

We will be having a joint association clean-up hinokishin at Tenri Cultural Center. We are asking members of the Women's Association, Young Men's Association, Young Women's Club, Boys & Girls Association, Hawaii Tenri Library, Tenri Judo Club, Saturday School and the Hawaii Missionary House to participate. Please come and join us!

Date: February 18, 2008

Monday - President's Day holiday

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

Place: Tenri Cultural Center

(Lunch will be served)

YMA will be sponsoring a Sports Day activity after Hinokishin at TCC. Please feel free to join in on the sports and games!

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports



### BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

#### LEADERSHIP CAMP AND NEW YEAR PARK CLEAN UP AND BBQ PICNIC!

Thank you to all who came out to the Park Cleaning Hinokishin and BBQ Picnic and helped out on January 27, 2008!

#### GENERAL MEETING & SPRING CAMP

The 32nd annual General Meeting and Spring Camp will be held on March 21-23, 2008 (Fri-Sun) with the General Meeting to be held on the second day at 9:30am at Mission HQ.

Service performers assignment will be done in advance with practices as follows:  
2/2(Sa): Pearl Church, 2/8(Fr): Aloha Church, 2/17(Su): MHQ, 2/23(Sa): Kochi Makoto Church, 2/29(Sa): TBA (To be announced), 3/7(Fr): Hawaii Central Church, and last dress rehearsal on 3/19(We): MHQ. All practices to start at 7pm.. Please give names of children and service positions they can perform to Rev. Setsuo Kakitani as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your support!



### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

From February 4th-15th students from Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School will be visiting Hawaii to study English. For all the churches who will be providing homestay and to those who will assist in preparing meals at Mission HQ, let us sincerely take part in making their stay a success!

#### BAZAAR HINOKISHIN

Starting February 6 (Wed) 9-12 p.m.  
TCC West House (Every Wednesday)

#### NUUANU HALE VISITATION

February 9 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

#### WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK

February 17 (Sun) after lunch following  
Mission HQ's Monthly Service

#### THREE ASSOCIATION HINOKISHIN

February 18 (Mon) 9a.m.  
T.C.C. (Tenri Cultural Center)

**\*\*MONTHLY MEETING & WOMEN'S  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE**  
will be *canceled* for this month.

\* January Mission HQ monthly service luncheon Hinokishin by Godo B group.  
Thank you!



## YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

### Bakers Anyone?

For our monthly mini-bazaar during the Mission Headquarters Monthly Service, we are looking for bakers to create one goodie that we can sell. If you are able to bake at least one time for one of our monthly sales, it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers for manning the mini-bazaar and tea-pouring are also being sought after.

Thank you to Mrs. Inouye for her monthly donation of sweet beans, to Mrs. Hikita for her donation of banana and butter loaf breads, and to Louise for her donation of healthy cookies for the month of January.

### Follow Miss Kokan Seminar

The 2008 Follow Miss Kokan Seminar is scheduled for the last weekend in February on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be at 9:15 am on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Taitan Church. It will be a sleepover with many different activities. Please save time during that weekend to join us in the Kokan Seminar.

Even if you may be unable to stay for the whole seminar please let us know which portion of the seminar you can attend so that we may plan the headcount accordingly.

### YWC Garage Sale Fundraiser

Our first Garage Sale of the year will be on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a main coordinator for this event as well as volunteers for collecting donated goods, setting up the day before, and working the sale. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help support our club activities and also help offset our expenses for our 2010 trip to Japan. Anyone who is interested in donating to the Young Women's Club may drop off at our mini-bazaar table during the February and March Monthly Service.

Please contact Terri at...

**terrim@servco.com** to sign up for all upcoming activities.



## YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

### MONTHLY MEETING

February 13 Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Rainbow Hale

### HINOKISHIN/SPORTS DAY

February 18<sup>th</sup> Monday 9-11 a.m.

There will also be a farewell party for the Mission HQ Seinen at T.C.C. Lunch and activities to follow Hinokishin.

### TREE TRIMMING HINOKISHIN

February 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 9-1p.m.  
Location to be announced



# The Hungry Reporter

I was first introduced to this recipe a few years ago and found it effective as an occasional cleansing diet. I use this recipe for short 3-day periods accompanied by healthy portions of fruits, vegetables, lean meats/fish and brown rice. This diet is meant for cleansing purposes and not to be consumed consecutively for more than 3-days. Also, if you look up 'the cabbage diet' on the internet more information can be acquired regarding the more extensive 7-day weight loss program. Please heed their

advice regarding what precautions to take before embarking the more extensive program and how to effectively utilize the 7-day program. Not only for dieting purposes, it is also a great soup that can be added to your regular diet.

## Cabbage Soup

### Ingredients

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 medium head of cabbage                         | 14.5 oz. can green beans            |
| 1 small bunch of celery                          | 16 oz can chopped tomatoes          |
| 1 small bag of carrots or 6 medium loose carrots | 1-2 Pkgs Lipton Onion Soup Mix      |
| 4-5 medium size brown skin onions                | 3 cups of vegetable stock or water  |
| 1 bunch garlic cloves                            | Chopped fresh herbs to your desire  |
| 1 large green bell pepper                        | Salt and Pepper to taste (optional) |

### Directions

1. Assemble all the raw vegetables and wash them thoroughly. After chopping each vegetable put into the pot.
2. Chop all vegetables and onions into chunky pieces.
3. Crush and peel the bunch of garlic.
4. Add the can of tomatoes, can of green beans and 3 cups of vegetable broth or water to the pot.
5. Add the packages of soup mix to the pot.
6. Add the chopped herbs or dried herbs. Add some pepper and salt to taste.
7. Bring the vegetables to a boil for 10 to 15 minutes. Then lower the heat to a low setting and simmer the vegetables for 2-3 hours. Cover the soup while it is simmering. Leftover soup can be frozen for future consumption.

## February 2008

<b>4th Mon</b>	Tenri Kyoko Gakuen students arrive (~15th)		
<b>5th Tue</b>	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
<b>8th Fri</b>	Missionary House Monthly Service	TCC	10:00 a.m.
<b>9th Sat</b>	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
<b>13th Wed</b>	YMA Monthly Meeting	RH	7:30 p.m.
<b>14th Thu</b>	BGA Staff Meeting	RH	7:00 p.m.
<b>16th Sat</b>	WA TCC Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 a.m.
<b>17th Sun</b>	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
	Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
<b>18th Mon</b>	All TCC Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 a.m.
<b>23rd Sat</b>	YWC Follow Miss Kokan Seminar (Overnight Activity~24th)		
		Taitan Church	9:15 a.m.
<b>24th Sun</b>	Hawai'i Island Oyasama Birthday Offertory Performance		
<b>26th Sat</b>	Monthly Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.

## March 2008

<b>1st Sat</b>	Missionary House Monthly Service	TCC	9:00 a.m.
<b>4th Tue</b>	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 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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## YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

### *Follow Miss Kokan Seminar*

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**February 23-24, 2008, Saturday - Sunday**

**Registration: Feb. 23rd, 9:15 a.m. at Taitan Church**

Activities are planned throughout the day and evening...

Speech by Mrs. Lynn Honda, women's instruments  
practice(tuning), hand dance practice, montsuki (service robe)  
workshop, discussion on YWC's 2010 convention in Jiba,  
Taitan Church monthly service and farewell party for the young  
women of Mission HQ !

\$5 donation per person