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*Though I desire to go forth into the open quickly,
I cannot do so because there is no path.*

Ofudesaki II:13



54TH ANNUAL TENRIKYO PICNIC

JULY 3, 2009

Message from the Head of the Overseas Department July 26, Tenrikyo 172

This year, unlike previous years, we have experienced a delay in the beginning of the rainy season. In Oyasato, many children have returned to Jiba in anticipation of the Children's Pilgrimage once again this year, as the July Monthly Service was performed spiritedly with minds in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira touched upon the Children's Pilgrimage, which is to commence today, requesting that the children returning to Jiba from all areas of the nation, be given the opportunity to feel throughout their bodies the joy of being raised healthily, so that they may grow up with their hearts full of brightness. In addition, He requested that every and all things may go smoothly without incident throughout the duration of the event.

Further, the Shinbashira called upon all head ministers and Yoboku alike, to reflect upon the numerous problems we are currently shown in the world, and to seek God's intentions through these circumstances, straightening the distortions of our own minds and resolve to walk the path of single-hearted salvation, toward the Joyous Life as shown to us by Oyasama. He prayed that the world may wake up to the truth of Tenri, conjoining our hearts of sincerity, so that we may see the current state of our world open up into brightness, even a day sooner.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in (bishop of Brazil Dendocho), Rev. Yuji Murata.

To begin his sermon, the Reverend requested that everyone mutually help one another so that the Children's Pilgrimage, which is to begin today, will become a joyous event. Continuing, Rev. Murata quoted from the Shinbashira's January Grand Service sermon, and the Anecdotes (#117, With His Father and Mother), emphasizing the importance of conveying our faith to our children and grand children, and going to church as an entire family unit to make our prayers. In addition, he spoke about his own experiences when he served as the chairman for the Boys and Girls Association Brazil Chapter, touching upon returning to Jiba for the Children's Pilgrimage with a large group, and the significance of nurturing the members of the Boys and Girls Association.

This year, over 700 members from overseas countries have returned to Jiba for the Children's Pilgrimage. Preceding this, the Young Men's Association International Hinokishin Corps was held from July 18th through 24th, with about 100 participants from 7 countries and regions, as they allowed their perspiration to flow through their efforts in Oyasato.

The Oyasato Seminar, which commenced on the 10th of this month, came to an end the day before yesterday, on the 24th. Through the duration of the program, we were shown a huge knot through a new string of the flu virus. However, taking a large misfortune, as a smaller misfortune, all students of the course were able to safely complete the entire course to its last day.

As we enter the month of August, we anticipate the Summer Japanese Language and Cultural Course to be held from August 3rd through 13th, the Oyasato Seminar Korean Course to be held for the 2nd time, from August 5th through 14th, and the Taiwan Student Association Pilgrimage to Jiba to be held from August 17th through 27th. As the activities of the Overseas Department continue throughout the end of summer, I wish to exert our utmost efforts without losing our focus, with our hearts united as the Overseas Staff.

Overseas Department Head
Yoichiro Miyamori

July Monthly 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, with Oyasama as Your living shrine, You revealed the original truth of human creation and taught us through the divine model the path towards the Joyous Life. Then guiding us through Your over-flowing grace and blessings, You showed us the way to sweep the dust from our minds, revealing miraculous blessings as we advance toward spiritual maturity. These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect, and we express our sincere gratitude each day through our duties. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the July 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, 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.

From June 21st through the 17th of this month, the 39th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course was held over the course of 27 days. Three students completed the entire course without incident. Also, in Jiba, the Oyasato Seminar is currently in session with 4 students participating in Course I and Course III. Together with their counselors, the students are further embracing Oyasama's teachings in high spirits. In addition, approximately 70 participants have returned to Jiba for this year's Children's Pilgrimage and 17 participants have returned for the Young Men's Association International Hinokishin Corps. As we express our appreciation for these daily blessings, we shed our precious perspiration for the sake of sowing seeds of sincerity at the Jiba, and hope to sow seeds of joy for the future.

We Yoboku will align our minds with You, God the Parent, who anxiously desires to save all people of the world, not sparing a single person and diligently follow the path of salvation as instruments of Oyasama.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that you guide us toward reconstructing the world where we can spend our days living in harmony by helping one another. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.

Mission HQ July Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Eric Takata

(Tenrikyo McCully Church)



DIVINE GUIDANCE

Good morning, I would like to thank everyone for your presence here today, and performing this month's service, very joyously. I know that God the Parent and Oyasama is very please. My name is Eric Takata, reverend of Tenrikyo McCully Church. Today, I was asked to present a sermon on the, "Divine Guidance". Before I start, I would like thank, Mrs. Taeko Nakao, for her time and effort in the translation of this sermon. At this time may I have your kind attention, please.

In the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, Part 2, Chapter 6, is where "Divine Guidance" is found. So, what is the meaning of, "Divine Guidance"?

In the 2nd Shinbashida's book,"Lectures

on the Doctrine of Tenrikyo". (pg.59) He explains that,"Part One teaches the foundation for the Joyous Life, while Part Two describes our journey along the path to the Joyous Life, outlining the way in which we can progress toward the Joyous Life if only there is understanding within us. That is, Part Two outlines the way we are guided along the path through gaining a deep understanding of the teachings, as given in Part One, and through keeping our attention fixed on the steps Oyasama took Herself as shown in the Divine Model."

From this chapter, "Divine Guidance", there is two verses of the Ofudesaki, Part II: verse 7 & 22, which is written,

Illness and pain of whatever kind do not exist. They are none other than the hastening and guidance of God.

Ofudesaki II:7

Illness and pain throughout the world: you do not know that these are the road signs or guidance of God.

Ofudesaki II:22

Now the question is, why do we need guidance? This paragraph was taken from

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“The Life of Oyasama”, ”Parental Love”- pg.156,

“From the beginning, the relationship between God the Parent and human beings, who were created by the divine intention, has been one of Parent and children, not one of estrangement. But human beings, granted free will, used their minds in selfish ways for long ages since the creation, accumulating dust upon dust. Between this human mind and the unchanging heart of Tsukihi, a rift developed, causing one to think, at first glance, that perhaps there is no relationship between God and human beings. Our present human world, in which the voice of the Parent cannot easily be understood, is the result.”

And to further this explanation, these paragraphs were taken from the book, “Tenrikyo Terms-Meaning and Explanation”. It is under the word Yamai: Illness or Disease- pg.97)

“When in good health, man assumes that his body is under his own control. But when ill in bed, he may recognize that this is far from true and that he has no control over his body; rather it works against his will. The truth is that man’s body, which he regards as subject to his will, does not yield to his intention; that his body is not his own; that his physical life is not infinite; and ultimately, that his life is given by God. It is through God’s providence that he is allowed to live. This simple but most important truth is seldom understood by man even when he is stricken with illness.

God explains this simple truth about

the human body by the term, “a thing lent, a thing borrowed.” God lends man his body while from man’s standpoint he borrows it from God. Thus man’s life rests with God’s divine protection, and man can become aware of this truth when he falls ill. In this sense, disease presents itself as a key with which man can, for the first time in his life, open his eyes to the limitation of his frail physical existence and realize that his life is entirely left to God’s protection. Disease, therefore assumes a very important function in human life. It tells man that God has an urgent message to impart.

What is His message, then? What is His intention? Through illness, God clarifies the supreme purpose of human creation and what the state of man should be. He teaches His truth in terms of concrete human events which reflect our way of thinking, not in abstract ideas.

First, God teaches that disease is the result of man’s mistaken use of mind. To be specific, man’s use of mind contrary to God’s will and his refusal to acknowledge God’s will is dust. This is the root of illness. From this, it follows that illness is a divine indication of, or warning against, man’s mistaken use of mind.”

So, as you can see, we human beings, because we had misuse of our minds, have created a rift or a gap between our way of thinking and, God the Parent’s ways. God the Parent, shows us, the results of, our misuse of our way of thinking and wants us to clean our mind of the dusts,

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which we have created and by revealing illness, calamities, and troubles to us, for we can spiritually grow. Because it is our life journey to nurture and to cultivate true contentment (Tanno) in our minds, for we may come to the understanding, of what kind of mind, we need to reach the Joyous Life.

Now, even for me and I think everyone, has some kind of problems every day, and time to time come down with some minor kind of illness and hoping not too often, have a calamity. All of these things are guidance from God the Parent, in which, God is showing us the path to a better understanding of the truth of the teachings.

I know, when we receive divine guidance, we, at that moment don't think it is a blessing, but take it, negatively, saying to oneself, a lot of depressing words. But when we overcome that moment, we should be giving thanks to God the Parent and be asking our self, how, who, what, and when, that I have misused my mind. This, in Tenrikyo, is called "satori" or reflecting on oneself and to change one's thinking after realizing how we misused our mind. This is, the "How To", to solve or cure our situation. By recognizing the wrong use of our mind, and correcting our way of thinking, we will receive, God the Parent's blessings. And we should have a better understanding of our self, and a closer understanding of how we should use our mind, and what kind of mind, we should have, in living the Joyous Life.

From the Ofudesaki Part VII: verse 43, Part XVII: verse 14-15(same chapter),

If you truly resolve your mind and pray to Me, I shall grant you, My free and unlimited workings at once.

Ofudesaki VII:43

Whatever mind you may have had until now, replace it, even in the span of a night!

Ofudesaki XVII:14

If you truly replace the mind in its entirety, Tsukihi will accept it, too, at once.

Ofudesaki XVII:15

There are many other things we must learn from God the Parent, in understanding the true path to the Joyous Life. In trying to understanding what causes different illness, I would recommend reading, the late Rev. Tadamasu Fukaya's book, "A Way To Understand Illness".

Because of God the Parent's parental heart to the children, God at the given time, presents us with his divine guidance, so we can be awoken, to the misuse of our minds and guide us back to the true path, to the Joyous Life. We should always give our daily thanks to God the Parent for his constant blessing and to practice Tanno or true contentment. And in doing so, we can always be connected with God the Parent and Oyasama, where we will be kept, in high spirits.

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In closing, I would like to read the last Ofudesaki on this chapter-Part V: verse 4

At this time I would like to close this sermon. And thank everyone, for your kind attention. Thank you very much!

Ponder and come follow Me with firm resolve. There is a path of hope in the future.

Ofudesaki V:4



August Monthly Service

August 16, 2009 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Sermon "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed"

Sermon in Japanese by Reverend Yasutsugu Miyauchi

English Translation by Mrs. Rumi Miyauchi

Attention Vistors to Mission HQ!

Due to recent vehicle break-ins we recommend that you refrain from leaving valuables in your vehicle or keep them out of sight.

Three-Association Hinokishin

Date: August 16th (Saturday)

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

Location: Tenri Cultural Center

The Women's Association, Young Men's Association, and the Boys and Girls Association will join together again to sponsor a hinokishin at TCC in preparation for the annual bazaar.

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

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54th Annual Tenrikyo Picnic



This year's annual Tenrikyo 4th of July Picnic was enthusiastically held on Friday, July 3rd at Kapiolani Park. We were blessed with wonderful, warm weather throughout the day, which created a busy day for the shave ice operators who were tasked with providing cool comfort for the 328 picnic attendees.

The picnic kicked-off with a brief message from Bishop Hamada followed by the always exciting male versus female tug of war battle. This year was no different and the contest was one of the longest in recent memory lasting well over 1 minute. In the end, the men were victorious, barely outlasting the women who put up an epic fight until the very end. This contest set the mood for the rest of the day which was

filled with an array of games including the popular vegetable scramble and culminating with the water balloon toss.

In addition to the wonderful weather, we were also fortunate to be featured on the KITV 4 News that evening as Gary Sprinkle and his crew interviewed a number of picnic attendees. We were not only able to spread our 'joy of living' to those at the park, but also to everyone who viewed the newscast that evening, which surely brought joy to God the Parent and Oyasama!

Special thanks goes out to the hardworking guys and gals of the YMA and YWC, and all of the sponsors that provided the great prizes. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.





Our 54th Picnic! - MC Booth



Let's go fishing!



The incredibly popular Vegetable Scramble!



Water Balloon Toss



*KITV 4 News interviews Kenny Miyauchi & Dan Suzuki
Check out the actual news segment at
<http://www.kitv.com/video/19945714/index.htm>*

39th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course



The 39th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course was held at the Mission HQ from June 21st to July 19th, with an English Class of three students. All three students spiritedly engaged in their studies of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, Life of Oyasama, and the Songs for the Service. They also practiced the Hand Dance, Musical Instruments and Ritual diligently throughout the one month course.

This year, we welcomed Mr. Michael Yuge of the Tenri Cultural Institute in New York, who taught the second half of the Doctrine class, and Mrs. Faith Ito, head minister of Pukalani Mission Station, who taught the second half of the Life of Oyasama class. Both instructors were very unique in their teachings styles, allowing the students to internalize the teachings from a new perspective.

Although this course is for one month, you can receive the same qualification as having completed the 3-month course in Jiba. Congratulations to the three students, who completed the one month course safely, without incident and we wish them all the best as they endeavor to advance toward spiritual maturity.

39th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

Faith Experience Speeches



Ken Jesson
Shikishima GC, Shikito BC

My grandfather, on my mother's side of the family, began his faith upon demobilization after the war. Although there was a pause in his faith, when my grandmother's older sister became ill, they recalled their faith in Tenrikyo and the two soon entered Shuyoka (3-month Spiritual Development Course in Jiba) together and received divine blessings from the illness. A while later, my mother entered Shuyoka and it is there that my mother met my father for the first time. My father, who lived in America, had a deep interest in Japan. At the time, he met with Professor Yoshitsugu Sawai of Harvard University who taught him the Hand Dance. Thereafter, my father sold his car and gathered what money he had and went to Tenri to enter Shuyoka. My grandparents

lived in the Osaka area, so I would stay at their place and return to Tenri many times, also participating in the Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba. I have also attended the Students Spiritual Development Course. If Tenrikyo were not in existence, I would not have been born and thus, I have come to feel a great appreciation for that.



Kristy Koike
Amijima GC, Net Hawaii MS

When I was first told that we were to present a faith experience speech, I was actually dreading it. However, as the course progressed, I was able to come up with some good ideas. In the end, this accelerated spiritual development course allowed me to strengthen my faith, refresh my memory on the teachings, and learn more about Tenrikyo. Preparing this speech has also forced me to reflect a bit. I thought

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hard, trying to recall any past occurrences that may have affected my faith. Although I am a very fortunate individual, there are a few instances in my life that were unfortunate, things that I may never forget.

At the age of nine, I began swimming competitively. By ten years old I competed in swim meets that my whole family attended to support me. When we returned home, we found that the window on the kitchen door was shattered, the door frame near the doorknob was stripped, and the door was ajar. My heart pounded as my dad instructed us to stay in the garage as he checked the house to see if the culprit was still there. The interior of the house was trashed and a few of our valuables were missing. Luckily the culprit had already gone and nobody got hurt.

When I was fifteen, I got into my first car accident. I was with four of my girl friends, one of which was driving, and we were going to one of our water polo games. We were confused with the directions to the pool and got lost. We made a left turn at a busy intersection and underestimated the speed of the oncoming car! I was sitting in the middle of the back seat. I vividly recall looking out the right window as we turned to see a car approaching us at full speed. The impact was so great that our car spun several times, and all I could hear were the screams of four petrified teenage girls. Fortunately nobody was hurt in the collision, our car stopped on the side of the road and did not hit any other cars. The other car was still in the middle of

the road and the driver wasn't moving. I was afraid that he might have been hurt. But sure enough, he moved his car out of the intersection. He was a very nice man, only concerned about our safety. He had a very nice car that sustained major damage, yet he did not seem to be angry.

Now that I think about it, we were very lucky. This was around the time when the "click it or ticket" law came into affect so before we left for the pool we were all saying "click it or ticket" to each other as a reminder to buckle up. If it were not for the seatbelts the outcome could have been much worse. Given the magnitude of the impact, I am surprised that the back seat window didn't shatter.

In my senior year of high school, when I was seventeen years old, I went out to a movie with my brother and a few friends. It was about 11 P.M. when the movie finished. We stood near the parking lot of Mililani Town Center between Starbucks and the theater. It just so happened to be that at this very moment, nobody else was around. A tall, skinny older male came walking up to us, dragging his feet and holding a beer bottle. He rudely interrupted our conversation and demanded money from us. At first, I thought one of my friends knew him and it was a joke, but then I quickly realized that it was serious. I just froze. I didn't know what to say or do. The boys were just going to give him some money to get rid of him, but one of the girls in our party loudly suggested not to give in and demanded that we be

left alone. So the boys hesitated. One of my friends took his sunglasses off of his head. Then, out of nowhere another guy came and side-blinded him, probably perceiving the gesture as a sign of wanting to fight. Not wanting any more trouble, our boys gave them some money and they left. A few minutes later a security guard came into sight. We were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. If my friends were to fight back, there is no telling what may have happened. We did not know what kind of weapons these boys could have pulled out or even how many of them there were. I am simply glad that nobody was seriously injured.

*“It was until this point
that I completely
thought I was lucky.”*

That same year I got into another car accident, but this time I was the driver. My brother and I woke up early to go to the Great Aloha Run with a school group. I went to bed late the night before so I did not have a sufficient amount of sleep. After the event we returned to Leilehua High School in Wahiawa. On the way to Mililani, which is where I live, I fell asleep at the wheel. I slowly drifted onto the shoulder lane of the Mililani off ramp. That is when my brother, who was asleep in the passenger seat, woke up and asked me what I was doing in a panicked voice. I abruptly woke up and jerked the wheel

to the right. I hit the guardrail and quickly swerved back onto the road. I quickly glanced into the rear-view mirror. There was a pick up truck behind me but I was far enough ahead of him so I did not cause a terrible accident. The driver of the truck must have wondered what was wrong with me though. We were very lucky that neither one of us was injured. We were also lucky that my brother woke up when he did. In high school I would commute to and from school every day so one day I looked at the rail where I hit. I noticed that right before the rail was a ditch. If I had jerked the wheel a little sooner I would have crashed into that ditch.

My cousin, Stacie, flew in from L.A. a couple weeks after my accident. Coincidentally, she was also in an accident at about the same time. She somehow ended up spinning across many lanes on the highway in L.A., and not one car hit her. After telling everyone her story, Stacie said that she sat in her car, thanking God the Parent and Oyasama. It was until this point that I completely thought I was lucky. I had never considered that God might have played a card or two in my life.

Up until now, I did not realize how many times I encountered some kind of hardship. Everybody either has or will encounter some hardships in their lives. The important thing is to remember to practice tanno, or joyous acceptance. Although it may be very difficult to easily accept some horrible occurrence, such as a robbery or a car accident or even death, it is

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necessary in order to grow spiritually. It is also important to consider God the Parent and Oyasama, and reflect on yourself to realize what message is being shown to you. By accepting all the workings of God the Parent, good and bad, and by perceiving all misfortunes as a message from God the Parent, one can improve oneself and truly begin to lead a joyous life.



Tiffany Maegawa
Shuto GC, Taiheiyo BC

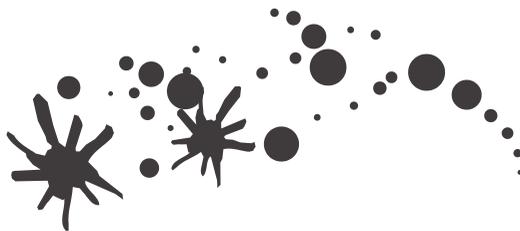
Hi! My name is Tiffany Maegawa, and I will be talking about my faith experience. In Tenrikyo, people teach you to do the service, or to do the teodori, but I never really understood why. Growing up in a church, I became numb to the teachings. I went to church and did the service because that's what I have been doing since I was a child. It didn't dawn on me to ask why, nor did I wonder why. I merely did it because I felt like I had to.

After completing the Oyasato Seminar,

I became a lot closer to the teachings. I learned new things about Tenrikyo, like about the service which can only be held at the Jiba, called the Kagura Service. I even got a glimpse of how it was done. I now understand more clearly on how important it is to do the service.

Shuyokai has also given me a better understanding of things like causality, and how it has drawn all of us here today. In the beginning when I first started Shuyokai, it was tough, and I wished I were somewhere else. Waking up at 5:15 to do morning hinokishin was the hardest thing to do. As the days went by, I realized how lucky we were to have rest times once a week. It felt nice to have a whole day off to just do our own things. I'm really glad I got the opportunity to come to this one-month spiritual development course because I enjoyed it a lot, and definitely learned a lot. Time went by pretty fast because I can't believe this is already the end.

Shuyokai was a wonderful experience for me, and has strengthened my faith in Tenrikyo. I'm very thankful to be in this religion because it has shown me to be more grateful of all the things I am blessed with everyday. I know my faith in Tenrikyo can only get stronger from here.



Oyasato Seminar

Oyasato Seminar Course I and Course III were respectively held in Jiba from July 10 ~ 24. Two counselors, one student in Course I, and three students in Course III participated from Hawaii. “This seminar was a unique one in the sense that everyone had to endure the hardships of the swine flu. I think it was a good opportunity to experience *a thing lent, a thing borrowed*”, said Course 1 Counselor Louise Inafuku. OS Reflections will be in coming issues.



Oyasato Seminar 2009 Staff & Students

Course I Counselor

Louise Inafuku (Naha GC/Kariyushi MS)

Course I Students

Rui Yap (Shuto GC/Kapaa Church)

Course III Counselor

Blayne Mima (Koshinokuni GC/
Koshinokuni Hawaii Church)

Course III Students

Cynthia Hisao (Honjima GC/Maui Church)

Ryan Kakitani (Kochi GC/
Kochi-Makoto Church)

Timothy Shiiba (Chuwa GC/
Kailua-Kona Church)

Young Men's Association 7th International Hinokishin Corps



On July 18th-July 24th the Hawaii Young Men's Association joined the 2009 International Hinokishin Corps in Tenri Japan. We had 18 spirited participants return to Ojiba. The group was lead by Michael Inouye-group leader and Daniel Suzuki-assistant group leader. Together the group engaged in various activities (e.g. picking weeds, cutting monster weeds, moving benches & tables, wiping windows, moving logs through the forest, etc.) with loud laughter and a sincere heart. God the Parent blessed us with excellent health and weather for each of our hinokishin activities. This time, each member played a special role in the group and performed their responsibilities diligently. We assigned various duties to each member such as: the announcer

guy, sign holder guy, translator guy, dirty uniforms guy, best way to do the hinokishin guy, good job guy, cup washer guy, hype guy, let's eat guy, water jug guy, line guy, counting guy, etc., needless to say we got quite imaginative and this added to the fun. It was truly a blessing to see the entire Hawaii group work together with pride and unity.



*Jatani Mountain*

Waking up everyday at 4:30am wasn't easy but doing the morning service in the Shinden with everyone really started the day off on the perfect note! After morning service we all ate breakfast together in the main cafeteria. Following morning service, all the respective countries seinenkai groups went to their designated hinokishin sites. The afternoon hinokishin schedule was pretty much the same as the morning. After eating dinner together we had bath time. There is nothing better than resting in the ofuro (Japanese bath) after a long and hard day of hinokishin. There were so many wonderful aspects of the International Hinokishin Corps its very difficult to explain the feeling in words alone. Definitely spending time with our mainland brothers and other countries seinenkai was amazing! At night time the usual chips and juice came out which helped the conversation flow. Some members even came up with games that included juice/water, pingpong balls, and

cup. These young guys know how to have fun. For me, I cherished the time I got to spend with my Hawaii brotherhood! I know I speak for the Hawaii guys that attended the International Hinokishin Corps when I say, "This Year Rocked!!!"

Oh, the next time you go to Ojiba don't be surprised if the Japanese hinokishin coordinator runs away when you ask him to take a group picture. "Picture time!" was Michael's code word for lets throw the Japanese hinokishin coordinator high up into the air several times. These guys had some serious airtime and some serious smiles on their faces!

Keep the spirit alive by attending our meetings and activities here in Hawaii. We do it again in 3 years so start saving your money now.



Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba 2009



For better or for worse, the Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba 2009 will be remembered as the year of the swine flu pilgrimage when we had one confirmed case, but at least 10 who had to be quarantined for varying lengths of time.

With most of our group (30 adults, 30 children and 2 infants) arriving at the 38th Moya (followers' dormitory) by the morning of the 25th, already several members of another pilgrimage group were suspect and had to be quarantined. Hoping that we would not have to suffer a similar fate, we continued our scheduled activities as if nothing happened except for concern and compassion for those affected in this other group. However, one of our members got a high fever on the evening of the 25th. The fever continuing on the day of the Church Headquarters monthly service, this person

was sent to accommodations near the Ikoi No Ie Hospital. During the monthly service, all people who were sleeping in the same room had to be called back from the main sanctuary and quarantined. There were seven other people in that room and they were transferred to another room in the 38th Moya. Temperatures were taken



every two hours to monitor their health.

We were sad to hear that they could not participate in many of the activities that were scheduled that day, but were released in time to participate in the Oyasato parade as the Hawaii group. The next morning however, one of them developed a fever and they were again quarantined. It was not until July 28th early evening that those without a fever were released to participate in the welcome party at the Overseas Department. Another child from another room was quarantined due to a slight fever earlier in the day, but was later released on the following day due to the fever coming down.

Needless to say the flu and subsequent quarantines caused some disruption to our schedule, job assignments, non-participation in many of the activities and changes in return flight reservations. It was disappointing for the children, but more so in the faces of the adults who saw those affected band members practice



so diligently in preparation for this trip and yet could not participate in some of the performances and activities. Through it all, we kept hoping and praying.

Due to everyone's cooperative and concerned spirit and at least two group prayer services and subsequent God's blessing, we were able to complete the Children's Pilgrimage with most of the group members participating in the activities. The Aloha Band (with their pom pom section) performed magnificently with 64 other bands on the day of the offertory performance on July 27 and in the Oyasato parade that night albeit minus several sequestered members.

All persons whose fever continued or had it late, were required to extend their stay and will be returning within a week of their scheduled return.

Blessed by relatively cool weather and what would otherwise have been a perfect pilgrimage we did the best we could with gratitude, sincerity, and unity of mind.



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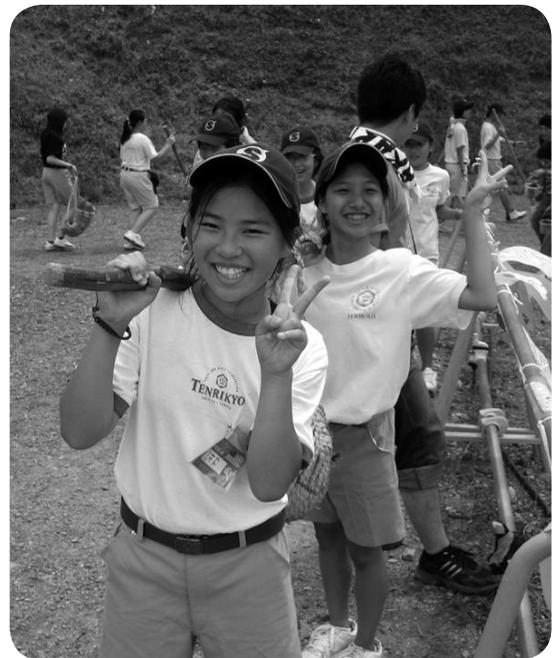
Perhaps it was because of the swine flu that we were able to come together and pitch in with concern and resolve.

In spite of the circumstances, I expressed to the group, that we were very fortunate in the fact that God the Parent made a large misfortune into a smaller misfortune. Since all the males (except for the BGA Hinokishin Corps) were accommodated in one room, all males would have to be quarantined even if just one male developed a fever. That would have been disastrous for the Hawaii Group. We were then amazed that none of the males (18 of us) developed a fever!

I would like to thank everyone for their concern and cooperative spirit during this difficult time, especially to those who endured the inconveniences of quarantine

and those who covered for them in their absence. Thank you to those who prayed for us from many miles away. Many, many thanks to Rev. Takaharu Ichise, chief of the North America – Oceania section of the Overseas Department, who visited us everyday to assess the situation and keep the involved parties informed. Thank you to the Overseas Department coordinators, Ms. Chiho Genno and Mr. Daniel Akemoto, who worked diligently to keep the Hawaii group on schedule and supplied with necessary items, all of this while coordinating the sequestered members of the group. And to Bishop and Mrs. Hamada, for their relentless support and encouragement despite their busy schedules. Mahalo nui loa!

by Rev. Owen Nakao



JUDO NEWS

The 46th Annual Junior National Championships tournament, sanctioned by the United States Judo Federation (USJF) was held on July 11th and 12th in San Francisco, California. With spiritual support, as well as financial assistance from Mission Headquarters, judoka from the Hawaii Tenri Judo club were able to competed at this tournament once again.

A prayer service was held on Monday, July 6th at Mission HQ. Members of Hawaii Tenri Judo united their hearts for the service to pray for competitive matches and for the protection and safety of the competing judoka. The results are in! Congratulations to all judoka who attended this national event to represent Tenri.



Noah Pineda Abaya	1st,	Boys Inter. 2; 42 kg
Phoebe Pineda Abaya	1st,	Girls Bantam, 27 kg
Carson Fu	1st,	Boys Bantam, 35 kg
Amanda Higa	2nd,	Girls Inter. 1; 26 kg
Jared Kaneko	2nd,	Boys Inter. 2; 38 kg
Czarina Pineda Abaya	3rd,	Girls Inter. 1; 30 kg

Brayden Bella and Chevy Felicilda did not place.



MISSION HQ ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL TENRIKYO NIOIGAKE DAY

“SPRINKLE the FRAGRANCE of the TEACHINGS”

- Monday, September 7, 2008, LABOR DAY
- 9:00 ~ 11:00 AM
- Meet at Moiliili Stadium Park

Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the “nioigake” activity for which you feel most comfortable and spread the fragrance of the teachings door to door or by cleaning the park!

- ‘Door to door nioigake’ in the Moiliili neighborhood
- Hinokishin in the park! Please bring own yard equipment.
 - *Please dress accordingly
(Hinokishin - “One World, One Family T-shirt)
 - *Please do bring your friends and family

PARKING FOR BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS

Parking for bazaar volunteers is available at Mission HQ & Honolulu-ko Church. Shuttles will be running between the two locations and TCC at a constant rotation.

To yield more parking stalls for customers, volunteers will not be permitted to park their vehicles at TCC.

LOADING/UNLOADING AT TCC ONLY



39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar Information Guide

That time of the year is coming around once again! We are now only a few weeks away from our 39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar. Every year the bazaar gives us an opportunity to reach out to the community and introduce them to the fragrance of Tenrikyo. Whether it be our caring touch when preparing the delicious treats or our delightful smiles when helping others, let us take this opportunity to unite our hearts and work together as one to once again make this year's bazaar a success.

Here are a few important reminders for this year's event.

Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar

Date: August 30 (Sun) **Time:** 8:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

Location: Tenri Cultural Center

2236 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817

PARKING Available at Tenri Cultural Center, Mae Mae Elementary School on Wyllye Street & Kawanakoa Middle School on Funchal Street.

Sale Items

BBQ Chicken, Sushi, Cone Sushi, Sekihan, Andagi, Ohagi, Hot Dog, Shave Ice, Plate Lunch, Kim-Chee, Takuwan, Sanbaizuke, Cookies, Tempura, Oden, Yakisoba, Saimin, Vegetables, Plants, Flowers, Clothes, Futons, Cushions, Old Clothing, Used Items, Stamina Ramen, Mochi Pounding, and much, much more!

Pre-Sale scripts and chicken tickets are now available at Mission HQ or at your affiliated church. Please note that there are separate BBQ Chicken tickets for sale. Scripts and chicken tickets will also be available on the day of the bazaar.

Booth Set-up Hinokishin: August 28 (Fri) 9:00 a.m ~ 3:00 p.m.

Bazaar donations will be accepted from August 17 (Mon) through August 20 (Tue) Please bring your items to Tenri Cultural Center (TCC) between 10:00am - 4:00pm

The following items will not be accepted:

furniture, electronics, mattresses, exercise equipment, and computers.

*If you have any questions about the bazaar please feel free to contact
Mission HQ at 595-6523.*

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Associations' Reports



BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

ALOHA BAND

Thank you all for your diligent practices and hinokishin by parents and volunteers which made the performance during the Children Pilgrimage to Jiba a grand success! Mahalo!

There will be no practice for the month of August!

FUNDRAISING FOR 2009 CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO JIBA

The Pizza Hut "Buy One, Get One Free" Literacy Card at \$10 per card and coupon booklet at \$3 each fundraisers are still continuing. In addition, we are still selling the Kasava chips 2 for \$1 which normally retails for \$3.99 each!

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE 2009

Children's Pilgrimage departed on July 16 and returned on July 29 and 30 with approximately 60 participants, including 20 in the Aloha Band and 11 in the BGA Hinokishin Corps. We would like to thank everyone for their support especially with our various fundraisers. Mahalo nui loa!

BGA HELP AT BAZAAR

Led by Yasu Miyauchi, the BGA has been manning the toy and game booths at the annual Tenrikyo Bazaar. This August 30th will be the day of the bazaar and we call on all BGA members, staff and parents to come out and help! Those of us who have received airfare assistance are grateful for the support and would like to support the bazaar anyway we can. Mahalo nui loa!



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Although we may not receive everything that we want, we are taught that we have already received all that is necessary for us. If this is so, those things which are not given to us may perhaps be things that are not absolutely necessary to us right now. In addition, those things which are given to us, whether they are good or bad, are all necessary in their own way. If that is the case, we must first have a mind of gratitude.

As we are organizing and finishing up our work before the Bazaar, let us come to this realization.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

August 8th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETING

August 10th (2nd Mon) 9:00 a.m.

Study Session (Anecdotes) 10:15 a.m.

Lecture by Bishop 11:15 a.m.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE

August 11th (Tues) 9:00 a.m.

BAZAAR HINOKISHIN - AUGUST

17th & 18th (Mon/Tues) Konyaku-making

18th (Tues) Tsukemono-making

22nd (Sat) TCC clean-up

27th (Tues) Oden-making

* West house Hinokishin will end on August 5th. Thank you very much!

* August Mission HQ Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to SHUTO group. Mahalo!



YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS FOR THE MINI-BAZAAR & BEVERAGE TABLE

We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Mission HQ's Monthly Service. We also need volunteers to help with the beverage table, setting up the drinks, pouring tea and massages. If you can donate a baked good or help out during lunch time, please contact Louise at 551-3158 to sign up or let one of the officers know during Monthly Service.

SAVE THE DATE

39TH ANNUAL BAZAAR
SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2009

YWC will be in charge of the Imoten, Yasaiten, Andagi, Ohagi, Cookies, and Sekihan booth. We need all the volunteers we can to help man the booths and also donate some of the baked goods. If you are unable to bake the cookies/brownies etc, we ask if you could donate the mix so that someone else would be able to bake it on your behalf. Please drop off all baked donated items to Mission HQ by Friday, August 28, 2009. If you are able to help pack the baked items on Saturday, August 29, 2009, please contact Louise or Lynn.

WA 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN JAPAN – APRIL 2010

We are preparing to return to Jiba to celebrate the Womens' Association 100th Anniversary in April 2010. Please let Lynn So know if you will attending or not.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SILK STRANDS COMING TO YWC!

The YWC will be offering those eye-

catching, glimmering silk stands for \$2.50/strand (retail \$4.00/strand). Stop by the Mini Bazaar during Monthly Service to get decked out in style.



YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

August 12th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

PREPARATIONS FOR BAZAAR

August 15th (Sat)

Set up tables at T.C.C. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

August 22nd (Sat)

Clean up at T.C.C. 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

August 23rd (Sun)

Set up canopy tents at T.C.C. 9 a.m.

August 28th (Fri)

Table set-up under tent at T.C.C

August 30 (Sun)

Parking Help Needed at T.C.C.

TENRIKYO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 100th ANNIVERSARY

92nd Annual
General Meeting
Tenrikyo 173 (2010)

April 19 (Mon) 10 a.m.
Tenrikyo Church Headquarters,
Inner Courtyard



The Hungry Reporter

I don't know how many years the Hungry Reporter has been on the rampage for recipes, but I'm sure it's been at least 10 years. That's a lot of recipes. When I recall the different recipes that have passed through this publication, I remember a lot of main dishes, yet somehow, not very many dessert dishes have made the press. So this month I decided to share the most sinful recipe I could find. Oh you guessed it, it does have chocolate. And bingo! It will make you feel like you've consumed a million dollars. I found the most decadent chocolate pudding ever. It's easy to make of course, and a pleaser for sure. I know you will enjoy!

Self-Saucing Baked Chocolate Pudding

Ingredients

Self-rising flour 1 cup
Cocoa Powder 2 Tbsp
Caster Sugar $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
Milk $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
Egg 1

Melted Butter $\frac{1}{2}$ stick
Vanilla Essence 1 tsp
Caster Sugar (Extra) $\frac{3}{4}$ cup
Boiling Water 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup

Directions

Preheat oven to moderate 350° F. Brush an 8-cup capacity ovenproof dish with melted butter or oil.

1. Sift dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl; make a well in the center.
2. Pour in combined milk, egg, butter and essence. Stir until smooth; do not over-beat. Pour into prepared dish. Dissolve extra cocoa powder and sugar in boiling water. Pour gently over the back of a spoon onto the pudding mixture.
3. Bake for 40 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted. Top may be dusted with sifted icing sugar before serving.

August 2009

4th Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
8th Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 AM
10th Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
11th Tues	WA Musical Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
12th Wed	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
13th Thu	Bazaar Booth Head Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
15th Sat	Judo Hall Closure til 9/1 Table set up in Judo Hall	TCC	9:00 AM
16th Sun	Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
17th Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
22nd Sat	TCC Clean-up Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 AM
23rd Sun	Canopy set-up Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 AM
26th Wed	Monthly Yohaishiki Bazaar Prayer Service	Mission HQ Mission HQ	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
28th Fri	Booth set-up Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 AM
30th Sun	39th Tenrikyo Bazaar	TCC	8:30 AM

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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39TH ANNUAL TENRIKYO BAZAAR

AUGUST 30, (SUN) 2009
8:30 A.M. ~ 2:30 P.M.
AT TENRI CULTURAL CENTER

SEE PAGE 19 FOR DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S BAZAAR
PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
FOR THIS YEARLY EVENT