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ORIGINS

*Though I desire to open this path quickly,
there is no place else to open it.*

Ofudesaki II:14



39TH ANNUAL TENRIKYO BAZAAR

AUGUST 30, 2009

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

I would like to commend each of you for your daily dedication in each of your concurrent positions.

The extreme heat has gradually eased up, and we can sense the changing of seasons, as signs of autumn are beginning to show little by little in the morning and evening temperatures. Today, many followers returned to Jiba with their children, as the August Monthly Service was performed spiritedly with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira first expressed his deep appreciation for the safe completion of all the summer activities held in Jiba, which include the Children's Pilgrimage, Students Spiritual Development Course High School Division, and other various events. He continued by expressing to all head ministers and Yoboku to convey the teachings throughout the world and invite all people to the path of true happiness, and to make a determination to exhaust our sincerity toward the realization of the Joyous Life world so desired by God the Parent. In addition, the Shinbashira prayed that the teachings may spread widely open without any hindrance to the direction of the path, and that we may realize, as intended by God, the state of joyousness for all people, even a day sooner.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Mantaro Yoshikawa.

Rev. Yoshikawa first quoted from the Doctrine, Chapter Ten: The Joyous Life, restating the intention of God the Parent on the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. He stated that each and every one of us must never forget the day of origin when we were first saved and as repayment for our blessings, we serve on this path by putting into practice the teachings each day through our actions, and conveying this to others is of utmost importance, and our primary duty as Yoboku.

Continuing, he spoke about the causality of living a short life within the Yoshikawa family and expressed his happiness for being allowed to serve on this path for an extensive time. In closing Rev. Yoshikawa expressed his wishes to continue to serve this path for as long as possible and asked that we mutually exhaust our sincerity in our service on this path.

August is quickly coming to a close without a day to spare. The various Overseas Department sponsored events held through the summer have all been completed without incident, and all that remains is the SATOM training camp from September 4th. This summer, we were shown a very large knot through the H1N1 flu virus. However, through various discussions and reflections, we have been able to unite our hearts, and have accepted this joyously in the form of an enormous blessing.

Next month, in September, we will be focusing on Nioigake. It is my understanding that each region has already made plans for this event. However, let us mutually uphold our duty as Yoboku and exert our utmost efforts in engaging in missionary and salvation work.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Overseas Department Head

August Monthly Service Prayer

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

God the Parent, out of Your deep parental love for all Your children, there isn't a moment You cease to protect us, as You advance to allow us the blessing of world salvation. For this we are deeply grateful, and in repayment we are striving to meet Your desire by daily engaging in salvation work single-heartedly. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the August monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. We brothers and sisters of this Path have looked forward to this day and today, we are gathered here in prayer before You to sing the Mikagura-uta. As You watch us, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

This summer, Ojiba was filled with two hundred forty thousand children, and despite the extreme hot weather, the Children's Pilgrimage Hawaii group, the students of the Oyasato Seminar, and the Young Men's Association International Hinokishin Corps participants, were able to return safely, deepening their knowledge of the teachings, sowing seeds of sincerity and returned with enhanced joy in their hearts.

On the 30th of this month, the Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held, and we hope that this will further advance our effort in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings to others in this district. In addition, on September 7th, the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day will be held so that we may further sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings of Oyasama to others.

As we spiritedly pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, we hope that we can effectively direct the minds of all those in the world who still know nothing of the sincere Parent toward the Joyous Life, by striving with all our effort to relay the intention and workings of the Original Parent. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity and as the people of the world striving to attain harmony by helping one another, we ask that You guide us toward reconstructing the world, into a world of unlimited joy. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.

Mission HQ August Monthly Service Sermon
Rev. Yasutsugu Miyauchi
(Tenrikyo Asakusa-Wave Mission Station)



**A THING LENT,
A THING BORROWED**

We have just completed the August monthly service for mission headquarters joyously and in high spirits. As I have been assigned to deliver this month's sermon, I ask for your kind attention for a short while.

Today's sermon is based on Chapter Seven of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed". We followers of Oyasama's teachings quite often hear of this teaching of a thing lent, a thing borrowed, as it is mentioned on various occasions. For example, we mention this teaching when we administer

the Sazuke to someone who is ill or injured or also when we are doing nioigake (spreading the teachings) and need to say a few words about Tenrikyo. We also hear of this teaching in various activities, sermons and lectures. Therefore we speak and hear of this teaching the most.

For this reason we are often too familiar with the teaching of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed," that we may understand it only in our head but perhaps we have not settled this teaching in our minds in our daily lives. We are taught, "The foundation of the teachings is that the body is a thing borrowed." In other words, God the Parent through Oyasama as the Shrine, taught us this teaching step by step out of the desire to save all humankind so that we could live the joyous life. This is the essence and most important aspect of the teachings.

In the Ofudesaki it is written,

**So long as you remain unknowing
that the body is a thing borrowed,
you can understand nothing at all.**

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If this truth is known all over

**the world, no one will remain
selfish or greedy.**

VI-121

As it is written in the Ofudesaki, I believe it is important to make the effort to settle the teaching of a thing lent, a thing borrowed in our heart and live each day by feeling the workings and providence of God the Parent even a little. This will lead us to the joyous life. To live each day with joy and gratitude is the attitude we as followers should have.

While Oyasama was physically present, Rin Masui began to follow this path. Rin Masui had lost sight of both eyes and had received miraculous blessings. She became a person who Oyasama trusted dearly. Rin Masui mentions the following in one of her talks.

“The teaching of this path is not logic, it is a teaching that one must physically practice. It is easy to talk about it, but difficult to do. You must settle this teaching in your mind as your guide and then, you must follow this truth. The teaching begins with a thing lent, a thing borrowed. By settling the truth of a thing lent, a thing borrowed, you can then manifest this truth. While Oyasama was physically present, She would say, “the teaching of a thing lent, a thing borrowed is of prime importance.” There are those who have already heard of the teachings

that say, “That person always talks about a thing lent, a thing borrowed.” They are the ones who have not settled this teaching in their mind. If you do not understand this very important teaching of a thing lent, a thing borrowed, then you cannot be said to be a follower of this path. We human beings accumulate dusts and also make complaints one after another because we have not understood nor settled this truth. Because we are unable to do this we are not able to settle this one mind of sincerity which is tanno (joyous acceptance). We are not listening to a persons’ lecture, rather we are listening to the truth of the lecture. As long as we settle this in our mind, we will not complain. If you do not complain, then you can tanno. We are taught that tanno is true sincerity.”

All of us human beings receive life in this world because of the providence of God the Parent’s workings and we have thus grown to this stage over time. In other words, we are being kept alive by the workings of God the Parent. This concept is borrowing our body from God the Parent and to help us understand this truth is the teaching of a thing lent, a thing borrowed.

There are those who say that they are not indebted to the Tenrikyo God. Although they may think that and may believe in a different teaching, it is because we receive the workings of God the Parent, that we

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are kept alive each day.

We can enjoy watching our favorite TV show, we feel joy when a child is conceived and born, enjoy seeing our child growing up, and grandchildren too. People enjoy delicious foods and say sushi is the best yakiniku is good and pasta's delicious. We use our brains at work, use our body at work, sweat playing a sport, talking with friends, listening to our favorite music, enjoy singing and drink a mouth-watering cold beer at the end of the day.

This is all possible because of the workings we receive from God the Parent. The blessings we receive every day from God the Parent is immeasurable. The blessing that we receive every day is so great that human intelligence and common sense can't even measure the amount. I would like to have the feeling of gratitude for these daily blessings as much as possible.

In the past, I used to visit a man who was confined to an electric wheelchair for his daily routine. He was paralyzed from the top to the bottom of his body. He could barely use his right hand. In the beginning, I would administer the Sazuke along the sidewalk but later I would visit him at his apartment. I was taken aback with what I saw when I first went with him to his apartment. For us, without even thinking we would take out our house keys from our pocket or bag and open the door to enter

the room. However in his case he first had to take out about a one and a half feet long stick which was attached to the side of his wheelchair and would put that stick in his mouth. Then, like a bird pecking with its beak, he would use the stick in his mouth and punch the password on the security pad to open the door. Then the door would automatically open and we could enter the room. It was not an easy task for him to do this and I would stand there speechless as I saw him trying to open the door. Just one finger, I thought, if he could use just one finger freely his life would be so much easier.

I would like to share with you a story I once read.

This happened a while ago, when a government official from the Nara Prefectural office had gone to Jiba to hear of the teachings. At that time he happened to meet Yoshi Nakagawa, the first head minister of Tohon Grand Church and was told this, "to move even a single finger is through the workings of God." Hearing this, the official said, "I understand" and left. To be able to freely use the body without a thought, like seeing, saying, and using the fingers to do all kinds of things is something we take for granted. To give this teaching in a word is a minister who is truly grateful and who understands the value of being able to make each movement of our body because she is someone who even at

the risk of her life would save others.

Another important aspect of the teachings of a thing lent, a thing borrowed is that we are allowed the free use of our mind. Therefore it is important how we use our mind each day.

We are taught this in the following Direction,

“With human beings: the body is a thing borrowed. The mind alone is yours.

From just one mind, any kind of truth will appear daily. I accept any kind of truth. You

must understand the truth of free and unlimited workings.”

Osashizu, February 14, 1889

In the Doctrine of Tenrikyo we are further taught,

Whether we can enjoy the free functioning of the body or its impairment or loss of function is determined solely by the way we use our minds. This is what is meant by the teaching “the mind alone is yours.”

In our lives and daily life we are shown various occurrences. There are good things and there are things we don't want to accept. However, what appears comes from the way we use our mind.

Using dusts as a metaphor we are warned to be careful in how we use our mind. We are taught, each of us must settle in our minds the teachings of Oyasama as our guide and sweep the mind of dust because God is hastening human beings to spiritually mature so that we can live the joyous life even a day sooner. The dusts of the mind are: miserliness, covetousness, hatred, self-love, grudge-bearing, anger, greed and arrogance. Also, we are taught God dislikes falsehood and flattery.

Pertaining to dusts it is written in the Doctrine of Tenrikyo,

Essentially, particles of dust are so light and minute that they can be blown away by a single puff of breath. If the cleaning is done promptly, dust can be cleared away easily. But dust accumulates quickly and, if we are negligent, the dust will in time pile up so high that the cleaning will be very difficult no matter how hard we attempt to sweep or wipe it away.

At the end of Chapter Seven, it is written,

We must thoroughly ponder the truth that the body is a thing lent by God, a thing borrowed. We must always be aware that the mind alone is ours and never neglect sweeping the mind clear of dust constantly each day. We must remain

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devoted to the Divine Model of Oyasama in all circumstances, trust in God the Parent in all matters, and be committed to the salvation of others.

In the beginning of my sermon I mentioned, “The foundation of the teachings is that the body is a thing borrowed.” I believe it is important to make the effort to settle this teaching in our hearts even if it’s a little by little. As I was writing this I too, felt how much I need to settle this teaching myself. I would like to continue to make the effort to feel joy and gratitude in my heart in my daily life and not to only feel the joyous life when I am drinking, but to remember the words of Oyasama, “the teaching of a thing lent, a thing borrowed is of prime importance”

All human bodies are things lent by God. With what thought are you using them?

Ofudesaki III-41

All human bodies are things lent by God. Do you not know the free and unlimited workings of God?

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Everything in this universe is all by Tsukihi. All human bodies are things lent by Tsukihi.

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Thank you for your kind attention.

September Monthly Service

September 20, 2009 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Sermon “On the Way to the Final Goal”

Sermon in English by Reverend Colin Saito

Japanese Translation by Mrs. Shigemi Nakao

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.

2009 English Spiritual Development Course in Jiba Reflections

From April thru June 2009 the English Spiritual Development Course in Tenri was held. Here is the reflection of the student from Hawaii, Karmynn Burris.



Karmynn Burris
Kapaa Church/Shuto Grand Church

You may wonder what kind of direction I will give. Sah, sah! Directions, directions. Listen attentively. Write them down...A narrow path is easy to follow; a broad path is difficult to follow. A broad path is the world. A narrow path is the path of the mind. The path of the mind is sincerity. Sincerity is the truth of Heaven. As the truth of Heaven, it will bring gifts; I say.

Osashizu April 6, 1890

Before I left for Shuyoka (Three-month Spiritual Development Course) I prayed for words of encouragement and focus. I wrote them in the front page of my journal

to always reference if I needed better focus in Jiba. I also asked for one more to write on the back page. For my mind that only God knows.

You need not worry. If you worry, the principle of delight will diminish. The principle of worry will be set in motion.

Osashizu April 16, 1890

As I look back at my Shuyoka experience. These two Osashizu (Divine Directions) excerpts were structure and focal point for my journey home.

I arrived in Jiba to see the Kanrodai on my 32nd Birthday on March 21, 2009... I remember having a feeling of childish joy and enthusiasm...my heart yelled out "Hello!!! Ma! Dad!...God! I'm home!...I always show up eventually... but you, God, know that....Thank you for drawing me home...Thank you for creating me, us, humans, Earth.... I know that since I was little I was here to help you...so here I am. I found you. Tag your it... So how may I help you... Put me where you need me...I'll follow step, by step "

I received my Osazuke (Divine Grant of Healing) and became a yoboku (missionary) on March 26, 2009. The week before Shuyoka, all the English students

stayed at 132nd Moya (dormitory) to get acquainted with each other. My roommates became my best friends through Shuyoka. Miho & Joy aka:

“The Twins.” I found a familiar face from New York Center, Tim. There were people from Nepal, Italy, Australia, Philippines, Africa, and my favorite from Martinique. Even though I would love to share with you all the wonderful, divinely brilliant and exciting stories of these people in Jiba I must refrain. I would need a book. But I will say that the Overseas Department staff at the Moya and throughout our stay at Jiba were amazing. They went above and beyond their call of duty. Thank you.

Shuyoka Began on April 1. This is the first day we met our teachers. Homeroom instructor: Rev. Baron Kimura (whom I actually met at baggage claim at the airport because of his Tenrikyo bag tags) What a great, kind, humble, nurturing, sincere and peaceful man. Wait, I also left out hilarious. He was perfect for us.

The Life of Oyasama instructor: Rev. Shugo Yamanaka. He was a professional college professor, who told great jokes & loved his wife immensely (We all loved his wife. She was like a living example of the Divine Model. She was also my koto teacher) He was very concrete like superman in knowledge and stature... Tim and I loved asking him a ton of questions.

I enjoyed my Shuyoka experience at Jiba. The people were so friendly and open... I found myself and with the twins praying osazuke for many people. With our sincerity of prayer, God was able to work through us... and we received lots of gifts from the people with gratitude. Also

through the sincerity of others and my own I received a gift of cure from lifelong knee difficulties that put me in a wheel chair for a month at Jiba. Doctors stated I would need two knee replacement surgeries and walk with a brace on my left leg. I can walk now with little to no difficulty... soon I hope to be running and dancing... one step at a time. I devoted myself to the path in gratitude.

I made lots of friends, had lots of fun, as I became more aware on how to sow true seeds of sincerity, I noticed how to get others to follow. Simply set a good example of being as sincere as you can and God will draw those who need to see you, near. If their sincerity is great, they will follow too.

Because of my knees, normal corridor cleaning became impossible. So my favorite thing became to scrape the dust from in between the wooden slats at the shinden (sanctuary). Before long I was making friends. People began to ask what tools I was using or giving me tools. Eventually so many people began doing it. I really had to hunt for dusty areas at the shinden. It felt so good to know that all of our sincerity was helping to clean God's home as it should be... dust free.

For the most part I learned a lot from Shuyoka, but my favorite is this from me: No matter how bumpy the ride, hold on. Have a great time and laugh. Thank you all who helped me along the way, especially John Hartman for bringing me to Tenrikyo and teaching me what he learned, and thank you Hamada Family for keeping the church in Kapaa so I could find the path and my spiritual family.

Oyasato Seminar Course III Reflections



Cynthia Hisao

Maui Church/Honjima Grand Church

On July 8 through July 24, 2009 Oyasato Seminar was held at the Jiba. This year was a very unique year for everyone. It started with cutting the seminar short by three days due to the swine flu. I was pretty shocked when I heard about the news. Then later on when I went to Japan I was pretty excited to go back and to see my course members again and to finish the seminar together.

When I got to 38th Moya and met everyone I heard that two members weren't able to come back because something came up so that kinda bummed everyone out. As the seminar went on Course 1 members developed swine flu and shocked everyone. That was the day that Course 3 had pool hinokishin and from there on each courses had to change their schedules.

For Course 3 members we couldn't go out much especially when we were doing keidai. We didn't want to spread any germs so we couldn't do our first keidai shift but we got to do the second day shift. Another thing that gave Course 3 a surprise shock was when they were planning on postponing the day we receive our osazuke. So many of us were really sad but that changed after because we were able to receive our Osazuke (Divine Grant of Healing) on July 15, 2009. We became yobokus (missionaries)! That day was a very special day for everyone. We all wanted to administer the sazuke to the sick people in Course 1.

As days went on many things started to change more and it came to a part where every course besides Course 1 moved from 38th moya to TLI (Tenrikyo Language Institute) and Course 1 moved to a different area. At that time I was really sad about moving away from Course 1. Also I got use to 38th moya since that's not the usual place we stay. It didn't feel like we were at Oyasato Seminar.

Once we got to TLI it felt kind of like seminar (this is the place it should be at). When we were there our schedules were still changing and we couldn't go to Aichi Missionary House. I was really sad to hear that because I really wanted to go. Since it is where Course 3 goes and gets to do missionary work for about a week. I wanted to go because my two brothers got to go and I also heard it's a good Missionary place. Even though we couldn't go we did

other activities like beach clean up with other courses, Nagashima Spaland and we did the otsutome manabi (service practice) on behalf of Course 1. So even though things ended up changing, my course members got closer. I really felt like I got closer to them. Without doing the things we couldn't do this year it still was really fun everyone enjoyed .

Thanks to the staff and to my two counselors it was a good experience and we were all happy to see Course 1 members healthy at the end at the encouragement party. Everything worked out in the end. Oyasato Seminar was great!



Timothy Shiiba

Kailua-Kona Church/Chuwa Grand Church

From the second that I saw everyone from my Course, I had a feeling that this year's Seminar was gonna be something

else. Especially from the fact that there was now a Spanish course, course one had some very interesting people in there, and how in a couple of weeks I was gonna hopefully receive the grant of the Osazuke (Divine Grant) and hopefully save some people, and I was right!

From about three days after the seminar started one of the Course one students caught the swine flu. And from then on more surprises began to happen! We did not get to do two days of keidai (Sanctuary security duty), and all the courses went on quarantine. And although we prayed daily for the well being of course one, during keidai we received news that three other students caught the swine flu. The second we got back, all courses (other than course one) where sent to TLI to finish the seminar. While course one was sent to a dormitory to resume their part of the seminar.

Then we heard that because we may have swine too, they canceled the mission caravan, and for the first time in Oyasato Seminar history us seminar students were able to contribute ideas to what we should do for the time when we were supposed to be doing the caravan. The next three days where filled with workshops, about teamwork and listening and understanding. A lecture from a Hawaiian lady who has gone through too much, but instead of giving in to the painful experiences she strengthened her faith and is living the joyous life. And on the next day when we went on the Izushichijo village walk I had a realization which was that God had

been sending me signs so I could become a better person.

To be honest I had been dreading the fact that I was in this particular course. I was to the point of begging just to switch courses, I had the mind set that any other course was like ten times better than the one I was in. Then when I had realized that the actions of the people around me were just a reflection of myself I had another realization that the reason that God made everything happen that way was because I would have not been able to learn anything if I was placed in any other group than the one that I was put into. And when I made that realization everything became so much more fun!

I can tell you that if you ask anyone about how OS (Oyasato Seminar) went this year, most of them will tell you that it was a very unique experience. But, although not everything went as planned, almost everyone from Course one got swine flu, none of the courses got to go on mission caravan, we were all in quarantine, course three didn't really get the chance to administer out sazukes on people in need, course three almost did not get to receive

our sazukes on the set date, and we did not get to learn what the other course threes before us got to learn. I believe that it was all for the best, because we all learned something about Tenrikyo that cannot be taught just by word of mouth. A lesson about Tenrikyo that none of the courses before us learned this thoroughly. The lesson that everything that happens, happens for a reason.

Although we didn't get to do all of the normal stuff, I feel as though God had another lesson that God needed us to learn. I believe that God needed me to learn that things that happen, happen for a reason. There's a reason why Course One got the Swine flu, there's a reason why Seminar was first held at the 38th moya, there's a reason why I was placed in the course I was placed in, there's a reason why Blayne and Joyce were my counselors.

With each lesson learned we inch toward the joyous life. Although it sucks that we didn't get to learn the lessons of Tenrikyo the way that most of the others did, we learned it the way that best suited us. And along with that we learned some other lessons that I know I will remember



ISLAND LIFE

39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar

On Sunday, August 30th, the 39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held at Tenri Cultural Center. The features this year were Tenri Stamina Ramen, Takoyaki, and the Entertainment Stage among our usual favorites, Andagi, Oden, and Yasaiten (Fried clustered vegetables). Although things didn't seem to sell out as fast this year, thank you very much for your attendance, hinokishin, and donations to this fruitful event!



Delicious Oden Booth



Tenri Little Kids on the Center Stage



Mmmm...Sushi Booth



Fresh Fruits & Vegetables from the Big Island



Working hard to make tasty Andagi!



Bubble Drinks!



Indoor Clothing Sale



Kids Toy Booth



Tsukemono Booth



Overview of Bazaar

2009 Aloha Band Children's Pilgrimage



It has been two years since the Aloha Band returned to Jiba for the Children's pilgrimage. This time the pompom team made their first appearance, along with many new koteki members returning for the pilgrimage. They departed Hawaii looking forward to experiencing summer in Jiba. We also had two BGA (Boy's and Girl's Association) members from Maui that also participated in the band.

On July 25th, the band members practiced on the 9th floor of the lodgings, the 38th Moya, for the July 27th Offertory Performance and for the Oyasato Parade. The practice at Jiba: every single child's face was serious during practice. Also at this practice, the band instructor of the America Koteki Band, Takashi Osawa also assisted in our practice. He seriously taught the members with dedication.

The morning of the 27th it was drizzling and in the rain with 2,000 other

members from all over Japan, the Aloha band and pompom team performed magnificently in front of God the Parent and before Oyasama. That evening was the Oyasato Parade which the Aloha Band participated in the combine band and did a great performance. This was the pompoms first time performing in the parade, but their performance was so wonderful you could not believe that this was their first time. The band members and pompom team exerted their whole effort which was dazzling and impressive!!!

To be able to come to this point, the band and pompom staff dedicated their efforts. Especially the mothers of the pompom team dedicated their many hours of hinokishin to make the beautiful pompom uniform. To have been able to perform magnificently in the offertory performance and the Oyasato Parade is truly something to be grateful for.

Due to the H1N1 influenza there were members who were unable to perform in the Offertory Performance and or the Oyasato Parade. This was truly unfortunate. However, through what was shown and experienced at this children's pilgrimage we the staff of the Aloha Band will make a unified effort towards the next Children's Pilgrimage.

Lastly, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the staff of the Hawaii Boys and Girls Association, the parents, and also the staff of the Overseas Department for their assistance to the Aloha Band during the Children's Pilgrimage in Jiba.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

On the beautiful morning of Sunday, July 19, 2009, Terri Iwata (Honolulu-Ko Church/Hofu Grand Church) and Steve Stroiney were married in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new happy couple!



Kochi-Makoto Church 30th Anniversary

On August 9th, Sunday, Kochi-Makoto Church celebrated it's 30th Anniversary. Among the attendees were the Kochi Grand Church Head Minister and wife and Mission HQ Bishop Michihito Hamada and wife. On this day there were many who came to celebrate in the anniversary. Following the service, the Kochi Grand Church Head Minister spoke about the 50 year mission of Kochi-Makoto Church. He also spoke about spiritually growing towards the 120th Anniversary of Kochi Grand Church. Congratulations to Kochi-Makoto Church!



JUDO NEWS

HAWAII TENRI JUDO BRINGS HOME GOLD!

Junior Olympics in Orlando, FL July 24-25.

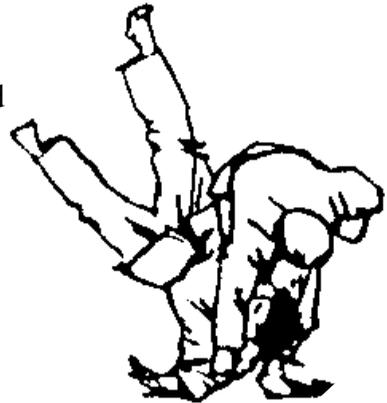
Cole Chandler - Inter 2 (38kgs) - Gold
Cassidy Chandler - Juvenile A (48kgs) - Gold
Dane Pestano - Juvenile A (+64kgs) - Gold
Mindy Chow - Juvenile B (57kgs) - Gold
Arnold Toriumi - IJF (60kgs) - Gold
Jared Kaneko - Inter 1 (38kgs) - Silver
Mindy Chow - IJF (57kgs) - Silver
Taylor Ibera - IJF (44kgs) - Silver
Mary Kaimana Lundquist - Juvenile B (63kgs)
Chrissy Chow - IJF (52kgs)

Orlando, Florida & Ft. Lauderdale, Florida -- In the months of July and August, our Hawaii Tenri Judo Club competitors were hard at work at two national level competitions. They dominated in most of their respective divisions! Congratulations and thanks to all those who worked hard and competed!

At the Junior Olympics, Arnold Toriumi was awarded the Best Technique Award and by winning the IJF division he has won the spot on the USA Judo team for the Junior (19 yrs old & under) World Championships in Athens, Greece in October! Congrats Arnold!

Junior US Open in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on Aug. 1-2

Cole Chandler - Inter 2 (38kgs) - Gold
Dane Pestano - Juvenile A (+87kgs) - Gold
Dane Pestano - IJF (-100kgs) - Gold
Mary Kaimana Lundquist - Juvenile B (70 kgs) - Gold
Mindy Chow - Juvenile B (57 kgs) - Gold
Taylor Ibera -IJF (44kgs) - Gold
Arnold Toriumi - IJF (60kgs) - Gold
Cassidy Chandler - Juvenile A (48kgs) - Silver
Mindy Chow - IJF (57kgs) - Silver
Chrissy Chow -IJF (57kgs) - Bronze
Mary Lundquist - Juvenile IJF (70kgs) - Bronze
Jared Kaneko - Inter 1 (38kgs) - 5th Place



Mission HQ Staff Changes



We would like to say mahalo and a hui hou to Overseas Mission Department Staff Moses Nakao. Moses, along with wife Chieko and daughter Sadie worked for two years at Mission HQ. On August 31, Sunday, Moses ended his term at Mission HQ and on September 2nd he left for Japan to finish his term with the Overseas Mission Department. Thank you very much for your two years at Mission HQ! You will be missed!

We would like to welcome Overseas Department staff Mr. Gary Sakai (Kakaako Church/Honjima Grand Church) to Hawaii. Mr. Sakai arrived on August 12th. Welcome to Mission HQ and best of luck!



MISSION HQ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Autumn Memorial Service

The Fall Memorial Service will be held at Dendocho on September 27, Sunday. The following head ministers and followers will be honored and remembered:

10th anniversary	Mr. Clarence Yukio Matsukawa, follower of Matsukaze Mission Station
20th anniversary	Rev. Edith Sumiko Nakatsu, second head of Waipahu Church
20th anniversary	Rev. Hiyama Horace Hasegawa, first head of North Pacific Church
20th anniversary	Ms. Tama Watanabe, follower of Nikko Grand Church

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Associations' Reports



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Thank you very much for your sincere efforts for the summer's big event, the annual Tenrikyo Bazaar, which was a great success!

On Monday, September 7th, was the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day. The reason why we spread the teachings is not only to increase followers, but we are taught that it is for us to save people. Let us have the nioigake spirit on a daily basis and share the Teachings of the Path to as many people as possible.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

September 12th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETING

September 14th (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

September 15th (Tues) 9:00 a.m.

* West House Bazaar Hinokishin has ended on August 5th. Thank you very much!

* August Mission HQ Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to GODO A group. However, it is the Post-bazaar Appreciation Luncheon so we are asking for other groups' hinokishin. Mahalo!



BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

ALOHA BAND

There will be a practice session after MHQ monthly service on September 20th, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.



YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS FOR THE MINI-BAZAAR & BEVERAGE TABLE

We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Dendocho'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.

THANK YOU BAZAAR PARTICIPANTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's annual bazaar! We appreciated everyone who donated, baked goods and mix, packed all the goodies, and helped at the two booths. We all came together to make this another successful year! MAHALO!

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 be attending or not.

ANNOUNCEMENT: SILK STRANDS AVAILABLE!

The YWC are 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

September 16th (Wed)

7:30 p.m.

BAZAAR

Thank you all for your hinokishin!!!

TENRIKYO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION Commemorating its 100th Anniversary

92nd Annual General Meeting
Tenrikyo 173 (2010)

April 19 (Monday) 10 a.m.

Tenrikyo Church Headquarters, Inner Courtyard

**For those who need information flyers and registration cards, please see Mrs. Kayo Saito.*

***Please register through your respective churches for this event.*



The Hungry Reporter

I don't know what you think, but hasn't it been rather hot?! I work in no air conditioning. Great for the health, yet I must say, if my pores are not cleaned out by now, I don't know what else is!

More than ever, I have been craving for refreshing things to drink. While water is great, sometimes you want something that really hits the spot. This lemonade recipe does exactly that. Really simple and so refreshing. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Refreshing Lemonade

Ingredients

1 pitcher of lemonade (4 cups)
1/2 pound of cucumber chopped up
1/2 Cup of mint chopped



Directions

Blend in a blender with ice. Strain as much as you want to strain out. I strained most of it and served it over ice... Yummy!

September 2009

12th Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 AM
15th Tues	WA Musical Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
16th Wed	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
17th Thu	BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
20th Sun	Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
	Bazaar Mahalo Luncheon		12:00 PM
21st Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
26th Sat	Monthly Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
	Aloha Band Practice & Pom Pom Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 PM
27th Mon	Autumn Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 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