

# Origins

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# TENRIKYO NEWSLETTER – ORIGINS AND MAKOTO MISSION STATEMENT

To provide for the Tenrikyo community in Hawaii and the people in the State of Hawaii information related to the services, activities, and events of Tenrikyo in Hawaii.

To inspire and initiate interest in having faith in religion, namely Tenrikyo, by conveying the Truth of the Jiba in words, in the manner and heart of God the Parent and Oyasama.

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## Message from the head of the Overseas Department

Tenrikyo 174, August 26

I thank you deeply for your daily sincere efforts at each of your respective missions throughout the world. Even in the extreme summer heat at the Home of the Parent, the morning and evening winds give the feeling that Autumn is near. Today, with many children among the followers, the August Monthly Service was spiritedly performed, with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira stated that, “If only your minds are truly accepted by God, I shall sweep away any dust whatever.” He emphasized we should keep these words in our heart, so that we can build upon our sincerity in our efforts towards saving others. In order to develop a mind that is closer to God’s intention, he encouraged us to walk on this path with firm determination, striving for a world where everyone is mutually helping one another and with much gratitude, for our life, engage in Hinokishin. Further, the Shinbashira prays that we may receive the blessing of wondrous salvation of free and unlimited blessings and hasten the spreading of the teachings, as well as sweeping the dust from the minds of all people throughout the world. In addition, he prayed that we will be able to receive, even a day sooner, God’s intention of a world filled with joy.

This month’s sermon was delivered by Honbuin, Hirokazu Moroi.

In his sermon, he quoted stories that occurred between the predecessors and Oyasama, and he also quoted stories from the Anecdote of Oyasama.

He talked about the feelings the predecessors had towards Oyasama and also, with what kind of thoughts they had as they lived each day. He next talked about the relief efforts and reconstruction support given by the Disaster Relief Hinokishin Corps and Tenrikyo followers, following the March 11th Great Eastern Japan Earthquake.

He stated that, we Tenrikyo followers should now put into practice the key word, “Mutual Help,” as a guide to advance forward. He further stated that, by mutually working together in our efforts to save others, we can look forward to a path, in the future, that will be filled with much joy. Next, he spoke about his own personal

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## *Monthly Service Prayer*

*Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, who resides in his 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 Your 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, Jiba was filled with two hundred thirty thousand children, and despite the hot weather, the Children's Pilgrimage Hawaii group and the students of the Oyasato Seminar 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 28th 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 5th, 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. Takatoshi Mima**  
**Head Minister of Koshinokuni Hawaii Church**

**"A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed"**

We have just completed the August monthly service in high spirits. Thank you very much. I am sure God the Parent and Oyasama are happy and have accepted our sincerity. I have been appointed to give the sermon today and so I would like to speak about "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed" from Chapter 7 in the Doctrine of Tenrikyo. I ask for your kind attention for a short while.

The theme of today's sermon "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed" is a very important teaching in Tenrikyo. I'm sure before learning the teachings of Tenrikyo, we never gave a thought that our bodies are a thing borrowed. Although there are more people that think their bodies are of their own, this is a mistaken thought. We are taught that our bodies are a thing borrowed from God the Parent. Thus, if we were to name the borrower of the body, it would be the soul. God the Parent discerns this soul and lends the body to us. In Chapter 7 of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo,

**The conception of a baby is by Tsukihi. Giving birth to is, also, is by the work of Tsukihi.**

**VI-131**



**The ingenious structures and delicate functioning of our bodies were not devised by our parents nor can these be controlled by our own power. Everything concerning the body is due to the exquisite forethought and providence of God the Parent.**

**All human bodies are things lent by God. With what thought are you using them? III-41**

**All human bodies are things lent by God. Do you know the free and unlimited workings of God? III-126**

**We are born into this world by the grace of God the Parent and live each day sufficiently provided for, because we are in the embrace of heaven and earth, constantly nurtured in the very bosom of**

**God the Parent. That we are able to use the body each day without the slightest hindrance is due to the complete providence of God the Parent, beginning with warmth and moisture and extending to encompass our every need. If, on the other hand, we become ill, no matter how much we might call upon our strength and wisdom, we shall still suffer from the fever and chills of our condition. One's sickbed will become the whole world and one will not be able to move so much as a single limb freely. If we ponder over this well, the truth that the body is a thing lent by God will settle into our hearts.**

God the Parent created human beings to see them lead a joyous life and thus share in that joy. In the beginning, God the Parent became the model of man, provided the Ten Providences, and created mankind and the world. He lent the body and gave the freedom of will, and nurtured us for many long years. And providing us with limitless parental love, He continues to protect us far into the future. In other words, human beings were created by God the Parent and given divine protection. Although they are living on this earth as their stage, this world is God's body and human beings are living in the bosom of God. Moreover, if we were to talk about human beings as individuals, the body is not our own, but a thing lent by God, and our minds are ours alone. To acknowledge this is the foundation of one's view of life. In the Ofudesaki,

**This universe is the body of God. Ponder this in all matters. III-40, 135**

This verse is repeated twice in Chapter 3, verses 40 and 135. In connection to these, "A thing lent, a thing borrowed" always follows in the next verse. In other words,

**All human bodies are things lent by God, what thought are you using them? III-41**

**So long as you remain unknowing that the body is a thing borrowed, you can understand nothing at all. III-137**

As just stated, the body is a thing lent from God. From the human perspective, we are taught that the body is a thing borrowed. This "body" refers to the human body. "This universe is the body of God." In other words, God the Parent exists relatively as the body of God. However, because God the Parent is an unseen existence, it is not easily understood and is a difficult concept. In the Kakisage,

**Now, with human beings: the body is a thing lent by God, a thing borrowed. The mind alone is yours.**

In the Osashizu it states,

**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.**

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In other words, although we use our bodies with the frame of mind that our bodies

are a thing borrowed, depending on how we use our minds which have been given to us, determines the truths we are shown daily. To accept the truths that appear with an obedient and humble mind is to be able to listen and understand the truth of free and unlimited workings. Furthermore,

**Do not wonder where my free and unlimited workings are. In each of your minds, you will find them wherever sincerity abides. December 7, 1888**

In using our minds with sincerity daily, the truth of free and unlimited workings will appear. Then, what is “the truth of free and unlimited workings” and “the mind of sincerity”? These words are written in the Kakisage, which we read daily.

First, “The truth of free and unlimited workings” is explained as,

**Now, with the truth of the mind: daily and always, whatever actions, whatever the minds workings there may be daily and always, however repeated the actions and workings, daily I accept all the truths whatever. Among those I accept, there is only one of free and unlimited workings. It is in the truth of the heart alone.**

Next, “the mind of sincerity” is stated as,

**At first glance, people may think that the mind of sincerity is weak, but there is nothing firmer or more enduring than sincerity. Sincerity alone is the truth of heaven. Because it is the truth of heaven, I accept it at once and give a return at once,**

**this is the one truth. If there is the truth of sincerity alone in the mind of each of you, complete harmony will come to your families. Those of you that convince others will have free and unlimited workings by your unchanging truth of sincerity alone.**

**Among those efforts of contribution and dedication, there is the helping of one another. Helping one another is a truth you teach. Yet the mind of saving others is the real truth of sincerity alone and, by this truth of savings others, you are saved.**

Lastly, in the Kakisage, it concludes by saying,

**Sah, carry on without change far into the future.**

It is urging us to continue to hold a mind of sincerity far into the future without change.

However, we find it difficult to settle this truth in our minds and, from the shallowness of human thought, tend to think that we can accomplish anything according to our own plans. We are swayed into pursuing our own pleasures and profits, and use our minds in ways contrary to the will of God the Parent, who desires the joyous harmony of humankind. Thus, God the Parent warns against such ways, comparing them to dust. We are allowed to use our minds as we please, since they are ours. But when our use of our minds is not in accord with the will of God the Parent, our minds will become clouded, as though covered with an accumulation of dust. In time, our minds will lose their original brightness until finally we are not able to

manage. This is why God the Parent teaches us against such use of the mind through the metaphor of dusts. We are advised to reflect constantly and sweep this dust away, and God the Parent pities us for such misuses of mind and gives us signs in the form of illnesses or other troubles so as to afford us opportunities to sweep the dusts from our minds. In this way God the Parent leads us to the Joyous life.

Now, in living our daily lives, we are each shown occurrences of illnesses and difficulties. My father, born and raised in a church in Kanazawa city in Ishikawa prefecture was later adopted into his auntie's newly built church. Some years later, his aunt passed away for rebirth and so he became the head minister of the church at the young age of twenty seven. He married my mother, who was born in Kyoto and together they walked a path of single-hearted salvation. God the Parent, without hesitation desired to begin serious training for my father, a newly appointed church head minister. These forms of guidance were shown continuously not only through my father's illnesses, but also to my mother and their children and through difficulties in the church, such as the eldest daughter catching pneumonia, the passing away for rebirth of the second daughter at one hundred days old, and my mother contracting tuberculosis. There were too many close encounters to life and death. Amidst life and death days, my mother had a dream. A minister dressed in white funeral attire appeared and said, "If you wish to be saved, give away all your belongs, give away

all your belongs," and disappeared quickly. Upon hearing this, my father immediately offered everything of my mother's dowry to their supervisory church, leaving only one pajama set. After that, her illness improved, like ocean waves receding. Some days later, in an interview in the Arakitoryo #109 my father said the following: "When a person with an illness comes to church, there is no other topic to talk about than 'a thing lent, a thing borrowed'. I am allowed to talk about my own life." In addition, when asked by the interviewer what his opinion on what he thinks is most important in living our daily lives as a fellow yoboku he replied, "I believe those who can discard, or in other words cut off completely an arrogant mind is a person who can understand for the first time the truth of 'a thing lent, a thing borrowed'. Arrogance is, after all as if going into God the Parent's realm and behaving self-importantly. If one acts this way, even if one does anything grand, it all becomes zero. Even if you build a church from the beginning and say you saved many people by instructing them, these are all according to the providence of God the Parent and we are able to just perform these duties. Unless you are a follower who can hold this belief continuously in your mind, you are not a person who can tell the true meaning of 'a thing lent, a thing borrowed'. This is what I believe."

Also, I, along with my family have each individually been presented with knots. In the course of doing missionary work, without being able to see our future, my wife received

knots in the form of miscarriages, not only once or twice, but three times continuously. At that time we did not have the financial means to return to Ojiba to receive the Grant of Safe Childbirth. In the midst of that, some five years later we were finally blessed with our second daughter. Our hearts leaped up for joy and we greatly appreciated receiving God the Parent's blessings. However, at a routine doctor's appointment a few months after her birth the doctor said to my wife and me, "It seems there is a hole in your child's heart. Although it is a small hole now, if it does not close naturally as your child grows, there is the possibility she may need heart surgery in the future. Upon hearing this, we were shocked. In that instant, my heart clouded and the joy of being blessed with a child faded. We returned home and immediately administered the Sazuke. My child is healthy now but the future is uncertain. I reflected on the path that my parents led and pondered on what God the Parent's intentions could be. What I realized the answer to be was naturally of course, "a thing lent, a thing borrowed." It was a severe but thankful instruction from God the Parent. "Any kind of truth will appear daily. I accept any kind of truth, you must understand the truth of free and unlimited workings." I pondered and reflected on these words. On the one hand, I accepted a knot as a knot. With a desire to lean on God, trying not to be shackled by emotions I led a life of missionary work. Some five to six years passed and around the time my daughter would be entering school, according to God

the Parent's salvations, we received blessings with her hole closing completely.

One day, a few years ago my son's friend collapsed from liver failure and was rushed by ambulance and admitted to the hospital. Asked by my son, I went to the hospital and administered the Sazuke to Mr. I who was sleeping in the intensive care unit. I commuted to the hospital and administered the Sazuke the first three days, rested one day, administered another three days, rested again one day, then administered the Sazuke another three days. The blessing was splendid. His liver, which had shrunk about one-third of its original size and had stopped functioning had gradually recovered and he was able to be discharged early. After being discharged, I encouraged him to come to my church where I held a prayer service and administered the Sazuke in three sessions of three consecutive days. As a result, even to the surprise of the doctor, he received blessings. His liver recovered and he became healthy enough to return to work three months later. Seeing her son recover to complete health, his mother later came to ask to have the Sazuke administered on herself as well. She also received blessings and since then has come to attend our church's services every month.

In the Anecdotes of Oyasama, the Foundress of Tenrikyo #147 "True Salvation" it states,

**In 1882, Isa, wife of Yohei Yamamoto who received such marvelous salvation that she completely healed of a leg ailment of long duration. At the moment of her**

**healing, as she rose to her feet, her leg and hip joints gave out cracking sounds from the long disease. Yet the trembling of her hands did not cease. She worried about it very much, even though it did not seem serious. She returned to Jiba in the summer of 1884. When she was received by Oyasama, she begged, holding out her trembling hands, ‘May I ask you to breathe upon these?’ Then Oyasama instructed Isa: ‘It would be very easy to breathe upon them. But your trembling hands seem of little inconvenience since you have already been saved from your serious leg ailment. Rather than being cured completely, it is better that you have some trouble left to be healed; then you will understand the innen of your previous lives and be continually reminded of it. This will lead to your true cure. But what is most important is to gain virtue that will lead to true salvation.**

This is what is written as Oyasama’s instructions. In this story, we are able to see Oyasama’s superb way of salvation through her urging to human beings the idea of “A thing lent, a thing borrowed” and “spiritual growth by relying on God.”

Now, I would like to talk about “spiritual growth by relying on God.” God the Parent, even through hardships, wanting to see human beings lead a joyous life and wanting to share in that joy, created human beings. Moreover, created all the necessities needed for human beings to live in the bosom of God the Parent. However, now, human beings are forgetting

their thanks to God, the relations between human beings have weakened, helping one another has been forgotten, and conflicts are continuing between not only society but between nations. Needless to say, these present conditions are not God the Parent’s hopes. The roots of these wars are caused by human being’s misuse of their minds. We are taught that man’s illnesses, troubles and disasters are God the Parent’s guidance and admonitions. Thus, the Salvation service teaches us the path to be saved from not only illnesses and any kinds of troubles, but also teaches us how to bring peace among our families.

Presently, all over the world, disasters are occurring continuously. Japan is facing natural disasters due to earthquakes and tsunamis. In addition, human beings’ lives and their livelihood are being threatened by radiation from manmade nuclear reactors. I deeply ponder what kind of message this may be from God and why as children of God, we must receive this kind of sufferings. Reflecting on this, I wonder if this is a warning or an alarm that human beings, who rely solely on scientific thinking are going beyond the area of human control thus opposing God’s will. Thus, in response to God’s warning, I think the time has come to ponder over what should be done. I believe we need to live according to God the Parent’s desires with our minds solely relying on God, and ponder deeply on God’s intentions and come to know God’s hopes as quickly as possible.

Because human beings were trained for six

thousand years in wisdom and were instructed for three thousand nine hundred ninety-nine years in letter, human beings are presently able to live in an advanced civilization. So that human beings can live till one hundred fifteen years old, in addition to instilling wisdom and instructing in letters, the mind given “which is alone your mind” should be used with God the Parent’s intentions. Urging us to lean on God while living a life through any kinds of knots presented whether it be illnesses or troubles is, I believe to be the training of our mind.

Therefore, in order to thoroughly receive this training of our minds, we need to perform the Salvation service as taught by Oyasama. And because our bodies are borrowed from God the Parent, we need to rid our minds of greed and arrogance and pray thanks to God.

Moreover, keeping in mind the importance of the truth of being able to use our minds freely in accordance to God the Parent’s intentions, it is important to continue to pray towards the realization of a world of Joyous life. I feel that the spiritual growth of a mind leaning on God is an important condition to determine the destiny of human beings or in other words, mankind.

In conclusion, I would like to read an excerpt from the Ofudesaki.

**Ponder over your sufferings of the body and then ponder the mind that leans on God. V-10**

**Everything in this universe is all by Tsukihi. All human bodies are things lent by Tsukihi. VI-120**

Thank you for your kind attention.

## **Message from the Head of the Overseas Dept.**

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experiences and quoting from the Osashizu, he spoke about the “The Ten Aspects of the Complete Providence,” and “Eight Dusts of the Mind.” He then encouraged us to read and to memorize it.

There are only a few days left in the month of August. The summer activities of the Overseas Department have been safely completed, and what is left is the SATOM summer camp beginning from August 29th. Next month is September, when the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day is to be held. Although at each respective mission, you have already made plans for this activity, let us all as Yoboku, strive to spread the teachings and engage in salvation work.

Yoichiro Miyamori  
Head of the Overseas Department

# ISLAND LIFE

## Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba 2011



I would like to thank everyone for their support and cooperation extended during this past Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba. Although we had some challenges, we were blessed with relatively cool and rainy weather with little or no rain at appropriate times. Our parade appearance was on the 26th. The Aloha

Band performed with pride and sincerity at the offertory performance on the 27th and in the Oyasato parade that evening. Eric Miyauchi played the surigane (small gong) during the church HQ morning service hand dance at Foundress' Sanctuary on the last day. Alyssa Higaki and Mona Hirose represented the Hawaii Group giving our greetings at the Shinbashira's residence. They were a total of 27 participants, with 8 Aloha band members and 7 shohi attendees.

Owen Nakao: BGA Chair

## Ahoy There! New Baby Boy on Board!

Taisei Will Sakagami

Born: July 21, 2011

6 lbs 12.6oz, 20in.

Parents:

Noriaki & Ayano Sakagami

(Tsurushonan Branch Church/ Ikeda G.C.)

Congratulations!



# ***HAWAII TENRI JUDO MEMBERS BRING HOME THE GOLD!***



**On July 11, prayer service was performed at Mission Headquarters.**

2011 USA JUDO Junior Olympic National Championships was held at Irving, Texas through July 23-24 and we had wonderful results for all of the 26 competitors (the most for one club from Hawaii). All of the Tenri judokas fought hard and we are proud of them all. These are the medal results (11 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze):

## **Gold:**

Jessica Dixon, Masami Blaze Sumiye, Brie Bella, Phoebe Pineda Abaya, Noah Wusstig, Amanda Higa, Jared Kaneko, Hilina'i Meyer, Cole Chandler, Taylor Castro, Mindy Chow

## **Silver:**

Czarina Pineda Abaya, Dane Pa'ihī Pestano

## **Bronze:**

Noah Pineda Abaya, Brayden Bella, Zion Lista

Also Mindy Chow and Pa'ihī Pestano have been selected for the USA Judo Junior World Championship team that will be in Capetown, South Africa in the beginning of November. In other results from this past week in Fargo, North Dakota Bree Rapoza won the USA Wrestling freestyle nationals in both the cadet and junior divisions. Congratulations to all!

# GO ALOHA GO (Kaishow Caravan) The Earthquake Disaster Relief Report

Mr. Tomohito Kaisho (Tomioka Branch Church) had returned from his trip from Sendai, Iwate and had a lot to share with us on his experience. We asked him to explain why he went on such a dangerous trip to the areas that were heavily damaged by the recent tsunami. We received a very inspiring story that we hope to share with as many people possible.

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On the evening of that fateful day, March 10 (March 11 in Japan), I was enjoying a barbecue at a friend's house. Mr. Nakai of Stamina Ramen was there, as well as a mother and her children visiting from Tokyo. We were in the middle of having a really good time.

The mother got a sudden phone call from her husband in Tokyo. He was crouched under a desk and said that a massive earthquake had struck, and that the tremors hadn't yet stopped. My cell phone rang next. It was from a friend in Hawaii. In a flustered voice, he asked: "Have you seen the news on TV? It's a freaking catastrophe!" In the moment I rushed to turn on the TV, we were soon rendered speechless by what we saw. It was like a scene from a disaster movie. The word "Live" flashed on the right corner of the screen.

The silence was broken by the sound of soft sobbing behind me. The younger girls cried while watching the horrific live footage. Our five-year-old daughters see things differently from us adults. They saw familiar-looking towns in Japan which they associ-



ated with fun being swallowed by a wave of pitch-black water. We saw footage of people trying escape in cars and on foot.

Even after a week had passed, and then a month, I could not get these scenes out of my head. I couldn't help but worry about the children affected by the disaster. I felt that they could only stop and stare in the cold as they watched people, vehicles, houses, and dead bodies being washed away before their very eyes.

My daughters had become distraught just by seeing the live footage on TV. So it was incomprehensible to think what surviving children—who lost family, friends, homes, and everything else they had—were going

through. Feelings that I could not even dream to express began to well up inside me. I then thought: My kids and the children of Hawaii could make a connection with surviving children despite the distance between them by showing their support. I came with the idea for “Aloha Snacks.” These would be snacks from Hawaii taped with a photo and a heartfelt message from the kids.

The principal at my daughter’s elementary school immediately gave her approval. Although my wife severely objected when I told her I was going to the disaster zone, in time she took charge passing out fliers and collecting Aloha Snacks every morning and evening before and after school with other Japanese mothers. Our neighbors and the elementary school principal in the next town started to pitch in as well. Together with the snacks brought by members of the Tenrikyo congregation in Hawaii, we collected a total of roughly 200 kilos or 441 lbs. (roughly 2000 pieces) of snacks. It was a mind-boggling amount, so I contacted Daniel Higaki. With his help we were somehow able to negotiate with Japan Airlines and had them designate the snacks as relief supplies when I took them to Japan. Thank you, thank you, oh thank you, Daniel! We had an ample amount of snacks, so I was able to distribute them to kids at roughly 20 evacuation shelters and five or six elementary schools as well as in front of the train station. I’d like to shout out my deepest appreciation to school officials, parents, and the Tenrikyo congregation in Hawaii for

your kokua. There were messages written in English as well as freshly learnt Japanese. There were pictures of boys and girls. I am convinced that the kids have kept them as precious mementos.

As you may know, the tsunami washed their photos, letters, and everything else away. It’s very likely that the messages you wrote were the first letters the kids got since the disaster struck. Later, when a church minister in Hawaii told me that his niece got an e-mail thanking her for her Aloha Snack, I was so very, very happy.

Slides of the pictures I took were shown to all students at the closing ceremony at my daughter’s school. I heard that some teachers watched with tears in their eyes. I believe that the kids must have realized that they truly did something wonderful by donating their Aloha Snacks when they saw those pictures. At the same time, there may have been a few kids who regretted not being able to donate this time. Still, I think this experience will cause them to give when the next opportunity arises.

What I am hoping for is that someone will step up and continue what I started. It doesn’t really matter who goes. What matters is that someone goes to spread the message that everyone in Hawaii is thinking of them to as many survivors as they can. It is my deepest hope that the survivors will cheer up, even just a little, when they learn this.

It doesn’t matter who you are, stay the course! Go! Go! Stay the course! It’s doesn’t matter what shape or form you do it!

## ~ Caravan Itinerary ~

### May 7

Arrived at Narita Airport. I got on a latenight bus in Shinjuku departing for Sendai.

### May 8

Arrived at Sendai Station at 5:00 a.m. My friend in Sendai, came to pick me up. We immediately went to prepare the “Stamen” truck and buy vegetables for the ramen. When we mentioned to the farmers that we were going to use the vegetables to cook ramen for survivors, they refused to take our money. Instead, I ended up bowing my head over and over, saying, “Arigato, arigato.” The Stamen Team arrived that evening and we made finally preparations and huddled for a meeting.



The “Stamen” (Stamina Ramen) Truck

### May 9

We filled buckets and plastic tanks with water and headed for Ishinomaki City in the early morning. We began in front of the train station where there was still rubble everywhere. We ended up serving more people that we expected and headed to Minamisanriku that evening. We served ramen in near a park in an area still strewn with rubble until about 10:00 p.m.

### May 10

Again, we filled our buckets and tanks with water in the early morning and headed to an isolated area beyond Ke-senuma City. After this, we went to a junior high school that was being used as an evacuation shelter. We served a total of 2000 bowls of ramen in two days.

### May 11

The Stamen Team left for Tenri early that morning. I loaded a friend’s SUV with a sleeping bag, camping equipment, and a map and headed for Ofunato City in Iwate Prefecture by myself. My Sendai friend told me not to go because it was too dangerous. He told me that there were at least one or two aftershocks a day as well as thieves in the area armed with knives and metal bats. I promised that I would make sure to camp at night in an upland area and he let me go. I spent the days until May 16 camping, doing hinokishin, and distributing Aloha Snacks.

## May 16

I left for Tokyo on a late-night bus from Sendai. I then headed to Jiba via bullet train to Kyoto.

## May 17

I arrived in Jiba. I conducted a prayer service in the Main Sanctuary. After exchanging farewells with the Stamen Team, I left for Honolulu on May 18.



Giving "Aloha Snacks" to the children in a shelter

## 'Adopt A Highway' Program

On July 7, 2011, Tenrikyo Church in Hawaii has adopted a 2 mile section of highway through the 'Adopt-A-Highway' program run by the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation. Adopt-A-Highway is a public service program for volunteers to pick up litter along Hawaii's State highways. It's a way for environmentally conscious citizens to make a contribution to a cleaner State. In addition to a cleaner roadside, participants help to prevent pollutants from entering our storm drains, streams and the ocean. A sign with 'Tenrikyo Church' has been erected on the corner of Vineyard Blvd. & Pali Highway. The two mile section is along Pali Highway from Vineyard Blvd. to Country Club Road. An announcement will be made for the future clean date(s). Please come out and support this wonderful program! Mahalo!



# ***Tenrikyo Hawaii Holds 41st Annual Bazaar!***

Blessed with just the right amount of rain, we were able to conduct the 41st Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar without major (if any) accidents and injury. We were caught a bit off guard with what seemed to be a larger crowd than usual with long lines forming not only for the Rummage sale but also at the scrip booths. There were some complaints about having to wait a long time to buy the scrips (because they came at 7:30am, bazaar starts at 8:30am), there were other good comments, like, "This is the best bazaar!" and "I like it here because the prices are low." A long time member's daughter who came for the first time said, "Wow, this is a really big bazaar!"

We are truly blessed with this beautiful property, spirited volunteers and the support of Bishop and Mrs. Hamada. I feel really proud to be a part of this event! We are fulfilling the purpose of the bazaar which is to do nioigake to the community. Thank you all for your sincere hinokishin!

**Lounging area was crowded with many visitors (right)**



**Long line for ticket booth before the Bazaar started (left)**



You might catch a lucky find in the rummage sale (above)



Freshly pounded Mochi being prepared to serve (above)

The high-grade cinders from Hilo were on the first sale of Bazaar history (right)



# Oyasato Seminar Course III Reflections



The 27th Oyasato seminar was held in Tenri during the month of July 2011. Students from Hawaii and the U.S. mainland and other countries gather at the Parental Home to participate in one of the most challenging and very rewarding experiences of their lives. Waking up at 5:00 a.m. every morning and fulfilling each day's activities with sincerity and selfless actions is just one aspect of this course. Walking from Osaka to Tenri overnight gave many of the students inspiration of how our predecessors gave all they had in order to spread the teachings of this faith. At the end of the course many of the students returned home with a deeper understanding and appreciation of what the Tenrikyo faith is about.

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## **Sheigh Yap (Kapaa Church/Shuto GC)**

Completing Oyasato Seminar has helped me realize how valuable friendship really is. It's not something you can buy at the grocery store, it's priceless. I am and always will be eternally grateful for the Oyasato Seminar bringing together all my new friends/family. It feels like friendship is the only thing one could receive from this seminar, you actu-

ally learn more than you'd expect to. Doing all the different variety of sweat-covered, hardworking activities, it assisted us to bond with one another even more so. Aside from the complaining, we all had fun performing it together as a unit. Also, thanks to the Besseki lectures, I've obtained so much more data on the history of Oyasama and how

Tenrikyo came to be; which I can use to help spread the teachings. Though friendship and knowledge is not all I have to be thankful about. I, and all of the other O.S. students are immensely appreciative for all the time, donation, hinokishin, help, and aid, we were blessed with from all of the Staff, Bishops, and volunteers. I pray that they can continue to do so for all the future O.S. courses because they too deserve to have as much of a wonderful time as I did.



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### **Jonn Kakitani (Kochi Makoto Church/Kochi GC)**

Attending the Oyasato Seminar was probably one of the best experiences of my life. Meeting a lot of new people along the way I feel that it was worth while and I am glad that I went. The seminar experience was great, although I was hesitant to go to course one and just wanted to stay home. I felt it as a waste of time but I went anyway. During course one all of my course mates were kind and nice to me but with me not wanting to be there I kept to myself throughout course one and just wanting it to be over and for me to go home.



When I went to course three I felt that I had to try and make an effort to meet these people from around the world and make friends with them and hang out with them. Just have fun. That was probably the best thing I did because they were very cool and I felt very close to them. I had a lot of fun doing the various activities during the course, my favorite was probably going to Aichi. All the missionaries there were very nice and positive during our daily nioigake. Not getting upset with each door slammed into their faces and just moved on to the next door. They also knew how to have fun during our last night doing skits for each other. In my opinion probably the best night I had in seminar. Although we had a lot of hardships throughout the course I felt that we came together as a family at the end. I made lifelong friendships with everyone in my course as well as the other courses and I hope that one day we can all return to Jiba together and have fun.

## Trisha Fujiwara (Pukalani Mission Station/Honjima GC)

This summer I returned back to Jiba to attend the Oyasato Seminar Course 3. It was an amazing and memorable trip. It was interesting to take the Besseki lectures and listening to it several times, but it was all worth it when I finally received the Sazuke (divine grant), an experience I will never forget about. Keidai was such a wonderful experience, although staying up all night and having only two hours of sleep was difficult and not so fun. It was a momentous experience to guard the Shinden and when hardly anybody was there. We also cleaned the pool for the Kodomo Ojibagaeri which was hard especially when we had to get all of that dirt off, but super fun when we had a water fight. Doing missionary work in Aichi was a once in a lifetime experience. I was lucky enough to be able to administer the sazuke several times on random strangers. But administering the sazuke wasn't the most

memorable part about meeting these people. Getting to know about them and their stories captivated me the most. I met so many wonderful people and even a war survivor who told me about his life in the war. At first he rejected us because we were Tenrikyo but when I told him I was from Hawaii/America he started to talk to us. The most surprising part was at the end of our talk he told me that he had never spoken about his time in the war to anyone except me and even forgot that I was a Tenrikyo member. I was so honored to be the first person to talk about it despite the fact that I was a total stranger and Tenrikyo; I was able to administer the sazuke on him to stay healthy. Our course was also given the opportunity to complete the Jusan Pass, something that we were all devastated about because we couldn't finish it during Course 1. I'm grateful for everything we were able



to do during Oyasato Seminar. I will never forget my experience during Course 3 and I will definitely never forget the friends I have made. Hope to see all of them in the near future. Proud to be a Yoboku!!

## *In Memory of the late Rev. Sachiko Wakimoto*

Rev. Sachiko Wakimoto passed away for rebirth on July 16, 2011, at the age of 86. She had served as head minister of Hilo Church for 52 years.

Rev. Wakimoto was born in 1924 in Andong, China. While in Manchuria, she married Toshio Wakimoto in 1944. She gave birth to her only son, Shin in 1945. Unfortunately, she received the news of husband Toshio's passing in 1946. Following this tragic event, Rev. Wakimoto was drawn to the path due to the intention of God the Parent. In 1947, she became a Yoboku and graduated from Shuyoka, the Spiritual Development Course. Around 1956, on this Island of Hawai'i, the second head minister of Hilo Church suddenly passed away for rebirth after only two months as the head minister. Rev. Toshitsugu Katayama, the third head minister of Honjima Grand Church, requested Sachiko Wakimoto to become the third head minister. Thus, in 1959 a sanction was received from Church Headquarters and the following month, Rev. Wakimoto arrived at Hilo Church in Hawaii.



Rev. Wakimoto always kept focused on the Truth of the Jiba and performed her duties at the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. She served as a Board of Director of the Mission Headquarters and was also assigned to the position of Associate Board of Director of Honjima Grand Church.

The wake service was held on July 28 and the Memorial Service was held on August 1 at Dodo Mortuary in Hilo, officiated by Rev. Kanta Katayama of Honjima Grand Church.

## *In Memory of the late Sadao Okamura*

Mr. Sadao Okamura passed away for rebirth on June 26, 2011 at the age of 85. Mr. Okamura was a member of the Tenrikyo Kalihi Church and Ushigome Grand Church. He dedicated himself to doing hinokishin and helping others. He often did construction and repair work at Mission HQ, Tenri Cultural Center and various other churches. The funeral service was on July 23, 2011 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. The chief officiant was Rev. Ronald Yama, head minister of Kalihi Church. Mr. Okamura's strong work ethic and big smile will be missed.



# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Tenrikyo Bazaar was a big "Noigake" for the community. Half of the Bazaar profits will be going to the Japan Disaster Relief fund. We will be having the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day and Joint General Meeting this month. All efforts will count so please make it to the events!

#### **Nuuanu Hale Visitation**

September 10 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Monthly Meeting**

September 12 (Mon) 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
Study Anecdotes of Oyasama  
Lecture by Bishop Hamada

#### **Women's Musical Instruments Practice**

September 13 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

#### **Joint General Meeting**

September 17 (Sat) 10:00a.m.  
Seated Service & Yorozuyo  
Ceremony

\*We will be having the preparation Hinokishin for the General Meeting on September 16.

\*August Mission HQ monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Honjima Group.

### YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### **Joint General Meeting**

September 17th-Saturday  
Mission HQ-10am

Please wear Happi and Long Pants

#### **YMA Activity with Honbu Representative**

September 18th-Sunday  
MHQ-1pm

\*Due to this activity, there will be no YMA Monthly Meeting.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Thank you for everyone's time & sincere efforts into the Bazaar! All the yummy baked goods were a hit!

In September we have the General Meeting on Saturday the 17th. We need to wear happi & long pants. Please join us! Also if anyone can bring a little something to add to the desert table that would be great. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

On Sunday October 30th the YWC is planning a Garage Sale. More info will be provided soon, but please keep that date open!

# BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

## **Bazaar Game & Toy Booth**

We would like to thank all the church members and friends who helped at the bazaar BGA game & toy booth August 28! Mahalo nui loa!

## **All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day**

The Hawaii BGA would like to encourage all families to join in the all Tenrikyo Nioigake Day on Labor Day, September 5, 2011. Meet at Moiliili Stadium Park at 9am. If door to door nioigake is difficult for you, please take the Hinokishin option by cleaning the park. Please wear the new Hinokishin T-shirt and bring your own cleaning equipment.

## **UNICEF**

For our Trick or Treat for UNICEF Fund drive in October, please support UNICEF in their work to relieve suffering to children around the world. The orange collection boxes will be distributed through the churches, mission stations and be available for pick up at Mission HQ. This is our sincerity, our salvation work. Thank you!

## Announcement from Mission HQ

### **Autumn Memorial Service**

On September 27, Tuesday, Mission HQ will hold the Autumn Memorial Service beginning at 10 a.m. After the service, the following anniversaries will be observed:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Anniv. Mrs. Karen Keiko Sato, Mission HQ, Yoboku   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Anniv. Mr. Nobuo Nakashima, Shuto GC, Spouse of the head minister of Halenani Mission Station                |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Anniv. Mrs. Sumi Suzuki, Honjima GC, follower of Lanai Church  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Anniv. Rev. Kazumi Ozaki, Ushigome GC, 2nd head minister of Manoa Church (the present Asakusa Hawaii Church) |



# The Hungry Reporter

I am constantly looking for healthier eating options and recently have lessened the carbohydrate and sugar intake in my diet. I do allow myself to have them now and then, yet I am convinced everything has to be consumed in moderation. The recipe I am sharing this month allows me to eat without guilt. Although there is a little sugar in this recipe, the other ingredients provides more than enough nutrition which allows the body to maintain itself in a healthy manner. It's light yet filling and I can consume a lot with no heavy after feeling. It's all about flavor and this one really does what it takes. Enjoy!

## Teriyaki Lettuce Wrap

### Ingredients

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| 1 lb Ground Beef (or turkey)             | 2 Cups Cabbage, shredded           |
| 2 large Carrots, grated                  | 1 Bag Bean Sprouts                 |
| 1 Sweet Onion, thinly sliced             | Tahini (sesame butter) for taste   |
| 1/4 Cup Yoshida's Teriyaki Sauce         | 1 Bunch Chinese Parsely (optional) |
| 1 head Romaine Lettuce, leaves separated | 4 Tbsp Peanuts, chopped (optional) |

### Directions

1. In a large skillet, heat 1 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil over high heat. Add the ground beef and cook, breaking up the meat with a spoon, until browned, about 4 minutes.
2. Stir in the carrots, onions and 1/4 cup water; lower the heat to medium-low. Cover loosely and cook until the water is absorbed and the veggies are soft, about 4 minutes. Stir in the teriyaki sauce to taste and cook until heated through, about 4 minutes.
3. Divide the mixture, chinese parsely, shredded cabbage and bean sprouts among the lettuce leaves, about 1/4 cup for each; roll up, sprinkle peanuts and pour tahini for flavor. Serve immediately. Serves 4.



## September Calendar 2011

17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Joint General Meeting	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	September Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Ritual Committee Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Yohaishiki(Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Translation Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Autumn Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.

## October Calendar 2011

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		BOD Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	October Grand Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
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30 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	YWC Garage Sale	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	BGA Trick or Treat for UNICEF	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.

**Abbreviation key:**

**BGA = Boy's & Girl's Assn.      WA = Women's Association      TCC = Tenri Cultural Center**  
**YMA = Young Men's Association      YWC = Young Women's Club      BOD = Board of Directors**

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