Central Oahu District churches, presented the Birth of Jesus Christ. The second float, designed by Honolulu District churches, reflected the Ministry of Jesus Christ. The third float, by Leeward District churches, depicted the Crucifixion of Jesus. Then finally, the fourth float was the Resurrection of Christ with kahilis bearing the color of the eight Hawaiian Islands. This float was created by the Windward District churches.

Visitors from all over the world lined the streets of Waikiki in awe at what they were seeing. One of the road marshals commented, “When the crucifixion float passed by, people literally made a double take and stood in awe—you could see the expressions of shock and tears on their faces.” Yes, the image of Jesus on the cross was heart wrenching and it brought tears to many. The visual depiction of Jesus on the cross reminds us of the price He paid for the sins of mankind.

As the parade passed through Waikiki, worship teams sang and played instruments. The Safari’s jammed on their guitars to music of the “70s. They were rocking for Jesus! Another standout was the Waiai choir. Look at what God can do! All He needs is a willing heart.

At the tail end of the parade was Kailua Pentecostal Church. They sang old, familiar hymns which captured the hearts of many. There was no denying that God was doing what He knows best—touching hearts and changing lives.

The procession ended at Queen Kapiolani Bandstand for a joyful celebration. Our emcee, Bulla Eastman of Free Inside Ministry, recognized our pastors and they were given a lei as a token of appreciation. It was encouraging to see so many clergy taking the time to join the Body of Christ. Voices in Praise led the worship honoring Jesus for who He is. A moment of repentance followed.

We were on our knees, humbled before God. Tears flowed down our cheeks as we sought after God’s mercy for the sins we have committed as a nation. At that point, our hearts were knitted together in unity as the Family of God. This is the vision of God’s Ohana Day.

Pastor Waver Tipton, from One Love Ministries, shared a message centered on “Unity.” Unity and harmony brought all God’s Ohana Day activities into fruition. And because we sought after God’s heart we can expect His commanded blessing of life forevermore.

It was such a festive program with performances of hula, sign language hula, mime, and dance. Surely every movement was performed in the authority of Christ. Things were happening in the spiritual realm!

Each church ohana fellowshipped and shared a bounty of barbecue chicken, steaks, fruits, etc. with each other and with tourists! What an awesome sight! Tourists were also welcomed at the Aloha Tent, manned by a network of churches, who provided bentos. A team even brought food to the homeless and shared the love of Jesus with them. It was a blessing to hear testimonies of how God touched hearts.

Many of our tourists had stories to tell about how this day brought blessings to their lives. It was not only about Hawaii’s heritage and beautiful weather, but how they experienced the glory of God and His unconditional love. Surely, God was well pleased with all of His children for presenting His kingdom to the world.

Dear Pastors,

You and your church family are invited to participate in the 3rd Annual God’s Ohana Day Parade & Celebration on SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2014. Set-up @ Ft. DeRussey begins at 7:30am. Parade promptly starts at 9:30am down Kalakaua Avenue and ends at Queen Kapiolani Park Bandstand for a celebration.

Please return the enclosed RSVP card as soon as possible. Call Pastor Virginia Domligan at 456.PRAY (7729) for more information.

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God’s Ohana Day
MISSION STATEMENT

WE WILL ENDEAVOR to gather as God’s Ohana to give glory to the Lord and declare His praise in the islands (Isaiah 42:12).

To link hearts and hands with the Body of Jesus Christ to raise a prayer covering over Hawaii.

To fast, pray, and worship together as God’s Ohana to receive God’s commanded blessings of life forevermore (Psalms 133:1-3) amongst our island people in Hawaii.

To strive for Unity in the Spirit amongst the children of God in every group of believers within the Body of Christ.

To pray for the baptism of God’s Aloha (love) to cover the entire Body of Christ, that the love of Christ will be a motivating force to reach out and share God’s Aloha (love) to the world.

TESTIMONIES

As Rose and Ruby returned to the parade from the ladies’ room, a woman stopped Rose and held her shoulders and said, “Thank you!” Rose was in a hurry to catch up to where she was in the parade, but the woman continued, “I’m from California on vacation. My kids are driving me crazy. As I was lying on the beach trying to relax, I began to pray, ‘God, I am so dry. I need you. My kids have drained me. I’m tired and exhausted. Lord I need you!’ Then, while lying on the beach, she heard worship music. The closer it came the louder it got. She wondered, ‘Wow, what’s happening?’ She got up and followed the sound of music which led her to the street. ‘I saw the floats and worshipers passing by. I was so happy that God heard my prayers.’ Tears glistened in her eyes. She was amazed that God heard and answered her prayers almost immediately. Rose and Ruby took the opportunity to pray over that sister from California. Their hearts were filled with joy for what God had done.

The Waikane Congregational Church arrived at Queen Kapalama Park early in the morning to set up their tent. They chose a spot, dropped off the tent parts and supplies, and then parked their car. When they returned, they were totally blessed to find that their tent was already set up by a nearby church group.