

Makena Kü Hanohano

Hopes & Dreams

By Jacqueline Perkins

Hope is a little spark of something that you think you can do. Kids hope for lots of different things. Each hopes for something different. Dreams are things, pictures that are made up in your head. Sometimes they can be really weird. Dreams are also things that you want to do in the future. You can reach your dreams by going to school, working hard and never giving up. My hope is to one day get a dog. I really love animals and I would like to collect a lot of them. I would really like a hedgehog. My dream is that one day I will become a veterinarian, and then I could take care of many animals.

God wants us to keep our hope so that we can fulfill our dreams and do what we really want. These are all the things that are important to us in life. God makes me feel good and helps me to sustain hope, even when I think things are impossible.

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'Ölelo No'eau

Heaha ka puana o ka moe?

What is the answer to the dream?

What will the result of this be?

Shindigs & Shenanigans

Hana Hou: A Review of Events

Halloween Party- October 25th

By Anna Perkins

We went to a Halloween party at Auntie Ellen and Uncle Taka's house. We did all kinds of things there. We had to perform skits. There were different groups and they each had a different story that they had to do in front of everyone. I was a spider and I lived in a cave. Rez was "the dark" and he told our story. The skits were very funny.

We also bobbed for apples. You had to dunk your head deep so that you could get an apple. My sister Jacqueline got five apples. Pulama got two apples and I got none. I bet I would have gotten one if I was there longer.

We rolled out cookie dough and cut them with cookie shapers. After we baked them, we decorated them with frosting and sprinkles. We ate the cookies and other food that was there. I also played with Hanu. It was a really fun day.

Craft Day- November 8th

By Rezner Chavez

After church we went to Auntie Karen's house to make crafts to sell at church. It was really cool and fun. We made ornaments, wooden dishes and boxes. I made two door decorations. Paint

Blessing of the Animals- Dec. 6th

By Jacqueline Perkins

The "Blessing of the Animals" was a fun event. There were about 26 dogs and one bird, my bird Melody. Kahu sprinkled water over the crowd. Then he handed out treats to the animals. At the end of the blessing, we took a picture. The blessing was a good way to get to know everybody and their pets and to get your animals blessed.

Christmas Shopping- Dec. 13th

By Ryan Brem

Several of the Youth Group members donated money and got donations from people at church to go shopping for kids who are less fortunate. Tyler, Matt, my mom and I each got \$50.00 to spend for kids who were from ages 6-8. While Auntie Karen, Rezner and Jacqueline shopped for babies and toddlers, we went to Sears and got a lot of toys. My mom was at Borders and had to call us for more money because she over spent! We all left with a lot of bags filled with books and toys. We did a lot better than I had expected. It was good to do something for

was everywhere. All of us had a lot of fun.

others.

Shindigs & Shenanigans (continued)

Hana Hou: A Review of Events (continued)

Christmas Eve Service- December 24th

By Tyler Rollins

The Christmas Eve service was very good, like it usually is. This year we had some extra performances added into the program. There was a group of children who played violins and another group of small children who danced hula. Our great Children's Choir also performed. All the little kids did a great job performing.

The service finished and it was time to clean up. You know you are growing up when you become a part of the assembly line that puts away all those chairs. After everything was clean, we went over to Auntie Ellen and Uncle Taka's house for dinner and a party. The food was great and so were the conversations. We had a lot of fun at our table. We kept laughing and there was a lot of good natured teasing. Everyone had a good time. It was a great Christmas!

Birthdays

Upcoming Youth Group Activities

Hau'oli LāHānau!

Let's all wish a Happy Birthday to:

- La'akea Kaufman- January 19th
- Mitchell Crim- January 20th
- U'ilani Kaufman- February 3rd
- Pulama Kaufman- February 7th
- Matthew Vanni- February 22nd
- Zackery Bragg- February 23rd
- Kanoa Yap- March 3rd
- Ben Noland- March 15th

January 31st- Video Game Throw-down

February 28th- Kupuna Luncheon & "Lucky 7"

March 13th- Annual Lü'au

March 21st- Whale Watch: Youth Group & Sunday School Activity (tentative)

April 4th- Easter Service

Sometime during these next three months we will have a first aid and CPR class.

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat has been rescheduled, again! It is tentatively set to take place

toward the end of April. We will let you know as it gets closer.

Shindigs & Shenanigans Continued:

Christmas Shopping and Toy Drive

A Season for Giving

By Auntie Karen

Every year at Christmas time we get our youth group together for a party and a gift exchange. This past Christmas we decided to do something a little different. We chose to take the \$10.00 that we would spend on each other and use it to buy toys and gifts for children in need. The decision was made to buy gifts for the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui. A group of our youth presented themselves during announcement time at the church service. The congregation was made aware of the plan and asked to give a donation if they chose.

I am happy to report, with everyone's wonderful donation, the kids had \$393 to go shopping. They were very surprised at all the money they collected. A group, consisting of Tyler Rollins, Ryan Brem, Matthew Vanni, Rezner Chavez and Jacqueline Perkins left for the mall to buy gifts. We had a blast shopping. The kids are a group of very smart shoppers. They knew where all the deals were and which store had what they needed. They pulled items off the shelves that were things that they liked or were some of their younger siblings' favorites. I quickly learned that kids were the perfect people to be shopping for kids. We had so much fun; one of them stated that we should do this again next year. Jacqueline made the comment that, "It's not all about us. It's about doing something good for some other kids."

The next day I took all the gifts to Children's Justice Center. They were very grateful. Mahalo to all who helped with our giving project.

Thank-you Letter

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your recent donation of toys and gifts to our Holiday Gifts Program. The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui will provide more than 1,200 gifts to abused and severely neglected children and their siblings this year. This figure reflects the ongoing need to provide for healing of these children. Through your generosity, our elves were able to match quality presents to each of the clients that we serve, expanding our passion of "helping a victim become a child again". You will be partly responsible for many smiles this Christmas and we hope you feel satisfied in your role with the project. You certainly helped us achieve our goal and we are extremely grateful to you. We look forward to providing the project next year and we hope you can assist us again through

monetary donations, toys or your gift of donated time. Best Wishes for a great 2010!

Randy Echito, Executive Director

Bible-y Thinks

Lesson Review

A Wise Reign: Truth in the Gospel of John- November 22nd

Exploring the theme of "Truth" in the gospel.

John 1:14, 17 *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of truth and grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

Jesus is full of truth. Moses set down the laws, while Jesus spoke of truth and grace through his message.

Nanea Cavaco

John 14:6-7 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

John wants us to know that Jesus is the truth. Jesus is giving an important message. If he says it, it must be true. We can know God through him.

Ryan Brem

John 8:31-32 *To the Jews who believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."*

In following Jesus' teachings we all become disciples. Through him we will know the truth about God and that truth makes us feel good.

Tyler Rollins

Favorite Bible Verse

Psalm 69:13

I pray to you, Lord. So when the time is right, answer me and help me with your wonderful love.

I like this bible verse because I think it means you should always pray to God. But, he will only answer you when it is right.

Nanea Cavaco

Hope

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that sends out its roots by the stream.

The Psalms 71:5

For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD:
thou art my trust from my youth.

Who Dat?

Accomplishments

- Ryan Brem placed second for Baldwin High School in the latest MIL dive meet.
- Tyler Rollins did another round of SAT testing and has sent in his college applications.
- Nanea Cavaco passed a difficult Chemistry class at UH. She also got the highest grade in her Anthropology class.
- Emily Clark has changed her college major to Elementary Education.
- Kamahao Cavaco made the basketball team at Kamehameha Schools.
- Matthew Vanni has become a master at Xbox Live.
- Jessica Vanni continues to play soccer and do very well.
- Jacqueline Perkins has a new bird that she named “Melody” for a pet. She says she has also learned how to inline skate.
- Rezner Chavez feels he has done very well on his final exams before the end of the semester and thinks he will have a very good report card.
- Kate Perkins also learned how to inline skate and how to make bracelets.
- Anna Perkins made a beautiful gingerbread ornament for Christmas. Guess what? She also learned how to inline skate. (I guess we will be seeing all the Perkins girls at the Kihei Skate Park.)
- Laura Coffin is doing very well in school and performed well in her school Christmas concert.

Pianists

Matthew and Jessica Vanni played a piano duet for the congregation during Keiki Time on Dec. 20th. Together they played “Angel We Have Heard on High.” Jessica then went on to do a solo, “The First Noel.” They both did a fabulous job and we are very proud of them!

Back on Island

Youth in Action

Mahalo to all the Youth who helped at the Christmas Eve service:

- Ryan Bram & Tyler Rollins for setting up candles.
- Ryan Bren, Kamaha’o & Nanea Cavaco, Rezner Chavez, La’akea & Pulama Kaufman, Jacqueline Perkins, Tyler Rollins and Kala’i &

Two collegians were back on island for the holidays. Nanea Cavaco was seen during the for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Nanea is attending UH at Manoa. U'ilani Kaufman was also here for Christmas. She is attending school in Texas.

Grace Clark is also back. She and her mom have moved back to Maui, for good! Yipeeee!

Kanoa Yap for helping to pass out programs, collect candles and put away tables & chairs.

- Our Kamalu & La'akea Awai and Kate & Anna Perkins for dancing hula.
- Rezner Chavez, La'akea Awai and Jacqueline, Kate & Anna Perkins for singing in the Children's Choir.
- Kala'i & Kanoa Yap for singing in the Adult Choir.

Mo'ölelo

Personal Stories

Looking forward to the year 2010, what is something in your life that will be happening?

Kamaha'o Cavaco- Next year I will be in Hawaiian 1. This will be the first class that I will take to learn the Hawaiian language at Kamehameha Schools Maui. I am really looking forward to this class because I have always wanted to learn the Hawaiian language and to be able to speak it with my friends and family. This makes me very excited. I am a little bit worried because I have heard that this class is not very easy. I will have to stay focused and pay attention in class. If I pay attention and do well in that class, I will be able to talk in Hawaiian with my friends and family. I will be very happy if this happens.

Nanea Cavaco- I have been asked to be a Teacher's Assistant for the Ethics 221 Hawaiian class. I am taking the class right now and my TA thought I would be a good TA next year. I look forward to leading the lab sections of the class with other students. We debate and discuss important issues about Native Hawaiians. I worry that I am only a freshman and freshmen are not usually TAs. I'm afraid that the other students won't listen to me. I will find out next semester if I get the position. Hopefully it will affect my life in a positive way.

Jacqueline Perkins- During the next school year, I will start going to Teams Kihei Charter School. It is their middle school. I am looking forward to being a sixth grader. I know that we will be doing some fun things. I hear that they go on a ton of field trips. I really like those. I know I will learn a lot. I am worried that I will be in the lowest grade at the school. I will be at the bottom of the food chain. I know that going to this school will be good because they do a lot of science and I like science.

Rezner Chavez- Next year at school, I will be going to Lokekani School. I am really looking forward to getting out of Kamali'i School. One of the best things about going to Lokelani is that I will be back in school with my cousins again. They are one grade ahead of me and I miss them at school this year. I worry that some

of the teachers will be very hard and mean. I know that I will be doing a lot more assignments. I know that going to Lokelani will be good for me. It brings me closer to getting into high school.

Monica Medrano- During this year, I am going to be driving! I will have my license. I'm looking forward to not having to ride the bus. The only part that I am really worried about is the need to get a job to pay for the gas. This is going to change my life by giving me more responsibility and more freedom. My friends will also be bumming rides off of me.

Ryan Brem- This year I will be getting my driver's license. I'm really looking forward to this. Who wouldn't want to get their license? I'm not that worried about getting my license. It will probably be my parents who will be doing most of the worrying. It will be great to be able to get to places on my own and not have to catch the bus every day.

Mo'ōlelo (continued)

Personal Stories (continued)

Tyler Rollins- Next year I will be going off to college on the mainland. I look forward to getting "off the rock" and seeing someplace totally different. I did not want to go to school in Hawaii because I wanted to see someplace new. I did not want to go to California, even though I have family there because it is just too busy. I really want to go to school in Oregon so that I can see some place different and bigger. I will also get to see snow. I am really worried that I will have no friends and that there will be a lot of work and it will be really hard. Going off to college will affect my life significantly. It is something important that I need to do to learn and get on with my life so that I can have a job doing the fun stuff that I want to do.

Grace Clark- The big change for me this year is that I'm back on Maui! We came back on New Year's Day. I'm going to be at Baldwin High School and hopefully I will love it. I am so happy that I am home on Maui. I am worried, that since I was gone for half a year, that everyone will have changed and it will be very different. I feel that this has affected my life because now I will be much happier during this next year.

La'akea Kaufman- During this next year I am going to be busting my butt to get all my extra classes and credits with good grades so that I can graduate a year early from high school. I am also going to be getting my driver's license and will be an amazing driver. I am looking forward to graduating high school early and becoming a grown up college student. I am worried about following in the steps of my older sister by failing my driver's test six times. This will all affect my life by making it easier. I will be spectacularly independent.

Anna Perkins- I'm going to the water park at the Grand Wailea with my family the day after New Year's. We get to go there for free. I am looking forward to going down the slides and swimming in the pools. I don't know if my mom will let me go in the water elevator. It will be fun to play with my friend Kristen and go to eat at a restaurant there. The only thing I'm worried about is getting sunburn. It will be a lot of fun and a tiny bit scary.

Kate Perkins- I am going to Disneyworld in Florida with my mom, dad and sisters. I am really looking forward to going to the "Princess Luncheon." We get to have lunch with all the princesses. We also get to have our hair,

nails and make-up done. I'm also looking forward to going on all the rides. The only thing I am worried about is getting lost. We are going to have a lot of fun.

Zackery Bragg- Next year I will be in the first grade. I will be in Mrs. Snyder's class at Kamali'i school. I look forward to doing work and reading books. My favorite book is an elephant book. I also get to play on the good playground. I get to play kickball. I will get to do homework and learn more.

Jason Bragg- This next year I will go visit my grandma, grandpa, great grandma and cousins in the mainland. My grandpa lives on a boat. I am really looking forward to playing with my cousins They are eight and five. We have a lot of fun. We play in the pool. Being with my cousins is super fun!

Stuck on Fun

Trívía	Word Search
<p>Can you answer these</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This famous kid killed a giant with a slingshot. 2. This kid was sleeping when God spoke to him. 3. This young man was the youngest of Jesus' disciples and probably a teenager at the time. 4. Joseph wore a coat that was _____. 5. This baby's mother put him in a basket and hid him in a river. 6. This kid became the king of Judah when he was eight years old. 7. What did Noah build the ark of? 8. Who was known as the "man of patience"? 9. Which disciple doubted Jesus? 10. Who was thrown in the lions' den? 11. On what day did God create Adam? 12. How many loaves of bread did the young boy have that ended up feeding five thousand people? 	<p><u>The Start of Something New</u> By Pulama Kaufman</p>
	<p>'Ölelo Hawai'i</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. How many sons did Jacob have? 14. God created the whole world and everything in it, but who gave all living creatures their names? 	<p>Hope- Mana'olana</p>

<p>15. Jesus taught us that the most important thing we need in life is _____.</p> <p>1. David, 2. Samuel, 3. Andrew, 4. Colorful, 5. Noah, 6. Josiah, 7. Gopher wood, 8. Job, 9. Thomas, 10. Daniel, 11. Sixth, 12. Five, 13. Twelve, 14. Adam, 15. Love</p>	<p>Faith- <i>Mana'o'i'o</i></p> <p>Think- <i>Mana'o</i></p> <p>Reflect on- <i>Ho'o mana'o</i></p> <p>Tolerant- <i>Mana'o laulä</i></p> <p>Determination- <i>Mana'opa'a</i></p>
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Bible-y Thinks (continued)

ABC Bible Verses

- A - All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:23*
- B - Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. *Acts 16:31*
- C - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. *Ephesians 6:1*
- D - Depart from all evil and do good. *Psalms 34:14*
- E - Even a child is known by his doings. *Proverbs 20:11*
- F - Fear not, for I am with you. *Isaiah 43:5*
- G - God is love. *1John 4:8*
- H - Honor your father and your mother. *Exodus 20:12*
- I - If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. *John 14:14*
- J - Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father, but
by me. *John 14:6*
- K - Keep your tongue from evil. *Psalms 34:13*
- L - Look to me, and be saved. *Isaiah 45:22*
- M - My son, give me your heart. *Proverbs 23:26*
- N - No man can serve two masters. *Matthew 6:24*
- O - O give thanks to the Lord: for He is good. *Psalms 118:1*
- P - Praise you the Lord: for it is good to sing praises to our God. *Psalms 147:1*
- Q - Quit you like men, be strong. *1Corinthians 16:13*
- R - Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. *Exodus 20:8*
- S - Seek you the Lord while he may be found. *Isaiah 55:6*

T - The Lord sees me. *Genesis 16:13*

U - Unto you, O God, do we give thanks. *Psalms 75:1*

V - Verily, verily, I say to you, whatsoever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to

you. *John 16:23*

W - Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*

X - Exceeding great and precious promises are given to us. *2Peter 1:4*

Y - You are the light of the world. *Matthew 5:14*

Z - Zion heard, and was glad. *Psalms 97:8*

Now try and come up with some of your own!

Hana No'eau

Works of Art

What are you looking forward to doing this year?

Jacqueline Perkins- Going to Kihei Charter

Rezner Chavez- Going to Lokelani School

Anna Perkins- Going to school

<p>Jason Bragg- Going to the beach with my family</p>	<p>Kate Perkins- Going to Disneyworld and seeing the castle.</p>
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