



# Nu 'Oli Mai Paahau

“Good News from Prison” Newsletter of the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

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Chaplain Dennis Yokota

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## Have You Noticed?

The updated Good News Jail & Prison Ministry's new website:

[www.goodnewsjail.org](http://www.goodnewsjail.org)

- testimonies
- praises
- thanks

National/International News!

and... the Hawaii jurisdiction's own website:

[www.goodnewshawaii.org](http://www.goodnewshawaii.org)

- local testimonies
- local praises
- local thanks

Local events and news!

Be sure to visit both sites!

## In Prison... Yet Blessed!

I am truly blessed to be here in Waiawa Correctional Facility. God has truly been with me from Halawa to here. I am honored to have met so many people in here who I know are divine vessels sent to guide me along my way with my spiritual training and race.

One such person is Chaplain Dennis. I am lucky to know him as a friend, a brother and family. I've continued to speak life upon the many programs he is trying to implement. Like starting a Faith Pod here.

Being in God's family has led me on a journey that I know is blessing me and my family. I pray the world learns of the Gospel of Christ and God's eternal love for us.

This is my journey, before coming to Christ

in my life my grandfather was a minister, pastor of Door of Faith in Kaneohe. Since a young age I've known of Christ and have always been influenced through the gospel of Christ. What I loved to do with family meant everything to me. To see my family gather in church and school brought joy to my heart. As I grew older music was introduced which added to the joy, I came to know and love.

As a young adult my focus became more selfish even as I got married became a father, I forgot first and foremost I was a son. The son of the most high. Through focusing on my family I forgot I was part of the biggest family of all the body of Christ.

I truly came to have a beautiful relationship  
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Good News  
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**2013**

## Chaplain's Walk

Saturday, August 24, 2013

7am to 11am

Kapiolani Park Bandstand  
(Parking Lot Side)

For Questions, Call:

545-5272

or

Register Online at:

[www.goodnewshawaii.org](http://www.goodnewshawaii.org)

## Join The Chaplain's Walk



The Annual Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Chaplain's Walk is an opportunity for you, your family, and friends to join Chaplain Dennis Yokota for a FUN WALK around Kapiolani Park!

Whether your goal is to circle the park

once, a number of times, or simply to relax in the wonderful morning air, you'll be accompanied by an enthusiastic group of ministry supporters along with an array of snacks and beverages to make your time even more enjoyable!

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# — in the news...



## Teed Up For Christ!

Nearly forty golfers showed up for the annual Good News Golf Event at the Makaha Country Club on Friday, June 14, 2013, joined by a dedicated group of volunteers who handled the registrations, drink cart,

and monitoring the excitement at the par-three holes as golfers vied for the cash prizes or honors to be closest to the pin.

The post-game dinner buffet allowed time for some recuperation, more fellowship, and prizes... for everyone! And, as the sun sank into the west the intrepid group of golfers and volunteers headed back home

thinking of how God had blessed the event with sponsors like **Nan, Inc** (Greens Fees Donor), **Shaka Auto** and **Mutual of Omaha (Bob Yee)**, each of whom sponsored par three holes. Golfers Fred Zane, and Malcom and Lynne Shiroma came bringing prizes that they wanted to have awarded to

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## Food, Friends, Story, Song

The Good News Jail & Prison Ministry's annual luncheon held April 27, 2013, at the Olivet Baptist Church offered yet another example of God bringing together His people to support each other, enjoy each other, and break bread with each other all the while enjoying the fruits that come through lives turned over to Him.

Olivet Baptist Church provided an excellent venue for the luncheon and members, under

the culinary leadership of Gary Mizushima, prepared a wonderful menu of Portugese bean soup, pot roast, and stir-fried chicken vegetables, and cake, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Following an overview of the ministry's upcoming events this year (noted on page 3), the lunch crowd of an estimated two hundred folks were treated to the moving praise in song by the Waiawa Mens Choir. Truly, you really had to be there to understand the power that God exhibits through those that offer themselves to Him.

Enjoy the sounds of the Waiawa Mens' Choir on our website:

[www.goodnewshawaii.org](http://www.goodnewshawaii.org)

Nu 'Oli Mai Paahau is the Newsletter of the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry-Oahu Chaplaincy Support Team which has as its parent organization the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, a 501C(3) Non-Profit Organization, whose address is:

PO BOX 9760  
Richmond, VA 23228-0760  
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The Oahu Chaplaincy Support Team consists of a team of appointed volunteers who support a full-time chaplain that ministers to the inmates and adult corrections officers of Hawaii's correctional facilities and can be contacted below:

PO Box 31006  
Honolulu, HI 96820  
Tel: 808-485-1884  
[www.goodnewshawaii.org](http://www.goodnewshawaii.org)

# & comin' up!

## Supporting the Ministry! On the Calendar!

The Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is entirely supported through by Individuals, churches and organizations who feel called to bring the Gospel into the prison community.

As the Ministry receives no federal or state support your gift, be it a single or recurring contribution, is vital to sustaining the efforts of our chaplains here in Hawaii.

Credit card and e-transfer options are available or you can mail in your donation using the form below. You may also consider sponsoring any of the following:

- "Nu 'Oli Mai Paahau" Newsletter
- Golf Event Fees
- Banquet Tables & Guests
- Programs & Other Event Costs

For all financial support, you will receive a statement of your donation for tax purposes.

To learn more about the methods of supporting the Hawaii Ministry, contact Chaplain, Dennis Yokota:

Tel: 485-1884 or e-mail to: [dennis.yokota@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:dennis.yokota@goodnewsjail.org)

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did to the least of these who are my family, you did to me."*  
Matthew 25:40

The Oahu Chaplaincy Support Team looks forward to an exciting and memorable year with events to support our ministry. We cordially invite your involvement as a participant, volunteer, or donor.

Contact the chairs listed for each of our upcoming events and let us know how you'd like to get involved!

### CHAPLAIN'S WALK - 8/24/13

Chaplain Dennis: 372-7213  
or register online:  
[www.goodnewshawaii.org](http://www.goodnewshawaii.org)

### 36th ANNUAL BANQUET - 11/1/13

Chaplain Dennis: 372-7213

### VIDEO VISIT FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12/14/13

Chaplain Dennis: 372-7213

## We're Online!

The Oahu Chaplaincy Support Team has its own website! Keep up with the latest news of the Hawaii ministry by visiting us online!

[www.goodnewshawaii.org](http://www.goodnewshawaii.org)

And don't forget to sign up for our mailing list while you're there!

## ... your own ministry!

Perhaps you've wanted to support the prison ministry but don't feel that ministering inside prison walls is something you're ready for at this time.

You and your church or organization can make a huge impact by helping to spread the word about the ministry by holding any of a number of fundraising activities with the help of the Ministry's Oahu Chaplaincy Support Team.

Host an event-type fundraiser such as a luncheon, golf outing, walk-a-thon, or speaking engagement as you normally would and we'll assist with manpower, testimonial speakers, and processing of donations and issuance of tax-deductible receipts.

The funds that you and your church or organization raise will go directly toward the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry's efforts right here on Oahu.

For more information, please call Chaplain Dennis Yokota at 485-1884.

### OAHU CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT TEAM

Co-chairs: Ron Lee, Richard Young  
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I'd like to further the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry here in Hawaii! Please find enclosed my tax deductible gift of:

( ) \$25 ( ) \$50 ( ) \$100 ( ) \$500 ( ) \$1,000 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please contact me to discuss ways in which my church or organization can be a part of this ministry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*("Walk" from page 1)*

By signing up sponsors in addition to your own donation, you'll be able to qualify for great prizes along with a T-Shirt to commemorate your participation!

Gather a group from your workplace or your church and join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and refreshments while supporting the ministry in Hawaii!

Register using the enclosed form and plan to be with us for a most enjoyable morning of fun, fellowship, and non-stop snacks!



*("Blessed" from page 2)*

with Christ and gave myself to God in August of 2007 while incarcerated at O.C.C.C. Was released from O.C.C.C. in 2008 and was slowly reminded why I needed to keep God close, because I left him at O.C.C.C. I have been through many relationships one marriage and none have truly brought me happiness like being with God through his grace and mercy. I have been blessed with my family again whom have truly been through it all with me.

God has also protected me and walked with me since the beginning, Psalms 91:9-16 if you say, "the Lord is my refuge and you make the most high your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra, you will trample the great lion and the serpent. Because he loves me, says the Lord. I will rescue him I will protect him,

for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will satisfy him and show him my salvation. "

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*("Golfers" from page 2)*

their fellow golfers and volunteers! For all of us, these gestures of generosity reminded underscored the meaning of coming to serve!

Words cannot express our gratitude to God and all that made the event a success! Our humble thanks to all who participated and a reminder to keep those clubs polished as we look forward to another Golf Event in June of 2014!

