



The Lighted Way

*"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
Psalm 119:105*

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Highlights from Our July-August Mission Trip to Hawaii

As you may have heard, our dear friends Brenda and Denny Kaneshiro invited us to come to the small island of Molokai, Hawaii, for a month-long mission trip. We were asked to share a couple of workshops. The first was the Keys to Living Like You've Been Saved Workshop (which is a new 6-session workshop on victorious Christian living that we shared for the first time while in Hawaii). Second, we shared the Growing Godly Relationships workshop (a 6-session workshop on teen purity).

Molokai is very beautiful! It is one of the most natural and least commercial of all the Hawaiian Islands. Because of the tropical sun and frequent mists it is called the Island of the Rainbows. It is also known as the "dark island" of Hawaii. It is an island known for rich Hawaiian "culture," which often is a "nice" term for old fashioned spirit worship. Much of the pagan elements of Hawaiian religion were originated on Molokai. Thus, from the outset, we knew this trip would be prayer matter. And it certainly did keep us on our knees. We would have a victory, only

to be followed by another serious spiritual attack. But, in spite of all the devil had to dish out, the ultimate victory gained by the Kingdom of Heaven was great – for which we praise YHWH!

We arrived in Molokai on July 10th. But the first workshop wasn't scheduled to begin until July 18th, so we helped out with the SDA church Vacation Bible School program and got to know the people a bit. It was a fun week and allowed us to develop friendships prior to starting anointings and workshops. This time later proved to be a blessing we couldn't have completely foreseen. Because of this initial week, several of the more shy folks became comfortable enough to be open to having prayer sessions with us in the days that followed.



Our son, Christopher (age 13) leads his "tribe" through the daily VBS Bible lesson.



We arrived on Molokai on July 10, 2008 and departed on August 10, 2008. It was a wonderful month-long ministry trip.

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Mark and Shauna teaching the Keys Workshop as a team.



Our daughter Katy stands by a banana tree in back of the home where we stayed while on Molokai.



On the first night of the Keys workshop there were about 35 people in attendance. This number grew to a little over 50 as the week progressed. The above photo was taken on the first night as the people listen to first session of the Keys to Living Like You've Been Saved workshop.

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The Kaneshiro's had invited us to share both the Keys workshop and the teen relationship workshop on Molokai, but the meeting location was undetermined at first. Then we received an invitation from Pastor Kurt Unglaub, to hold the two workshops in the Molokai SDA church.

The meetings were well advertised and very well attended – again all glory goes to God! The first night of the Keys to Living Like You've Been Saved workshop was attended by about 35 people (see the picture on the lower left, taken the first night). The attendance grew to over 50 people as the workshop progressed. We had printed 100 of the new workbooks to accompany the workshop, so we had enough materials for everyone. Each attendee (except small children) received a free workshop workbook and a free **Keys to Living Like You've Been Saved** booklet. Pastor Unglaub pulled us aside during the week of the first workshop and exclaimed, "this is a VERY good turnout!"

During the workshop we covered practical guidelines for victorious Christian living and training on warfare and intercessory prayer. The workshop was designed to help folks not only learn how to live a sanctified lifestyle, but also how to minister to others after the pattern found in the early Christians in Scripture.

On a couple of nights, Denny Kane-shiro (pictured on the right) blessed us all with special music selections performed on violin.



Denny and Brenda also helped by leading out in one of the group sessions which met each evening at the closing of the workshop.

From this workshop, there were 14 individuals who chose to submit totally to Christ and experience the cleansing of an anointing prayer session. Several who received the anointing began anointing their family and homes. We were thrilled to see how the precious people were not only applying the information gained in a personal way, but were lifting the ministry banner and carrying the work of intercession forward.

Many miracles took place in the lives of the dear ones who experienced the anointing. One couple had been nearly torn apart by a variety of spiritual "cancers" including rage and violence, but expressed that the change in their lives and home after the anointing was dramatic. They continue to walk in victory in *Yahshua* and are praising God as the devil loses ground in their lives and home.

Another individual had been suffering stomach problems and food allergies. *YHWH* not only brought spiritual healing, He also lifted these physical afflictions during the anointing!

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Shauna teaches the Growing Godly Relationships workshop to a group of parents and young people.

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Another person was sorely tempted to skip the anointing surrender. The enemy attack was so great this individual went out and got drunk the night before the anointing was scheduled to take place. Still, with all glory to God and in answer to many fervent prayers, this precious soul came fully to Christ the next day and went through with the full cleansing of the anointing service. Throughout the remainder of our stay in Molokai, it was a joy to see how dynamic and real the transformation was in this person's life.

Prior to the workshop, one young teen had been experiencing demonic manifestations such as seeing threatening forms and having demonic presences making themselves visibly known to her. Thoroughly frightened, the young lady was impressed, during the Keys workshop, to be anointed and surrender to Christ. She and her family faithfully attended the workshop every night. This in itself was evidence of God's power, as the young people in this family didn't often desire to attend religious meetings. Additionally, the teens' mother expressed joy at finding them praying together of their own volition, which she hadn't seen them do for about nine years.

And these are just a few of the mighty things God was doing in the lives of the precious folks we were blessed to pray with and minister with on the island of Molokai. We are still praising His Name for the way the Heavenly Father dynamically changes submitted lives!



Shauna prepares to pray with the 11 young people who came forward at the altar call on the last night of the Growing Godly Relationships workshop.

The second workshop was titled Growing Godly Relationships for teens and pre-teens. Shauna taught this workshop, which was attended by about 15 young people, and several of their parents. At first, we found it amazing that parents were bringing their nine and ten year olds to the meetings designed to teach about godly dating and sexual purity. But, several parents quickly assured us that this was necessary as the young people in Molokai commonly become sexually active between 10 and 11 years old.

During the workshop, the young people and their parents were taught how the world "loves" in a way that uses others. This was compared with how Heaven does relationships. Night-by-night the heavenly pattern for real friendship and marriage was prayerfully revealed in stark contrast with the worldly "fool's gold" of relationships based on selfishness.

Each workshop participant received a free Growing Godly Relationships workbook to fill out during the sessions. At the end of the 6-night session, a group of 11 young people answered the "altar call" and came forward for a special prayer session in which they committed their lives to *Yahshua* (Jesus) and to purity. All those who came forward for this prayer session received a free **Keys to Living Like You've Been Saved** booklet.

We ask you to continue praying for the work *YHWH* is still doing with the precious people in Molokai. Many of those who were anointed take seriously the Gospel commission. Not only are they now living a changed life in Christ, they are working to help others find the power of an active, life-changing Gospel. Praise *YHWH*, our time there was only a beginning!



The Manfredine and Kaneshiro families enjoy the breathtaking view from atop the sea cliffs of Molokai (the tallest sea cliffs in the world). Mark is taking the picture.