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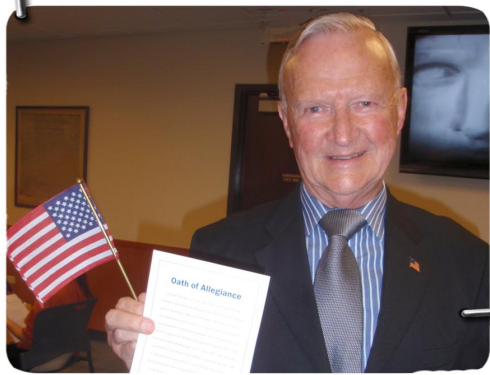
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IT'S OFFICIAL! PASTOR TONY IS NOW A U.S. CITIZEN!

As of Tuesday, October 25, 2011, the United States of America has a new citizen! And it is our very own Pastor Tony. Several drove down with him that day to the Department of Homeland Security in Honolulu. A few others from our congregation joined him during their lunch break as he was officially sworn in. It was an exciting time and lots of smiles. There were 29 others representing 16 countries who took their oaths along with Pastor.

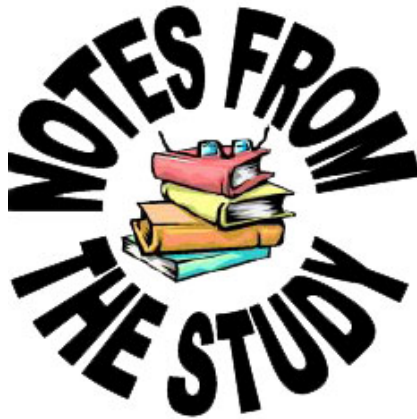
Pastor said, "I am as excited as if it were Christmas morning!"
Bless you, Pastor, and welcome to America!



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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST:
Family Fun, Craft & Gift Fair -
Nov. 12



Beloved in Christ :

Even in the worst circumstances, the Apostle Paul had an attitude of gratitude. At the end of his life ... possibly from the death cell in a Roman prison ... he thanks his brothers and sisters in Christ for their gifts of support (Philippians 4 : 10 - 20).

In verse 1 he writes, "I rejoice greatly in the Lord that ... you have renewed your concern for me". And in verse 18, "I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received ... the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. (19) And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (20) To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The Gamleys are not in the same dire situation as Paul: yet your generosity and kindness has completely overwhelmed us and taken our breath away.

Thank you all so very much for contributing to the fund that will make it possible for Beryl to travel to Hawaii and/or for me to get to see my family in South Africa.

Some might be wondering how or why a couple married 39.5 years are living such an unusual life, so far away from one another. As most of you know, one reason is because Beryl's Mother lived with us 13 years until her passing last year at age 94. Another reason is so I could acquire United States citizenship -- a blessing which by God's grace and because of your prayers, is now achieved. My naturalization oath ceremony took place in Honolulu at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25. I am truly grateful to those who accompanied me to this important event.

Once I have a US passport, I'll probably discuss with the Session the prospect of my traveling to South Africa early in the new year, to use the vacation days I've not yet utilized. Beryl and I would then return to America together. What a joy it will be to introduce her to you all and show her the beauties of the Hawaiian islands!

Long story short: This will be a very special Thanksgiving for us -- and it's all because of God's unbounded and unmerited love, expressed through you!

Thanks be to God; and may He richly bless you and your loved ones.

Anthony Gamley

November marks the start of the holiday season. We observe two federal holidays and begin focusing on that slowdown at the workplace at the end of the year when many take time off and visit family or relax before the action restarts in January.

November is also the time looking ahead to next year. setting up a budget, which to ask you how much you will preliminary look at the projected operating expenses the preschool, indicates that needed in offerings and including the building fund) to the end of September, our annual offering is projected to total around \$185,000. So an increase of approximately 8% in our giving will be needed. You will be hearing more details as we approach Stewardship Sunday on November 20th.



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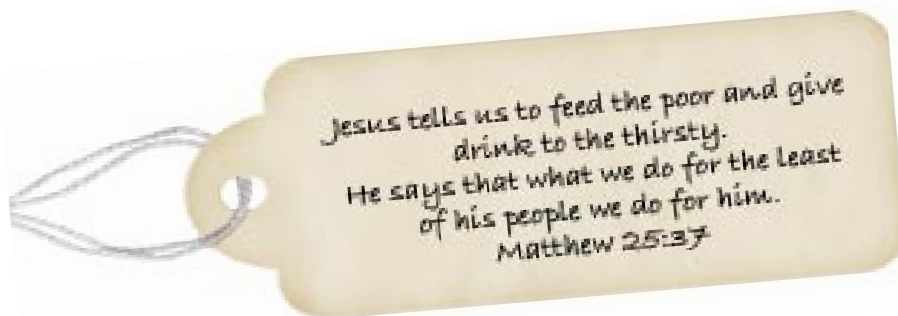
Please begin praying and considering now on how you will respond to this need.

MPC FOOD PANTRY IS LOW!

Even with the generous donations from our directory picture taking event, our shelves are running low. This is the time of year that many families are in need and we hope to be able to accommodate them.

Just now we have enough canned beans and Vienna sausage but we have no canned meals such as chili or stew. We also need canned meats like spam, corned beef and tuna. We are out of canned veggies (except green beans) nor do we have any canned fruits.

Please consider picking up a few things when you are out shopping next. If you bring in your receipt to the office, we can have the bookkeeper credit your tithing account.





Praise Band to sing...

MPC's reconstituted Praise Band will sing for the first time at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 20. They sound just great! Please come and support them!

Portraits are Here

The free 8 x 10 portraits are here! If you haven't received yours, you can pick it up in the office or during fellowship on the lanai after Worship.

Hanging of the Greens

The Hanging of the Greens Service will take place in the MPC sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26 (the day before the first Sunday in Advent). This is a real fun get-together of the MPC ohana! Please come and join in -- and bring family and friends.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

This year's combined Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 95-1361 Meheula Parkway, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23.

MPC CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHO: Everyone

WHEN: Sunday, December 11th, 5:30pm

WHERE: Leilehua Golf Course (Mililani Tech Park)

COST: \$23.00 per person (Scholarships available)

WHY: A great evening filled with exciting games, good food, outstanding entertainment and fellowship

We need a minimum of 50 people so please consider inviting a friend to join the fun!!

Sign-ups have begun on the lanai during fellowship, or contact Stacy Shishido for more information.

Childcare will be available upon request when you sign up. The cost is \$5 per child or \$10 maximum per family. Scholarships are available. Please see Kathryn.



**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

**YOUTH GROUP
activities for:
NOVEMBER 2011**

- 11/5 DISTRIBUTE FLYERS TO MPC NEIGHBORHOOD 10AM TO NOON**
~Meet at the church at 9:55 to be ready to go.
~Bring a water bottle & wear sunscreen.
~Pizza will be provided afterwards!
~Friends welcome (but need the above).
- 11/6 YOUTH GROUP MEETING @ LORI'S HOME 1-3PM**
~Leadership meets at 12:30pm.
~Bring permission form, money for Floyd, bathing suit, & towel.
~Friends welcome (but need the above).
- 11/11 DISTRIBUTE FLYERS TO TOWN CENTER 2:30PM**
~Meet in front of movies.
~Bring permission form, water bottle & wear sunscreen.
~Friends welcome (but need the above).
- 11/12 MILILANI FAMILY FUN & CRAFT FAIR 8AM TO 3PM**
~Bring water bottle & wear sunscreen.
- 11/13 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BEGINS**
~Ends by November 21st.
~Bring items to November 20 meeting.
- 11/20 YOUTH GROUP MEETING @ LORI'S HOME 1-3PM**
~Leadership meets at 12:30pm.
~Bring permission form, money for Floyd, bathing suit, & towel.
~Friends welcome (but need the above).
- 11/26 HANGING OF THE GREENS @ MPC 6:00PM**
~Join the rest of the church in decorating for the holidays.



Operation Christmas Child

It is the time of the year again where the MPC Youth Group is collecting various items to donate to **Operation Christmas Child**.

Remember we have the donated items fit inside of a shoebox and we send the shoebox to children who are less fortunate than we are.



Please bring the items to church for collection any Sunday from now until Nov. 20th. If you have any questions please call Lori Wright at 227-3592 or at home 623-7366.

Donations can be from a \$7.00 donation per shoebox to cover the shipping, the shoeboxes themselves, as well as the items listed below:

Gift Ideas

TOYS

Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans