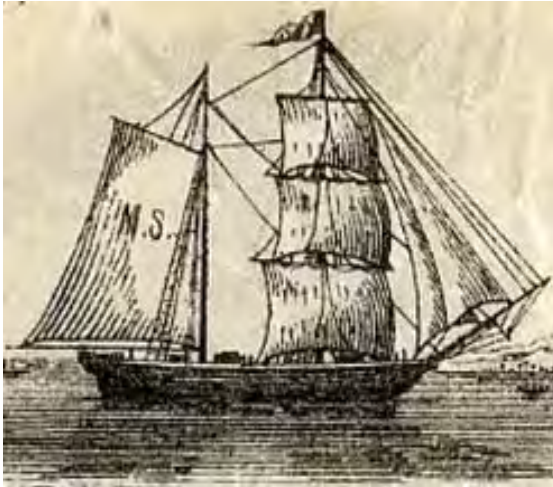


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The Morning Star

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Next Regular WBM Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Be Happy With What You Have

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

Should you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love to take a walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking, "what is my purpose?" be thankful. There are those who don't live long enough to get the opportunity.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Happy Thanksgiving

FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KAREN WELSH



Aloha Members of WBM,

What an exciting season of ministry. I hope you take time to read this newsletter as it is chalked full of our grand ministry adventures.

In the last letter WBM sent to you I had implored our members to find creative ways to raise funds and support our ongoing and vital non-profit ministry. WBM is already stretched to the limit with our resources and we recently stepped out in faith to fully fund Bea's operation. It cost us more than \$4,600, but we knew it was something God wanted us to do. As your president, I decided if I was going to ask you to earn money, then I must lead by example. As a result, WBM Member Laurie Connable and I teamed up in Hilo and decided to have an afternoon tea and silent auction. We ended up being so blessed. We sold approximately 90 out of 100 tickets to the event and were able to secure some wonderful silent auction items. The final tally shows that 73 women attended the memorable afternoon at the Hilo Yacht Club with ladies from churches and organizations all over East Hawai'i and were able to meet our goals. With the proceeds from our Silent Auction and "Memoirs of Henry Obookiah" book sales we were able to raise more than \$2,300. Thank you to our WBM members, Moira Tanaka and Bethany Andersen for their major contributions too! The East Hawai'i Hui is already in the planning stages for a bigger and better fundraiser tea and silent auction next year. We want to double our guest list and add more silent auction tables. My charge to all of the ladies out there is to gather in a small group and figure out a way that you can fundraise for the ministry. It is both fun and fulfilling to take up the task. If you would like to see the online slideshow of the event, please go to <http://www.smilebox.com/playBlog/4d7a67784e5467304e7a413d0d0a&blogview=true>. You can also access the link on our official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Womans-Board-of-Missions-For-The-Pacific-Islands/171074089640951>. We ask that you find us and "like" us!

We are also in need of faithful servants to help facilitate this ministry. If you've been feeling the call to serve in this amazing historic organization, please contact the WBM office and speak with our Executive Director Clara D. Priester. There is room in this organization for you if you love Jesus and if you have a steadfast and willing heart to serve Him. Be His arms and hands, His mouthpiece and feet. You will not be sorry that you did!

On another note, we were captivated by Dee Cook from Beautiful International Ministry at last month's meeting. I was just informed by her husband that she was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer and is undergoing immediate chemotherapy treatment. Will you join us in prayer for Dee and believe for a miracle? God has a perfect plan and we believe the effective prayer of righteous women avails much. Please put her on your prayer chains and remember her daily.

I hope to see you at our December 12th WBM Meeting and Christmas celebration. Please bring your toiletries as we will spend time putting together gift bags for the disadvantaged. May God bless each and every one of you during this upcoming holiday season. Remember to reflect and give thanks to the Giver of all, our One and Only True God, Jehovah Jireh. He is our Provider!

In Christ Alone,

Karen Welsh

WBM WOMEN'S TEA ❖ HILO YACHT CLUB



WBM VISION STATEMENT

“The Woman’s Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is a group of compassionate Christian women coming from a variety of churches and ethnic groups. Our purpose is:

- * to inspire and empower women to become active Christians, nurturing the Spirit in their individual lives, homes, community and the entire world

- * to educate and encourage children in their highest potential, and

- * to be in partnership with sister organizations sharing similar values.”



CORE VALUES

Competence

Compassion

Commitment

Character

Community

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013 - 2014

UPCOMING WBM MEETINGS

December 12

Holiday Celebration & Meeting. Please bring a favorite food and to share and mini toiletries for women in a shelter in Hilo. We'll be assembling bags of these things at this meeting.

January 16

February 20

March 20

April 10

May 17

Annual Meeting – Parish Hall at Central Union Church (1660 S. Beretania Street). More details are forthcoming.

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CLARA D. PRIESTER

The Magnitude of My Gratitude

As the end of 2013 draws near, I have spent some time reflecting on my journey with our Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands that will soon span four years. On November 29, 2013, I will celebrate my second year in this position and I can assure you that I have been exceptionally blessed to work alongside all of you and to experience a continual parade of God's goodness not only in this ministry, but also in my personal faith walk. While I will never have the words to fully convey the magnitude of my gratitude to God for His unfailing love and faithfulness, I can certainly share some of the blessings that I am grateful for nonetheless. First and foremost, I am grateful to God for who He is in my life, for His Son Jesus Christ, and for God's Word – a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I am grateful for our Cabinet, Chairs, and committees and especially grateful for the effective leadership demonstrated by Karen Welsh, our WBM President. Karen is a doer of the Word and leads by her example.

I am grateful for those He has sent alongside of us to work collaboratively in ministry. Most recently, Curves Wahiawa and Church With No Walls (Nanakuli) partnered with us. They very generously donated trunk loads of toiletries, their financial support, and more. After speaking at Church With No Walls on Saturday, October 19, and sharing the work of our WBM, they pledged their financial support beginning in January 2014 every other month.

I am grateful for the 17 one-time mission grants awarded this year, by our Family Thank Offering Committee to aid women and their children in crisis. Nearly half of them were affected by and escaping domestic violence, while others were facing eviction or termination of their utility services due to economic hardship.

I am grateful for the women who attended and supported our WBM by attending the tea at the Hilo Yacht Club on Saturday, October 5, 2013 and for the excitement the event generated on the Big Island. As you have already read in Karen's message, it was a very successful fundraising event and opportunities for ministry are being presented for us there.

I am grateful for the collaboration that allowed us to help approximately 500 students in four different schools through our partnership with Sisters Going Deeper in God and Waikeola Congregational Church in their annual school supply drive spearheaded by Beverly Zane, a powerhouse for the Lord.

I am grateful for the opportunities to be present in Mayor Kirk Caldwell's chambers on Friday, September 27, representing our WBM when he signed a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to speak at a conference hosted by the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, to attend the 3rd annual fundraising event for the UCC Transition House, to attend the "Building a Beloved Community Dinner" hosted by TJ Mahoney, to attend a service at Waipahu UCC to personally present a check in support of the Pagaragan Family, a missionary family to Japan, to attend a one-week counselor training at WCCC with Melinda Ahn, our Missions Chair and Tracey Holcomb, Founder & CEO of Sisters Going Deeper in God, to speak at Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo, to attend services at Kaumakapili Church and Light of Thy Grace with Mrs. Fesilafa'i Malae, to present a certificate of appreciation to the Interact Club at Mid-Pacific Institute, to pray with and mentor survivors of domestic violence, to attend conferences hosted by Hawaii Women of Purpose (Kona) and Island Women Empowered by God, to meet so many others in ministry who share a similar vision to our WBM, and for our future opportunities and possibilities through the Lord's leading.

I am grateful that God has added to our membership regularly and for the continued support of our existing members. Without them, it would be enormously challenging to do what we do.

I am grateful for every smile, every prayer, every card, every e-mail, every phone call and every text message of support and encouragement I have received knowing that I have been thought of.

I am grateful that God has allowed the ministry of our WBM to be a part of many receiving their personal miracle. I am grateful for life, the love and support of my husband, and for the gift of helping to improve the quality of life for others.

A MISSION MIRACLE

by Melinda Ahn

In June, I traveled to the Philippines. The Woman's Board of Missions has supported the Kokokahi Tropical Mission many times over the years. I was invited to travel with this group by Reverend Dennis Alger who helped found the Kokokahi mission back in 1970. I traveled with a UCCP minister and UCCP Bishop, nine UCCP Conference Ministers, a UCC minister from Oregon and his Conference Minister. The US Embassy reported that it was unsafe for Americans traveling in Mindanao. Some missionaries had been tortured and killed in a school along with all of their students just two days before we arrived. All of the Conference Ministers joined us as a show of solidarity. I had already given up my safety to God. Roger Butlig of our Kokokahi Tropical Hunger Mission met me at the airport. After a few days Roger and I went to his farm. It was great that we traveled with the UCCP in many ways. Roger has a new set of UCCP ministers that want him to teach them his organic farming methods to help feed the poor. Roger now has new resources and connections. One night I had difficulty with my knee. I mentioned having titanium in it. Reverend Arturo Veladiez talked to me about his daughter, Bea who is 13. She was born with deformities and had a surgery where they inserted titanium screws and made disks in her back. He said they now needed to operate again to install titanium hooks to pull her body upright. When I came home, I communicated with our Cabinet and we made the decision to fund her surgery. It was a grueling surgery, but successful. She had grown and the rod they had running up her spine was way too short causing her to be hunched over. They put in a new correct length rod and hooks seem to have done the trick. I believe this is one of the reasons God brought me to the Philippines! The Woman's Board of Missions made this surgery a reality.



Reverends Arturo & Maria Rebecca Veladiez



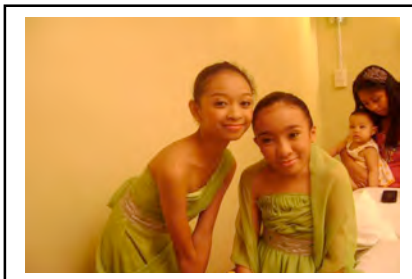
Bea Veladiez

When I informed Bea's parents that we would fund the surgery they were overwhelmed. We kept in constant communication. Tonight I got this message from Bea herself. *"hi lola! Its been a couple of days since I got out of the hospital and I never felt so happy in my entire life! It has been a hard journey but I survived it with my family, friends and especially you. Its a amazing feeling that the surgery was done and the hump was lost and I can finally stand straighter than the past and the fear of my lungs being harmed because of the curve is finally gone. It's a very amazing feeling and I do hope its all over now. I thank you so so so so so so much for the prayers and love and support, thank you so much lola for everything and may god be with you always. And may everything go well according to God's plan. Thank you and may you continue to include us in your prayers. Thank you forever from the bottom of my heart. Thank you lola! (lola is Philipino for grandmother)."*

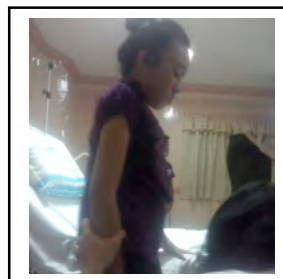
Bea's father wrote, *"At Bea's birth, she was diagnosed with abnormalities. She was operated on 5 months. After 1 year, she was diagnosed to have a congenital levoscoliosis. She had surgery last year. We thought that her life challenges ended after her recent surgeries but, her spine doctor advised her to undergo another surgery and hopefully this will be the last."* Her mother wrote *"we are very grateful to our Almighty God though she has deformities but God has given her gifts. Her endurance and courage during the last three operations inspired other people to face their own trials and challenges. We are very proud of her for she constantly reminds us of God's love, mercy and graciousness as well as allowing us to strengthen our commitment in serving our God."*

Bea's mother wrote, "Thank you so much, Melinda....You are right God will continue to protect her as He has done many countless times. I entrusted everything to Him and He has never failed us yet Kumusta Melinda...thank you for the encouragement. The truth is I am the worrier and Bea is so calm. Hahaha! She's very strong actually that's why she was able to survive her ordeal by the grace of God. Melinda please extend

Our greetings to the Women Board of Mission. You are right God will make it happen. And I am very grateful for all of this. Blessings and Shalom be with you all! Thank you very much for all the hard work and the love of serving people. You are a gift to us and to Bea. How can we thank you enough. Praise the Lord Melinda! Please extend our thanks to all the members of the Board we are very glad for our prayers are answered. How can we ever thank you enough...thank you so much! Blessings to you and WBM ladies! I am humbled and at the same time overwhelmed by this great gift. Praise the Lord Melinda! Salamat! Salamat Lord!"



Bea (far right) prior to surgery



Bea following surgery standing visibly straighter

KOKOKAHI TROPICAL HUNGER MISSION PROJECT

The work of Kokokahi Tropical Hunger Mission now serves 5 malnourished feeding centers and supports 7 schools. Here's a collection of photos of some of the projects we support.



Roger, Melinda, Jerson & Raffy all lived at Kokokahi UCC for 1 year.



Our first day celebration with 500 participants where I pulled a number from a hat for someone to receive a prize.



Roger held a raffle and we gave away 4 piglets and 1 baby goat. One went to a woman from each of our 5 malnourished feeding centers. The first woman was so happy she did an exotic native dance.



Peter John (age 10) has never seen a doctor. He cannot walk or talk and his mother has to carry him at all times while also caring for an 8 month old baby. I gave Peter's mother \$165 in order for the hospital to do some testing and purchased a jogging stroller through so that she can now push Peter John.



The Airport Feeding Center serves 50 mothers and 85 children. The caribou I was being pulled by is named Betsy after Betsy Pendleton, wife of Olin Pendleton. They founded missions and were committed to fighting hunger in tropical regions.



Upper Palalan crochet group and items made with materials and supplies sent by our WBM.



Patpat Malnourished Feeding Center serves 45 mothers and 125 children.



Baluarte Feeding Center - This center serves 30 mothers and 75 children. It is a place way up in the mountains where Andresa lives. We sent her a wheelchair when she was 18. She is now 35 and still using the same wheelchair. When she is not using it she loans it out. What touched me most was that they were praying for me when they have so little! A completely humbling experience!



Upper Kam-is Feeding Center with 40 mothers and 76 children. They do not have water, so Roger & Ann bring it in to them! Maymay serves up the champorado that is made with rice, milk & unprocessed chocolate.



Melinda, Reverend Dennis Alger and women in the sewing circle and a display of some of the items made by the women In the sewing circle with materials and supplies that were collected and sent by our WBM.

PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Pray that our Lord will give an extraordinary amount of wisdom, steadfast spirit, keen insight, quickness to respond and political will among our national, regional and local government officials in mapping out and implementing a sustained plan of action for relief, rescue and rehabilitation. **Pray** that the Lord will give them the mind of Joseph who knew how to direct the people when the seven years of famine struck Egypt. Such was his wisdom that no one lacked. **Pray** that the millions of aid will be wisely distributed and allocated. **Pray** for our Compassion Philippines Rapid Response Team to be able to carry out relief assistance and to provide comfort, prayers and support to our afflicted children, their families and local churches. **Pray** for the safety and health of our Philippines Country Director, our Asia Regional Advocacy Director, and the rest of the Rapid Response Team as they are in Cebu and Leyte to carry out relief work. **Pray** that Satan, the Enemy will be 'padlocked' so that unscrupulous people/thieves/robbers will not be able to carry out looting, robberies, or resort to killing; **Pray** that no corrupt officials will be able to lay their hands on any of the relief money or goods for their own selfish motives. **Pray** that the Lord will give our Filipino brothers and sisters an unwavering faith in the Lord and that they will receive timely help in terms of food, water, medicines and a safe place to sleep for the weeks and months ahead. **Pray** that the US military personnel sent to help will be able to quickly train Filipino local officials so that all (and not only a few) affected towns and provinces will receive timely relief help. **Pray** that the aircraft sent to airlift goods and supplies will be safe and will help bring food especially to those towns where people have not eaten a single food since Friday. **Pray** for miracles of healing to those who are ill, and for thousands and millions of Filipinos in central Philippines to come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior through the mighty work of the Holy Spirit. **Pray** that the body of Christ in the Philippines, represented by the thousands of local churches will be a source of sustained blessing to the typhoon victims, in word and deed.

Menchit Wong, Child Advocacy Director, Compassion International

UCCP LEARNING CENTER

by Alma Balatico



The Learning Center opened its doors in mid-June for the school year 2013 - 2014. A total of 32 children were enrolled and 12 are from economically disadvantaged families. Their tuition and books as well as other fees are subsidized partly by a grant from our partner in mission, the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands. The families of our grant recipients are mostly one income families or single parent families who literally have to make a choice daily to go to work to earn for food for the day or stay home to care for a child.

Some of these jobs are seasonal like being hired as a farmhand to plant rice for a daily wage of 350 pesos or do laundry for somebody. Surely, a daily wage of nearly \$8 is hardly enough to feed an average of five members in the family. Many children are left at home without supervision, left with a neighbor or taken to the fields by the parent. Our grant families are blessed by our program because not only is the child given quality education, it gives the parent peace of mind while at work to earn for the family.

This school year, the Learning Center is blessed with two new, yet experienced teachers. There is also a new bookkeeper, Marina Bartolome who also doubles as the Food Program coordinator. Raquel Batuyong is the new Nursery class teacher and Jennifer Satulan teaches the Kindergarten classes. The K-1 class meets in the morning and K-2 meets in the afternoon. These two teachers have one Educational Assistant each, Angelica Fiesta and Aiza Aguda.

A typical school day begins with a flag ceremony followed by a prayer: "Thank you God for our school our teachers, our parents and the opportunity to come to school." After the prayer they do exercises and the photos below we see Educational Assistant Aiza doing the "Hokey Pokey" with the children. We also see our Teacher Jennifer talking to one of the students. As a school policy, the teachers are evaluated after their 3-month probationary period. Mila Aguda of the church and school council is seen seated at the back observing teacher, Jennifer on her teaching methods and techniques.



PROJECTS:

This school year, as part of a long range planning to improve staffing and operation the council embarked on two projects: STAFF DEVELOPMENT and a NUTRITIOUS FOOD AWARENESS PROGRAM.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Pastor Lynn, the Administrative Pastor/Preschool Director explained to the council that there is a need to develop local leadership for the church and school to insure continuity. This came about as a result of a situation that happened last year when a teacher suddenly left before the end of the school year. That teacher's responsibility was distributed to all available staff and qualified volunteers, including me! Pastor Lynn had to take over teaching two classes for three months until the close of the 2012-2013 school year. The school was blessed to have an educator for an administrative pastor who took it upon herself to carry on the task without many changes in the daily operation. As a result of this experience Pastor Lynn saw the need to develop local leadership.

We now have two youths who have indicated their interest to work for the church and school. Angelica Fiesta has transferred from the college of nursing to become a minister after graduation. Aiza Aguda is beginning her freshman year studying towards a Christian education degree with preschool education as her area of concentration. Both young people attend a special program that allows them to attend school for one week and do field work for three weeks under an off campus supervisor certified by the university, in the

Aiza helps in food preparation and distribution in addition to her being an educational assistant for the kindergarten classes. Both young women teach Sunday school on Sundays and other duties as needed.

NUTRITIOUS FOOD AWARENESS PROGRAM

In order to promote awareness on good nutrition and healthy living, lessons on a balanced diet and the importance of fruits and vegetables are emphasized not only to the children but also to the parents. Food groups are taught in classes and “experienced” during meal times. A donation of fresh apples was received by the preschool from a visiting couple from the U.S. The teachers saw this as an opportunity to teach about the health benefits of fruits and introduce the apple to the children, many of whom have never seen nor tasted an apple! The apples were served as snacks for the children to “experience” the lesson.

A Government-sponsored nutrition program called “4-Ps” is in the works. This program is supposed to help families learn proper nutrition. The preschool is researching how this program can benefit the feeding program and if grant funds are available. In the meantime, the preschool continues its feeding program.



THE SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY:

1ST SUNDAYS AT UCCP PASUQUIN. The preschool continues to be an outreach arm of the church in the community through the every first Sunday participation of the children in providing music during worship. First Sundays are the most attended services at UCCP Pasuquin. The Sunday school attendance has also increased not just on 1st Sundays, but on all Sundays.

FAMILY PICNIC. A family get together was held recently at the beach and parents from the church and school attended with their children. This activity is a bonding activity to promote a healthy parent, teacher and children relationship.



This picture shows a group of parents and children as they listen to Pastor Lynn explain the game.



Angelica (in the black sweat shirt) is getting ready to give the go signal to start the game “Tug of War.”

Thank you very much my sisters of the WBM for your continued support for this school that strives to reach out to make a difference in the lives of children, families, and the community through education.

“Nurturing the spirit of Christ in every area of human life, beginning with the individual and reaching into the home, the community” An excerpt from the goals of the Woman’s Board of Missions

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



We are excited and celebrate our new members:

Mary Jane Bachmann
Hilo, Hawaii

Haili Congregational Church
Hilo, Hawaii

IN SEARCH OF WILLING WORKERS

Membership in the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands affords multiple opportunities to serve God by utilizing your spiritual and natural gifts to help improve the quality of life for others who are experiencing various hardships both in Hawai'i and the greater Pacific Rim. Our organization recently celebrated 144 years of ministry in May 2013.

We meet monthly to conduct business, receive inspiration, and identify ways to continue to make a difference in our communities and world. Annual dues of \$25 are collected from all members in June and used to further our ministry. A one-time gift of \$100 honors you as a lifetime member, though an annual contributing due of \$25 is still required to further support the ministry. There are many ways to contribute to the work that we do through donations of needed items, financial gifts, serving on mission projects or a committee, and more.

A membership application can be found by visiting www.hcucc.org. You can locate the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands by clicking on "Ministries" and then "Affiliated Ministries."

GENTLE REMINDER

If you are already a member of our WBM, please be sure to update your contact information should you move or change any of your information. We want to be sure that you receive all correspondence being sent to you.

For those of you who attend our WBM monthly meetings, please remember to bring your favorite food to share during our lunch and fellowship immediately following and bring a guest or two. If you do bring a guest(s) or invite someone you know will be coming, please call Clara to let her know.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about membership, our organization or how you can get involved, please contact Clara at (808) 791-5647 or (808) 990-0503.

LINDA SHIGETA

KAUA'I VP REPRESENTATIVE



A group of our Kauai young adults experienced the *Kauai Sacred Day Walk* in Kokee State Park July 30 - August 03, 2013. It gave eight young adults a deeper understanding of themselves and the love generated by the Holy Spirit. Six were recent high school students, one was a high school senior, and one was a recent seminary graduate serving at Church of the Pacific in Princeville.

Though I was unable to attend, our wonderful new WBM member, Joanne Watanabe, went in my stead. She is a longtime friend who traveled with me on our Missions to Kaulaupapa under Carolyn Winston's time as our President. Joanne shared with me that the two wilderness guides/spiritual directors from Emergence in San Rafael, California, were extremely skilled. She was amazed at the depth of the experiences shared by participants after the walk and the skillfulness of how the facilitators were able to draw, guide and lead each participant to full awareness of their experiences. The depth of experience gained by participants and their preparation before the walk was key to the spiritual value they received. To each one it was life changing.

I feel it is important to hear the feedback of some of the participants. Here are a few of the representative responses:

"I felt like I have a better hold on my faith. I'm ready for transitions and college."

"I've gained faith and fully trust in the Lord."

"I've gained a lot, but the most significant was the ability to seek God completely on my own and be able to get good feedback on that experience."

"I was surprised by God's plan for me to come and connect with faithful and wise young people who helped me hear God's voice in the wilderness of transition."

"Everything came through with the actual walk, because it all spawned from a little senior project."

"Having the freedom to spend a whole day alone with Jesus in the wilderness was one of the strongest forms of worship I've ever experienced."

"It is life transforming. It readjusts your faith and perspectives on life."

"It was one of the most important experiences of my life. I'll never forget it."

These words speak for themselves. One leader thanked our WBM for financial and spiritual support, stating it was well worth it to nurture a young generation into the Christian faith with the light of the Holy Spirit. She was amazed at their hunger to know God as a real and living presence in their life and the depth of relationship the young adults had with God and their ability to articulate their thoughts and feelings. The safe and trusting environment during this event allowed them to explore and examine their relationship with God in the challenges of their everyday lives. They expressed spiritual maturity far beyond their years.

The Wilderness Guides reported that the quality of sharing their spiritual insights was the deepest they had witnessed in the 16 years of conducting the Spiritual Day Walk.

One participant, who is now the Island Youth Leader serving on the KAUCC Standing Committee for Youth and Young Adults, expressed a very strong conviction to continue the Sacred Day Walk. What a blessing it is to share this wonderful news from Kauai with my fellow sisters in Christ regarding the Sacred Day Walk.

Thank you Jesus--just a closer walk with Thee.

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 Yacht Club (*beautiful venue and
 impeccable service*)
**Best of East Hawai'i
 2013 Businesses
 Donations for WBM Women's Tea,
 Yacht Club in Hilo**

Bethany Kay Anderson (*handmade
 Hawaiian quilted Christmas
 stockings*)
 Jane Boyd (*crocheted necklaces*)
 Laurie Connable (*planning, vases
 for centerpieces, items for individual
 gift bags, personal art work for
 auction*)
 David & Bonnie Fithian
 (*handmade Hawaiian wooden bowls*)
 Diana Freund (*assorted books,
 vintage heart quilt wall hanging*)
 Moira Tanaka (*jams & assorted
 items*)
 Karen Welsh (*planning,
 photography art work and
 photography services for silent
 auction*)
 Carolyn Winston (*handmade
 jewelry set & cases*)
Private Donations

Gomes Sweet Gomes
 Jackie Gomes
Gourmet Cupcakes

Jackie Gomes
 BJ Mc Collum
 Alana Peralta
 Dennis and Christy Soares
Music and Sound

Dr. Maryruth Eaves-Herrera
 Aunty Lynne Chavez
Registration

Clara D. Priestler
(Set up and clean up)

*All who supported the WBM
 Women's Tea with their attendance*