

SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING**7:15-8:45 AM****MGMC CONF ROOM**

Please join us this Saturday as we pray for our church and other needs in the community and the world around us. Prayer is the backbone to all that we do!

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!**8:00AM - 1:15PM**

We still have some open time slots for our Blood Drive today. Please go directly to the Hawaii Bloodmobile located in the parking lot to inquire about availability. Thank you for being a part of saving lives!

**APOSTOLIC COMMISSIONING
FOR PASTOR CAL & JOY CHINEN****AUGUST 25 // 10AM****HONOLULU COUNTRY CLUB**

- Please no leis; monetary gifts can be given to Transform Our World Hawaii.
- If you are unable to attend, please let us know at the back table.
- Attire: Dressy Casual--Semi-Formal
- We are in need of lei donations for our TOW Global guests and if you would like to contribute towards this, please fill out the tearaway and someone will contact you.

HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING

1. "What do you need?"
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how/what to pray
3. Command the pain/sickness/ailment to leave in Jesus' name!
4. "How do you feel?"

Ephesians Chapter 5 is entitled in the New Living Translation: "Living in the Light." It begins in verse 1 with *"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children."* What happens when we imitate God? We shine His light so brightly that people begin to notice. One of Kapena's most popular songs they recorded is *This Little Light Of Mine*. It's an old Sunday School children's song taken from Matthew 5. This song is about God's call on our lives to shine His light wherever we go, especially in the places that are filled with darkness. We are called to shine His light and not cover up and hide His light.

Matthew 5:14-16 says: *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

NASB

As Pastor Allen Cardines says "Darkness is not the problem; it's the lack of light." Have you ever gotten up in the middle of the night during a power outage and tried to navigate through the house. As you search for a flashlight, you might have stubbed your toe on something or stumbled over a chair, or even walked into a wall. Walking around in the dark is no fun. Yet people do it everyday in this world. Without Jesus in their lives, people are in the dark, lost, stumbling, and walking into walls.

This is why Jesus came and this is why He created the Ekklesia. John 8:12 say: *"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."* NLT

The key to walking in places of darkness is having a good flashlight, right? Jesus is our flashlight! He is our light source. The closer we get to knowing Jesus, the more of His light we will have in us, and the more of His light He will shine

through us. Is their darkness where you work? Is there darkness in your family where you live? Is there darkness at the school you attend? The answer is found in Jesus, the Light of the World. But guess how the Light of Jesus will begin to shine in those places of darkness? You guessed it....through you and me. We are carriers of His light.

As we've been going through Ephesians, the Holy Spirit is equipping us to be more effective in carrying the powerful, transforming light of Jesus to where we live, work, and play. Remember, darkness cannot stand up against light. No matter how dark the room is, when you strike a match or turn on the flashlight, or flip on the light switch, darkness will flea (like those little roaches in the kitchen when turn on the light in the middle of the night). As the Ekklesia, this is our calling; to take the Kingdom of God (Light), to where the kingdom of the darkness is entrenched.

So how do we do this? *"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord."* Zech 4:6. Pastor Daniel said it last week in his sermon that "God partners with us to recreate a new nature in us so we don't have to or try to do it by ourselves." (*emphasis mine*). As the Ekklesia, we have the power to shine His light though us, but we have to be willing to flip the switch and turn the light on. This is called obedience. As you pray and ask God to use you to shine His light where you live, work, and play, He will open up the doors, and create opportunities for you to shine His light. We've been hearing powerful testimonies from many of you as you are letting your light shine for Jesus. God is moving powerfully and lives are being touched, changed, and transformed. God's Ekklesia is on the move in Hawaii. Keep abiding in Jesus and surrendering your heart to Him everyday. Remember as Ed Silvano says: *"Without God we can't; but without us He won't."* Keep on shining for Jesus!

Aloha Ke Akua,
Pastor Ron