



January Prayer Update

January 3, 2021

"...the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward." -Genesis 15:1

Dearest Friends and Family,

Hope and pray this letter finds you well. Prayed you had a wonderful Christmas and a blessed beginning of the new year. It has been an exciting Christmas and new year. Let me start by saying, as the Lord took care of Abraham back then, I know He is still God and will take care of us now. We are truly blessed to have the Lord watch over us everyday and more than any material blessing, we have the blessing of salvation.



I am truly of the belief that the best things in life are not things. This Christmas was special for our church kids. It started with trying to help our cancer ward at the community hospital. There were a few people on Maui that donated groceries to the cancer patients and needed someone to deliver them. The US Navy shipped the groceries and presents to Molokai, and a

few of my friends and I picked them up at the docks to get them to the hospital. There were bikes that were donated to a few people on island, but I was given five bikes to give to our church kids. It was special to give them brand new bikes for Christmas, but was an even bigger blessing to see two of our kids come with their mom to church. We have been praying for Tasha to come to church for four years, but she would never walk into the building. The Lord has been working on her heart and she has been faithful and excited to come to church.

I am also grateful to see Laura and Daniel Gomes grow in the Lord. They started coming to church after their daughter, Maile, died of cancer and their family has been faithful and a huge help. They have also grown as far as their service in the Lord. Their son, Noah, is in charge of our media ministry and their son, Destin, is a huge help as well on Sundays. It is amazing to see how the Lord has been using them in our church. They also have been witnessing to their family and inviting them to church. Laura's sister, Julie, came and has been coming with her kids faithfully and have talked about how they really enjoy the services.



Please keep the people of Molokai in prayer. Lulu's cousin, Alex, and his family grew up with a godly heritage, but gone away from the Lord. Recently, he and his wife talked about how they want to raise their kids and agreed that they want to see them grow in the Lord. They asked me for a Bible and Alex has asked me to do a personal Bible study with him once a week. Keep that in prayer. Please continue to keep our former members in prayer as they have used the excuse of covid and other things to stop coming and to spiritually drift from the Lord.

Thank you for all your prayers and we are excited about the wedding, but we are still in the unknown about what is going to happen. I am still planning our furlough for this summer. Please keep the planning for this in prayer and those who will be in charge of the church while I am away. Please keep our nation in prayer with all the chaos and turmoil around us.



Because of Christ,

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