

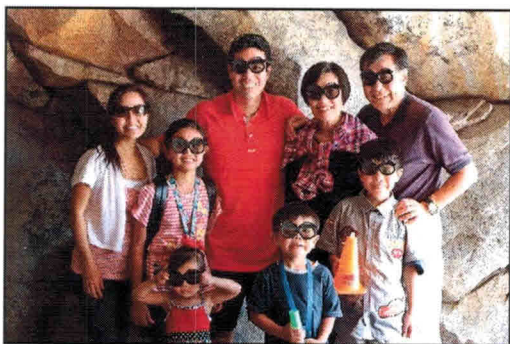
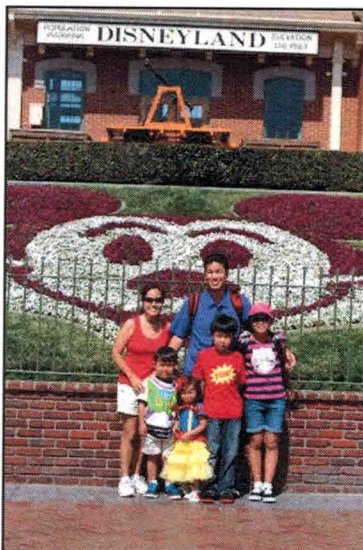
The Family Herald

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Our Disneyland Adventure by Luke Yamamura

This spring our whole family went to Disneyland! My Grandpa and Grandma came with us too. We caught our flight early in the morning and we got to watch a movie on the plane. When we finally arrived at Disneyland we went on so many rides. My favorite rides were Indiana Jones and Pirates of the Caribbeans. Everybody ate Churros and thought it was so delicious! The next day we went to Universal Studios and I was so excited to ride the Transformers 3D ride! The whole family enjoyed Transformers, even Grandma. My most favorite ride with Grandpa was Revenge of the Mummy. We went to the hotel and went to bed. Josh and I got to stay in Grandma and Grandpa's room but we couldn't go to sleep because we were so excited! The next morning we drove to Knott's Berry Farm and we saw a stunt show and we panned for gold. Daddy and I were brave and rode on the Silver Bullet. It was so fun and I thought I was going to fall off! After that we went back to Disneyland again. My younger sister Gracie's favorite part was meeting the princesses! Tiffany loved going on space mountain. It was so cool because my brother Josh got to fight Darth Vader! At the end of the trip we all didn't want to leave. Disneyland was super Awesome!! I can't wait to go back again!



2013 Highlights

- Tiffany is in the 7th grade and loves playing volleyball. She enjoys trying new decorating and craft ideas.
- Luke is a 4th grader and his favorite subjects are chemistry and history. He likes creating with Legos and continues to surprise us with new inventions.
- Our 2nd grader Joshua started his first season of basketball and loves hunting for creatures in the backyard. His latest find—a very large Praying Mantis!
- Gracie, now a preschooler, is thrilled to do her school work alongside big brother Josh. She enjoys doing her chores especially washing the dishes (we're hoping this lasts).
- Cocoa loves running around in the backyard and being part of the gang. She tolerates the kids dressing her up and pulling her in a wagon.

Leeward Community Church's Singing Christmas Tree

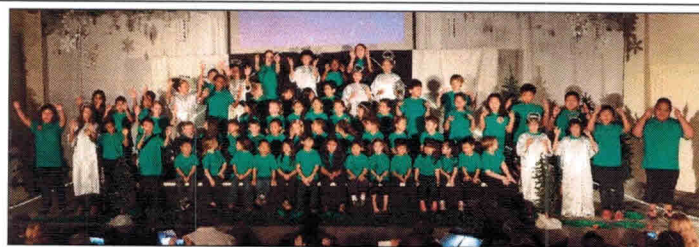


Photo courtesy of Bob the Cameraman

The keiki singing Glory to God ~ mahalo to all of the aunties and uncles who helped make this such a special program!

Homegroup Camp by Luke Yamamura

Every year our Home Group goes to Camp Mokuleia. We went fishing and swimming a lot. We played relay games and found huge sand crabs! For church, all the dads shared a message about Proverbs to teach us how to live for God. My favorite things about camp were going swimming and eating smores!



An Interview with Grandma Kanai by Tiffany

Where were you born? On Maui

How was life in the early years? It was very quiet, settled, and peaceful.

Tell us about when you got married to Grandpa. We got married during the war. It was a very simple wedding. Grandpa was always such a kind and nice man.

What were some of your hobbies? I love to cook and sew. I didn't care for the outdoors, so I liked staying home to make things.

What kind of work did you do? I owned a store called Jane's. It was hard work having a business but I was happy that we gave it a try.

What are some of your greatest memories? When the children got married. When the great grandchildren came...from big to chiisai (small)...I love them all so much! I want to pick them up and carry the small ones but I cannot carry too good.



Grandma on her 95th birthday

How many grandchildren/great-grandchildren do you have? 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren

What is your favorite food? Sushi

Can you share words of wisdom? Always have a cheerful heart



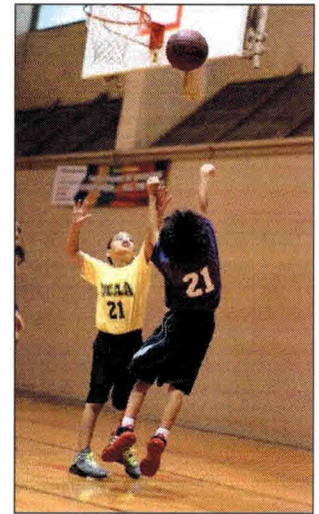
Grandpa and Me Fishing Together by Joshua

One day I went fishing with my grandpa. We went somewhere in town and I caught 17 fishes. It was bigger than my arm! Grandpa taught me how to fish with the pole and how to take the fish off of the hook. Then we cut the fish with the knife and we made a fire outside and cooked it. It tasted really crunchy! I know to always be careful because the fish can bite you. Because I was not careful and not paying attention and I put my finger in the mouth and it bit me! So when you go fishing you always have to pay attention. I really enjoyed fishing a lot and I want to go again with Grandpa!



Mililani Lakers by Luke

I was so excited to play basketball again this year! This season our team would always lose. I guess because our team was new and we were in an older league. My coach Dad told me to keep trying your best and have fun. I tried my best but it was not easy. At the end of the season we did better and worked hard as a team. I'm glad I kept trying so now I'm ready to start another basketball season!



Mililani Harvest Night by Johanna Grace Yamamura



We have fun at Harvest Night! Dad-dy was superman and I love him. Tiffany dress up as a nerd girl, Wuke and Josh is a ninja and I'm Merida. Hers is a girl and is Brave like me. I love all the candy! I love it so much!

Learning How to Sew

by Tiffany Yamamura

This year, I started attending a sewing class in Mililani. It was so fun! In the beginning, I learned how to work the sewing machine and the first thing we learned was how to sew a straight stitch. Mrs.M then taught us how to sew curves which was the hardest thing to do. But after practicing, it became easier. We made a snack bag and pillows. My favorite project was the snack bag because it was easy to make and useful. It was so fun learning all these new things with friends. I hope to attend the class next year and learn even more interesting stitches and make more fun projects.



Make 'em Laugh

by Joshua Yamamura

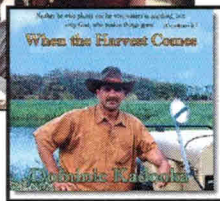
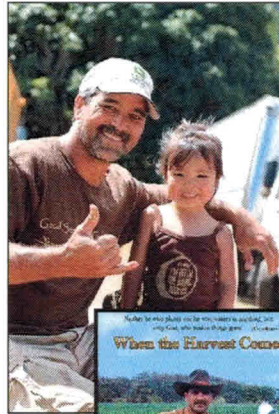


See Jojo, that's why it's called a Praying Mantis 'cause he folds his hands and talks to God.

The Pumpkin Patch

by Johanna Grace Yamamura

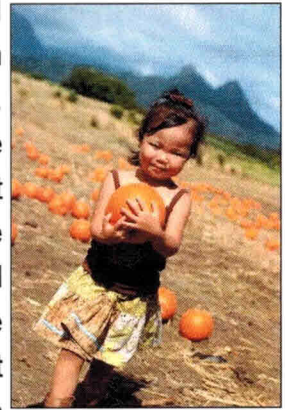
We went to pumpkin patch with my co-op friends. I ride the cow ride and have so much fun! Uncle Dom tell us that him plant seeds and God grow the plants.



Him pray to Jesus to take care the pumpkins. I get the most beautifullest pumpkin from the ground and I take it home. I tell the baby pumpkin grow some more, but it didn't. But I love it so much! I feel bad for Uncle

Dom cause him have to work so much. But him love the pumpkin patch so much that him likes to work hard! I pray for him everyday. Uncle Dom sings really nice songs. This is his new CD. It is so nice!

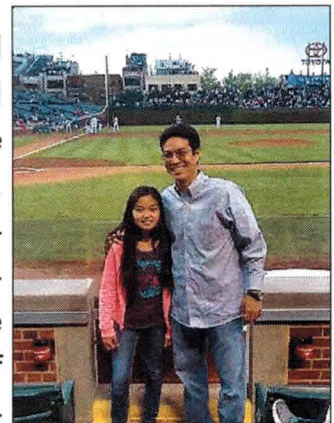
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My First Trip to Chicago

by Tiffany Yamamura

I traveled to Chicago with Dad because he had to go on a business trip and he asked me if I wanted to tag along. I couldn't wait to see the many exciting places. The first day we arrived, we tried deep dish pizza. It was so big, I couldn't even finish one slice. We visited a huge library and read some really cool books. There were more than five levels and thousands of books. It was so interesting to go to the symphony where they played Beethoven! We went on a trolley ride tour of Chicago. I felt so small in the huge city but I couldn't wait to explore it! We traveled on the subway and since it was my first time I was pretty excited. We were so close to going to a Bull's game but sadly, they



lost and the season ended. We were still fortunate to go to a Cub's game! I was only four rows away so I could see it close up. The next day, we drove to Wheaton college to meet up with Dad's classmate. I'm thinking about attending Wheaton College in the future. I loved the crisp, cold weather. I really enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about Chicago's culture and city sights.



Grandpa's 80th Birthday by Joshua Yamamura

It was my Grandpa Sukita's birthday and he wanted to take the whole family to the Hilton hotel! It was a good vacation because my Grandpa works so hard. We went to this Japanese restaurant and the chef cooked the food on the big stove. He made it special and he flipped the shrimp and broccoli in the air. He even made the number 80 for Grandpa out of vegetables. Then he threw the knife up and he caught it by the handle! I thought it was so cool! We all got to sleep over at the hotel and then when we woke up we went to eat pancakes for breakfast. It was really huge and we ate it all up! Then we went swim-



ming at the new pool. What was also special was that we got to eat ice cream! It was so awesome to celebrate Grandpa's birthday because we were all together and everyone had a lot of fun!

Remembering Granny



Fumiko Yamamura

Agape, the greek word for selfless love, best describes "Granny" as a wife, mother and grandma. She kept her promise to care for my Grandpa until his passing, she considered the needs of her children and grandchildren over her own and found joy in doing so. We all miss Granny, but her legacy of love remains. We love you Grandma!

Walking My Dog Cocoa

by Johanna Grace Yamamura

This is me Gracie walking Cocoa. Hers my best dog ever I have. Cocoa is so cute! Daddy say Cocoa have to walk to get exercise. Cocoa is really chubby. I love her so much! Her like to play with me and kiss me and I roll on the grass and play with her.



A note from the Yamamuras

Dear Family and Friends,

Merry Christmas! It's hard to believe the year is almost over. We hope 2013 was a blessed year for you. The kids are growing up so quickly and we're grateful for the special times we have as a family.

As we approach a new year, we continue to look to the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. He is our source of truth, direction and hope beyond this life. We rejoice as we celebrate His birth! We hope during this holiday season you will experience the lasting joy and peace that He gives.

With love,

Owen, Sandy, Tiffany (12), Luke (9), Joshua (6), Johanna Grace (3), and Cocoa (7)