

Generosity Personified

by John Enomoto, President,
Board of Directors

In his book *Sabbatical Journey*, Henri Nouwen, writes: "Generosity has many levels. We have to think generously, speak generously, and act generously. Thinking and speaking well of others is the basis for generous giving. It means that we relate to others as part of our 'gen' or 'kin' and treat them as family." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Henri Nouwen's words on generosity describe our gen or kin, Ada Lum. If generous people think well of people, Ada qualifies as gen squared: genuinely generous. As a teacher of the Word, she asks, seeks, knocks, and receives insights from God, then freely shares with us. As a friend, she is nurturing. Her nature is positive and steadfastly hopeful; someone who is undoubtedly for us, offering up hope for a brighter tomorrow.

She speaks generous words of encouragement, willing to speak faith into others. When words are used to reprimand or correct, they are generously kind. In class, even an incorrect answer is encouraged in her special way: "Oh, I don't mind wrong answers. It shows you are interested (or awake!)"



John Enomoto introduces
Ada's video teaching series.

Ada invests much time in her students. There are hundreds of students in over 115 countries who can testify to having spent one-on-one time with her. She spends these hours because she is genuinely and generously concerned for the wellbeing of others.



In February of this year, we celebrated the premiere of Ada's latest project, a video teaching series entitled, "Creative Ideas for Lively Bible Studies." Filmed in Hawai'i with BIH students, this three-DVD course with workbooks will be distributed locally and through International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) in Oxford, England to the rest of the world. (Please call the office at 595-4700 if you are interested.)

Ada's generosity in agreeing to have her teaching filmed so that others may benefit is matched by that of Robin Kumabe, former interim Executive Director. It was Robin who had the vision of preserving Ada's courses for future generations. Together with husband Colin Kumabe and a team of dedicated professionals, Robin shepherded the project to completion over the past three years. Such a huge undertaking would not have been possible, of course, without the generosity of many BIH friends who helped underwrite the cost.



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February was also an occasion to celebrate Ada's 80th birthday. So it was a month of double blessings. You may find it difficult to believe she is 80 years young. However, it isn't her age that is remarkable, but her energy and continual love for teaching. Truly, one of the best BIH courses is Ada's unofficial class on generosity. Just watch and listen to her, for she demonstrates it with her life. 🙌

Notes from This and That Class

We share some instructive class scenes so you may be encouraged with how God is working in students and their desire to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. May it also provoke you to keep praying for BIH's Bible spreading ministry.

** A seeker in *Bible Basics for Beginners* shared her doubts about the validity of Christianity. She was full of intellectual questions—open, sincere. When class ended, it was beautiful to see other students (young believers themselves) naturally gravitate to her. One loaned her *Jesus With Dirty Feet* that he was reading. Another slipped a note inviting her to call her up for a chat. Two others suggested dinner. After that dinner the seeker told **Ada Lum**, “I can’t get over how friendly those Christians are. They seem so fulfilled. I need to know more about Jesus in the Bible, not just ask (philosophical questions).”

** Old friends and former students of **Dr. Bob Neff** have been delighted that he and **Eivor** are back in Hawai'i again for the BIH winter term, thanks to a generous donor. His schedule of classes has been packed, and Maui espe-



cially benefited from his solid teaching on 1 Thessalonians. BIH/Maui committee member **Millie Whitney** reports, “He helped us to understand Jesus’ return and our own resurrection in a practical way. And when it comes to morality Dr. Neff sure tells it like it is.”

** In *Acts: Dangerous People* they were studying Luke’s perceptible progression of the believing women’s influence. A wide-eyed architect exclaimed with new discovery, “The first century church was more modern than my 21st century church in recognizing women’s gifts. That blows my mind.” A hot discussion followed on what they could do in all their churches about women’s ministries and biblical balance in leadership.



Students in Jim Miller's noontime class, Tackling Tough Questions

** **Jim Miller's** noontime class, *Tackling Tough Questions*, at the YWCA has drawn new students working downtown. A businessman was so helped by this practical apologetics class that he arranged to have his personal trainer, an atheist and philosophy grad student, meet Jim. The grad student was impressed with Jim's handling his tough philosophical questions and wanted more. So the three of them have agreed to meet each week at Kakaako Kitchen.

** There are psalmists in BIH! In the Psalms class and the Bible study methods class, both taught by **Ada Lum**, students learned the marks of Hebrew poetry. Then they wrote their own thanksgiving psalms. They put in Hebrew art form how God had delivered them from a painful experience and what lessons they learned from that. A shared conclusion was how healing it was, and among the men, “I didn’t know I could write poetry!”

Students in Bob Neff's morning class, The Now and the Not Yet: 1 Thessalonians at Community Church of Honolulu



** Finally, a word of congratulations to adjunct faculty **Dr. Rebecca Ovitt**: On Jan. 20, 2006, Ruby was honored by the United Filipino Council of Hawai'i, receiving its Progress Award in Education for Oahu. As Elementary School Principal of Hawai'i Baptist Academy, she was recognized for her service to the community, and applauded for her commitment to being a leader and advocate for the Filipino community and the State of Hawai'i. The award was given in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipino “Sakadas” in Hawai'i. BIH Interim Executive Director **Richard Grable**, his wife, **Margy**, Board President **John** and **Nina Enomoto** attended the award ceremony and banquet. Well done, Ruby! 🌸



Jonathan Wong's students in the Real Worship class at Pearl City Community Church



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Spring 2006 Schedule of Courses

Visit our booth...

at Hawaiian Islands Ministries'
Honolulu 2006 Conference,
March 23-25, 2006. BIH
class registrations
will be accepted
Thursday and
Friday at the
booth.

Tuesdays

Esther: How'd I Get Stuck In This Beauty Contest? *

Miss Ada Lum

Men are especially welcome! It's a wonder Hollywood hasn't made a blockbuster out of Esther. Imagine your teenage daughter winning a national beauty contest that makes her queen over a foreign country—Persia/Iran. That's how young Esther starts her public life. Behind the power plays, romance, death threats, private grudges and national salvation you will learn about God's mysterious sovereignty over all of life, especially at its worst. You'll be challenged with issues in growing a tough/tender character—when to take risks, how to make hard choices, how to trust God when he seems totally absent. (Workbook fee \$5.00)

Course OT14A Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; April 4-May 23
Community Church of Honolulu, Makai Room 1
2345 Nuuanu Avenue

Experiencing the Mystery and Wonder of Worship: A Journey Through Scripture in the Heart of Worship

Dr. Jonathan Wong

This highly interactive course will explore how biblical models of worship can inspire worship renewal in our churches as we enter into a new era. The course will provide an overview of the history of biblical worship, its theological meaning, and the practice of worship as reported in the Old and New Testaments. Special emphases will be placed on our covenant relationship with God, worship as a community of believers as an expression of a generous and radical orthodoxy, praise and lament in the Psalms and Christian worship, the experience of God's presence in Hebrew worship and the Early Church and how God's presence can be experienced for us today. We will discover the joy in the mystery and wonder of God as Creator, Redeemer, and King, through imaginative worship drawing upon our creative spirit as women and men created in His image. (Workbook fee \$7.00)

Course CL29 Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; April 4-May 23
Makiki Christian Church, Older Adults Room
829 Pensacola Street



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1 Peter: 10 Reasons Why God Allows You to Suffer *

Miss Ada Lum

Was God partial to the survivors of Katrina and 9/11 and indifferent to the thousands who died so tragically? Why do bad things happen to good people? Such questions have always bothered thinking people. Simon Peter, Jesus' lead apostle, helps us find solid answers from his own sufferings and godly reflections. When you look at life as he did, you will understand your own humanity better. You will see and worship a bigger God. And you'll be able to help others who suffer. (Workbook fee \$6.00)

Course NT18 Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00p.m.; April 4-May 23
Community Church of Honolulu, Makai Room 1
2345 Nuuanu Avenue

Wednesdays

Making Peace With Your Past

Rev. Rick Watkins

This support group study offers practical, biblically based guidance to lead adults to identify, understand, and come to terms with the feelings and problems of growing up in a dysfunctional family. This course will help adults who grew up in a home in which one of the family members had emotional needs so strong that they disrupted the development of healthy relationships. Participants will understand problems from the past and identify and remove emotional, psychological, and spiritual barriers to fellowship with God. (12-unit workbook) (Workbook fee \$16.00)

Course CL26 Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; April 5-May 24
Kalihi Union Church, Welcome Center
2214 N. King Street

Transformed by Journaling with Jesus

Miss Ada Lum

Journaling has become popular. It's good therapy to honestly express our thoughts and feelings. But journaling with Jesus? Yes, it's going beyond therapy to be directly transformed by God himself. It's developing deeper dialogues with God for that intimate relationship with him you have always wanted. We will study key biblical texts as the basis of the spiritual disciplines that feed our souls. (Workbook +journal fee: \$8.00)

Course CL27 Wed., 7:00-9:00 p.m.; April 5-May 17 (7 wks)
Kaimuki Christian Church, Room No. 201
1117 Koko Head Avenue

*Fulfills requirements for Certificate programs.

Thursdays

Follow Me: The Radical Message of the Kingdom *

Rev. Walt Keale

The dangerous mission of Jesus to make disciples who make disciples who make disciples was not an easy one! What pattern does he offer in calling us out to do the same? What did he envision and how will we get there? The style of this class will be both inductive and conversational. (Workbook fee: none)

Course NT02 Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; April 6-May 25
Nanaikapono Church, Sanctuary
89-235 Pua Avenue, Nanakuli

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Course OT14B Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; April 6-May 25
(no class on April 13)
Kailua Christian Church, Room 3
317 Manono Street

Listening to God

Rev. Jim Miller

How do I know what God wants for my career, my marriage, and my future? In this class, we'll look at several biblical examples of how we can listen to God and find God's will for our lives. (Workbook fee: none)

Course CL28 Thursdays, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
April 6-May 18 (7 wks)
YWCA, Room 205
1040 Richards Street



**Fulfills requirements for Certificate programs.*

Special Seminar

Paul: From Jesus to Today

Dr. David P. Nystrom

A significant problem facing Christians is how we “rightly handle the word of truth,” how we apply the teaching of Jesus to our own world and context. Happily, lodged in the New Testament is a model for us to follow. Paul took the message of Jesus, preached first in a rural Palestinian context, and applied it to a very different context, that of the Greco-Roman city. Paul has left for us a set of guidelines to follow.

In this class we will explore the thought of the apostle Paul, seek to understand the principles he discerned in the teaching of Jesus, and study how these are evident in several of his letters, in particular his first letter to the church in Corinth. We will further discuss what it means to live lives faithful to Christ in our time. (Registration fee: \$35.00)

Course TH17 Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1
Thurs. and Fri., 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (bring your lunch)

Wellspring Covenant Church, 99-860 Iwaena St., Aiea

About the Instructor: David Nystrom is currently professor of Biblical Literature at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago. He earned his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in New Testament and Roman social history from the University of California. He is a frequent speaker in academic and church contexts.

This class is co-sponsored by Hawai'i Theological Seminary. Please call Pastor Randy Furushima at 484-8880 if you are interested in taking this class for HTS credit.

Bible Institute of Hawai'i

Vision

Bible Institute of Hawai'i is dedicated to being a resource and catalyst for Christians to be transformed—heart, soul, mind, and community, so that the kingdom of God is made manifest on our islands and that God is glorified through His people.

Mission

Together with the Church, Bible Institute of Hawai'i provides Bible training and biblical education for:

- Equipping our fellow Christians for ministry and action in our world.
- Unifying the Body of Christ to become Christ-centered communities of real unity.
- Deepening people's knowledge and understanding of the Son of God.
- Maturing Christians in their development of becoming more like our Lord Jesus.

Spring 2006 Faculty



Rev. Walt Keale

M.A. Multnomah Biblical Seminary; M.A. Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary; kahu of the GATHERING (Ko'olaupoko District, Kailua); warrior-musician and Hawaiian pastor using God's Ancient Story, Hawaiian culture and an ukulele to bring God's Kingdom to islanders. BIH adjunct faculty since 2005.



Rev. Donald "Rick" Watkins

B.A. Bible/Theology, Southeastern College; M.A. Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; former pastor, hospital chaplain, teacher. BIH adjunct faculty since 2006.



Miss Ada Lum

B.A. History, Wheaton College; M.A. Biblical Literature, Wheaton Graduate School; missionary and university worker; author of books and Bible studies. BIH faculty since 1984.



Dr. Jonathan A. Wong

B.S. Tropical Agriculture, M.E. Counseling and Guidance, U of Hawaii; D.W.S., The Institute of Worship Studies, Florida; counselor, associate professor, Leeward Community College. BIH adjunct faculty since 2005.



Rev. Jim Miller

B.A., UC Berkeley; M.Div., Princeton Seminary; associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church; author, speaker. BIH adjunct faculty since 2003.



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Book Review by Pastor Jim Miller, BIH Adjunct Faculty

The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity by Philip Jenkins. Oxford University Press, © 2003. 288 pages. ISBN: 0195168917.

This may be the most important book I've read this year. *The Next Christendom* is a well-informed prophet's prediction about what the church will look like in the next century. Jenkins, professor of History and Religious Studies at Penn State, has thoroughly researched the current trends of the church worldwide, unlike most contemporary church literature, which tends to focus only on the U.S. His conclusions are filled with hope for a growing church, but challenging for the northern hemisphere in which mainline churches are dying.

The face of Christianity in the next hundred years will no longer be dominated by white faces and English voices. It will be primarily African, Latin American, and Southeast Asian, what Jenkins calls the "Southern churches." The West has been criticized for capitalizing on missions. Jomo Kenyatta said, "When the missionaries came, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible, and they had the land."

Nonetheless, though colonialism has died, the churches have not. Southern churches are now actually sending missionaries back to Europe. There are 1500 of them in England. Stephen Tirwomwe of Uganda said of England, "The country needs reconverting." The church of the next

hundred years will be led by the results of the last century's missionary efforts. "The empires have struck back," says Jenkins.

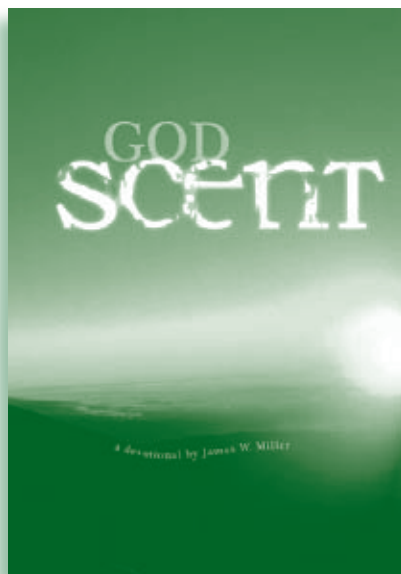
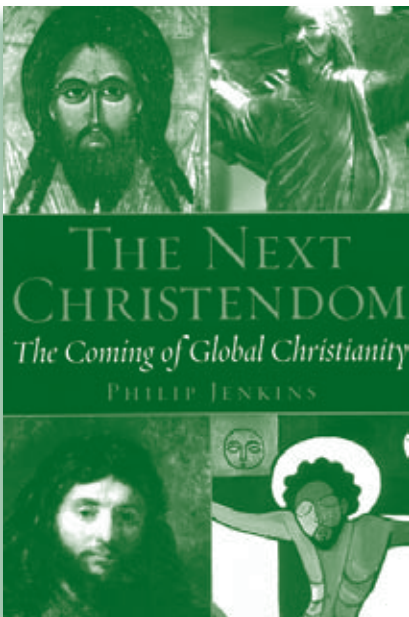
The next Christendom is fundamentally charismatic. In the Southern churches, people attend because they get healed. They are "simplistically charismatic, visionary, and apocalyptic. In this thought-world, prophecy is an everyday reality, while faith-healing, exorcism, and dream-visions are all basic components of religious sensibility." Furthermore, theologically, "...a Southernized Christian future should be distinctly conservative." Christians in the United States tend to look askance at the miraculous. No one will have to convince them, says Jenkins; they are simply being left behind.

Of course the great religious conflicts of the next century will be between Christianity and Islam. African countries like Niger are now probably 45% of each, with both competing for control of the government. Pakistan currently has a potential death sentence for evangelizing Muslims. The 1960's witnessed bloodshed between the faiths in Africa, and riots through the 90's.

Africa will be more and more on our radar screen in coming days. Episcopal bishops in Africa are ordaining conservative North American priests in reaction

to that denomination's views of homosexuality. Warfare in Rwanda and Sudan are more frequent in the media. Short-term mission trips, which many churches in Hawai'i offer, will continue to open our eyes to far-away continents and the coming Christendom.

This book is a must-read for any informed Christian. 🙌



Jim Miller's First Book Now Available

BIH adjunct faculty member Jim Miller has published his first book, *God Scent*. This devotional is for everyone who has ever wondered how we can hear God's voice. It walks us through the discipline of listening and teaches us to look for clues in the world around us, with the belief that everything God-sent carries the scent of God. The book will be available at Logos Bookstore of Hawai'i and Amazon.com beginning in late March. 🙌



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An Unauthorized Peek into Ada's Mailbox

As mentioned by Board President John Enomoto (p. 1), Ada Lum (pictured above with student Shea Nakamura) celebrates her 80th birthday this year. Without her knowledge, the staff got hold of some of the cards she received, and were touched by the messages they contained. Here's a sample:

To "the teacher's teacher" – your faithfulness to Him is awesome. You are awesome! (BC)

It's hard to imagine that our friendship began more than 50 years ago! You were energetic then and you still seem as energetic today! God has blessed you with the "fountain of youth" and we in turn have been blessed by the work he has been doing in you! (NO)

You have shown me what it is to trust in Him in everything and to just enjoy the new and exciting things He brings. Changes are very hard for me, but seeing you follow God's leading without fear and anxiety is an inspiration to me. Your trust in Him is so wonderful. (SK)

More than Scripture, you taught us about how to love to get into God's Word, and your passion for Bible study definitely made an impact on us. Thank you for not retiring from doing what you do best – teaching God's Word. (P&SS)

You've made a difference in our lives. You are like a tree planted by streams of water, always bearing fruit. (L<)

My first recollection of you was, appropriately, doing a Bible Study at a youth camp. That was the first "un-boring" Bible Study I experienced as a teenager. I could see a flesh and blood Jesus in those pages for the first time. Now here you are, 30 plus years later, still faithfully sharing your love for Jesus and helping people to encounter Him in His word. Thank you for touching my life through your ministry over these many years. May the Lord grant you many more healthy and productive years! (DY)

The Board and Staff of Bible Institute of Hawai'i echo all of these sentiments (especially, thank you for not retiring!) and pray God's wonderful blessings upon our dear friend and colleague. Happy Birthday, Ada! 🙌

Creative Ideas for Lively Bible Studies: DVD and Workbook Set

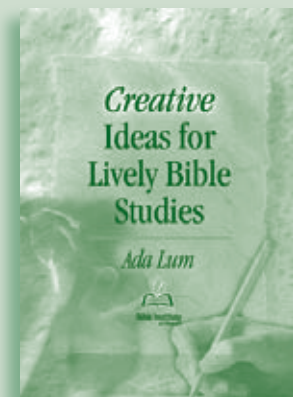
The three DVDs in this complete set contains six hours of video recorded live in Ada Lum's class. Together with the accompanying workbooks, this set is an excellent study tool for Sunday school classes and small groups.

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Includes the 3-DVD series and two 36-page workbooks.

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