



Ka 'Ōlelo 'Ō Ke Ola "The Word of Life"

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BIH in Prison. Why we bother?

Jesus unwaveringly expressed that we must show his love if we are to be considered his followers. In Matthew 25:40, He said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." ... with a clear statement that "when I was in prison you came to visit me..."-- a call to compassionate involvement and a message to the forgotten of our society.

Prisons are restrictive environments by design. Christians are always called to action when there is a need, and the need for hope and direction is enormous in our criminal justice system. Prisons are institutions devoid of hope and offer few, if any, life giving options.

BIH faculty member and administrator, Rev. Rodney Wong was recently honored in a formal ceremony at the *Kapolei Hale City Hall*. He was awarded a *Certificate of Honor and Recognition* for his contributions to the local community. This is a commendation for public service by the City and County of Honolulu. Rodney, as the Pastor of *CrossCurrent Fellowship-Manoa*, and BIH by extension, were recognized by City and County of Honolulu Council members Ann Kobayashi and Joey Manahan specifically for his dedication and work at Oahu Community Corrections Center (OCCC) prison. His ministry consistently brings the Christian message of love and hope to the men at OCCC, through Biblical instruction, prayer, guidance, and counseling.

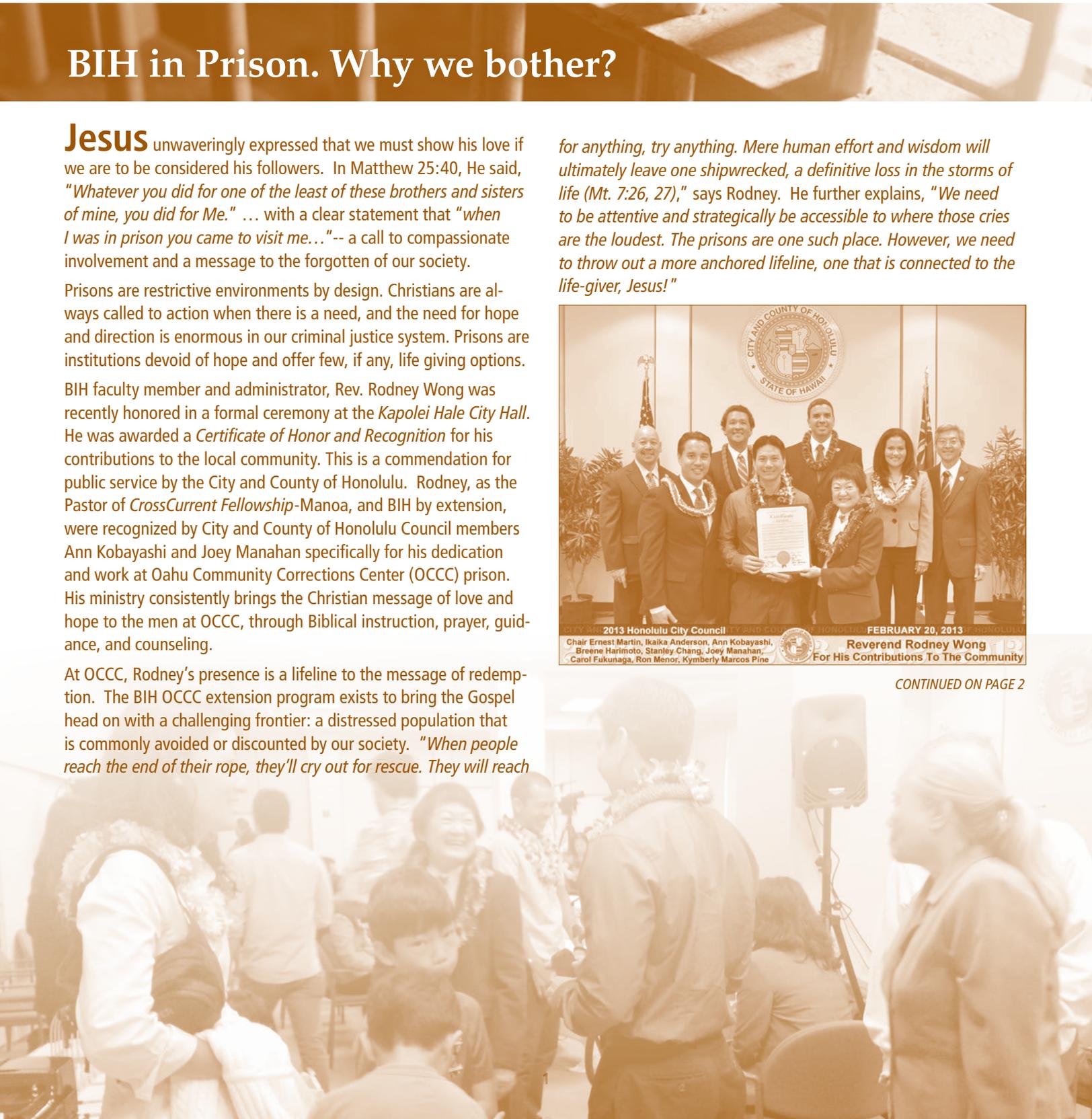
At OCCC, Rodney's presence is a lifeline to the message of redemption. The BIH OCCC extension program exists to bring the Gospel head on with a challenging frontier: a distressed population that is commonly avoided or discounted by our society. "When people reach the end of their rope, they'll cry out for rescue. They will reach

for anything, try anything. Mere human effort and wisdom will ultimately leave one shipwrecked, a definitive loss in the storms of life (Mt. 7:26, 27)," says Rodney. He further explains, "We need to be attentive and strategically be accessible to where those cries are the loudest. The prisons are one such place. However, we need to throw out a more anchored lifeline, one that is connected to the life-giver, Jesus!"



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Reverend Rodney Wong
 For His Contributions To The Community

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There are complex reasons why individuals show up for our prison classes. Some are casual observers, or curious, and the classes are a break in their monotony, or a chance to seek answers to questions. Some are seriously studying the Bible, and as they have no opportunity to attend church. These times are a unique opportunity to grow in their understanding of God's Word. Several individuals are working on a BIH *Certificate in Biblical Studies*.

More importantly, this is a rare and vital ministry option. The message of the Gospel and the presence of the love of God are real in their desperate situation. Rodney tells the men that this is not the end of the road but a kind of *winter* season in their lives, when it is really dark. He is there to share their burden, and to make a connection to the outside world so the men feel supported in their need and separation. As a Pastor, he will discern the need, and deal with it from the Bible and his heart.

Every week the men ask for prayer for their families, for their frustrations, and for their future. Often there are deep personal questions on such topics as the role of redemption, forgiveness of sins, and the presence of demons in their cell room. In this adverse setting, individuals sometimes react with frustration and anger. Rodney's compassion and understanding is often the only chance these men get for someone to minister to their deep seated pain. When asked about inmate receptivity to the Gospel, Rodney explained, *"The Gospel shines brightly in environments like this. There is no denying that God is on the move 24/7 there. Fallow hearts are plowed, seeds planted and watered; God causes the growth. I'm just blessed to watch it all unfold."*

Currently 40-55 men attend for 2 hours once a week, in rolling 8-week sessions. BIH classes are vital to a more vibrant and intimate walk with God. It brings a full range of classes that teach biblical foundations for decision making and transformation. The program continues in its 2nd year, already reaching over 350 inmates. Due to limited resources, classes have been made available to just a small percentage of the OCCC population. However, with continued vision and perseverance the program's potential could expand to other correctional facilities on the island.

Rodney sees this ministry as producing passionate followers of Christ, fully dedicated to His Word and call on their lives. Men who can come to grips with the ills of their past, seeking restitution and forgiveness in tangible forms. A truly transformed life, in turn, becomes a factor for stability in society. They re-enter society with a fresh sense of direction and a renewed call to love their families and make significant contributions back to our communities.

Groups that work towards reintegration and provide support or training clearly improve the recidivism rates. Although we have no specific figures for our program, prison officials and the recent City Council certificate recognition, affirm that the role we play is very positive. Freedom of religion creates a situation where the inmate can request specific religious instruction... but only if resources

are made available to them. We have the opportunity to go to the prisons in answer to the requests for help and need of the Christian population, even if we cannot meet the demand.

BIH is proud to support Rodney as he dedicates himself to help these men recover, heal, experience grace, and find new life in Christ as their redeemer. A little recognition is nice, and we thank our representatives for acknowledging Rodney's work that has both an immediate and an eternal impact.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Matthew 9:37

BIH is the only local Christian educational institution offering courses and the possibility of certificates to those who are incarcerated, and we do it in a unique way.

- Did you know that BIH donors subsidize all the men who are seeking to learn about the gospel? The inmates have no way to pay for their education, and through our sponsorship program we turn no one away.
- Please consider donating to our efforts to be dedicated to the incarcerated men (and possibly women). We specifically need dedicated funds for those who wish to continue their course work once their time is completed.
- Contact the office if you want to be involved in this way or as a potential teacher/minister in this effort.





Summer 2013 Schedule of Courses

July 2 – August 22, 2013

Please refer to course descriptions for start and end dates.
Early Registration deadline is **June 24, 2013**

 This symbol denotes classes that are applicable towards the Certificate in Biblical Studies program.

Monday

CLV311

How to Study the Bible

Dr. Patrick Zukeran

One of the most important skills every Christian must learn is how to properly study and interpret the Bible. Through this course you will learn how to gain valuable insight and the proper methods of Bible interpretation and how to make relevant and practical applications to your life today. Learn how to understand God's word and bring it to life in your world.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

July 8 – August 19, 2013 (6 weeks);
no class on July 22

Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Community Church of Honolulu, Makai Rm. 1
2345 Nu'uauan Ave

 CBS: Skills

Tuesday

NT042

Aliens in a Foreign Land: Peter's Epistles

Dr. Patrick Zukeran

Peter states that our citizenship is in heaven. How should heaven's citizens live in a fallen world? What kind of response should we expect? How should we respond to trials and suffering? Peter addresses these issues in his first epistle. In a world surrounded by fallen angels, false teachers, and critics, how should a wise believer live? In his second epistle, Peter exhorts believers to live faithfully in difficult times.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$45

July 9 – August 20, 2013 (6 weeks);
no class on July 23

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

New Hope Kapolei

94-155 Leoleo St., Ste 201, Waipahu

 CBS: NT – Letters

BTS201

Soul Care Skills for Small Group Leaders

Rev. Steve Peich

This class is designed to help you grow your skill-set as a small group leader, as well as deepen your soul as a follower of Jesus. **Soul Care** is a way of spiritual care that seeks to intentionally nurture, encourage, and lead people through a transformative process toward a deeper intimacy with God, a greater sense of Christ-likeness and wholeness, and toward a more godly witness in the world. We will focus on issues and skills like: Deep Listening; Dealing with Conflict; Life Stages of Small Groups; Leading Scripture Meditations; Discipling others toward Emotional, Relational, and Spiritual Maturity; Working well with Dominant or Passive group members; How to move beyond Superficiality to Authenticity; and much more. Even if you are not a leader you will still want to learn how you can be a better contributor toward your group.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

July 2 – August 6, 2013 (6 weeks)

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Hope Chapel West Oahu

94-877 Lumiaina Street, at Waikele Center

 CBS: Skills

CLV125

Transformation Mind, Soul, and Strength (for OCCC Inmates)

Rev. Rodney Wong

This course is specifically designed for inmates at the O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).

Since inmates cannot pay for the class, we will rely on sponsorships to cover students at OCCC. Anyone wishing to sponsor an inmate can register for the class and your registration will be applied to an interested inmate. You may sponsor more than one.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

July 2 – August 6, 2013 (6 weeks)

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

O'ahu Community Correctional Center
(OCCC)

2199 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu

 CBS: Skills

Wednesday

MIS107

Engage Your World

David Cordeiro and Pat Zukeran

In Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His disciples to be witnesses of Him throughout the world. However, a recent *Barna* survey revealed that nearly one half of Christians do not share their faith. Many Christians are intimidated by the idea of sharing their faith with their friends and co-workers. How can I be an effective witness at home, at work, at school, and in the neighborhood? This class will give you practical and biblical principles that will equip you to be an effective witness in the mission field God has placed you. Learn the many ways you can engage your world for Christ.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

July 3 – August 14, 2013 (6 weeks);

no class on Aug. 7

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

First Hawaiian Center, 25th fl.

(Kobayashi, Sugita, & Goda, rms. 5 & 6)

(No parking validation available)

Thursday

HEB101

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Pt. 1

Ms. Yamit McCormick

Have you ever wanted to study the Scriptures in the original Hebrew, desired to recite the ancient Hebrew prayers and blessings, or wished you could translate the Hebrew text while doing a Bible study? This friendly course provides a step-by-step approach that will enable you to understand the Hebraic heart and mindset, give you a better understanding of the Messiah Jesus/ Yeshua, and will lead you towards a unique intimacy with God's language, land, and people.

Required Textbook: **Zola's Introduction to Hebrew** (not included in registration cost, available only at: www.levitt.com)

Administrative fee: \$ 100 / \$105

*** Bring-A-Friend Offer not applicable to this class.**

August 15th to November 14th, 2013
(14 weeks)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm;

no class on the July 4

New Hope Central Oahu

100 Kahelu Street, Suite 200, Wahiawa

Old Castle & Cooke Bldg in Mililani Tech Park

REL201

Kingdom of the Cults

Dr. Patrick Zukeran

What are the characteristics of a cult? How do we draw the line between Christian and cult? How do I effectively witness to friends in a cult? This class will cover the distinguishing marks of a cult, the basic doctrines of various groups (Jehovah Witness, Mormon, Oneness Pentecostal, etc...), and present practical ways to share the true Jesus and the true gospel with those in a particular cult.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

July 11 – August 22, 2013 (6 weeks);

no class on July 25

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

First Chinese Church of Honolulu; Rm. 207

1054 South King Street, Honolulu

 CBS: Skills

NT001

Sermon on the Mount – Jesus' Kingdom Vision for Our World

Rev. Steve Peich

The Sermon on the Mount is arguably the most cogent and inspiring expression of Jesus' kingdom message. Its words and phrases are filled with wisdom, eloquence, and if we are honest, disturbing challenges. What makes His sermon on the hillside so powerful and lasting? How are we to interpret its provocative directives in a modern world? Come and join us for a deep and thought-provoking look into Jesus' mighty message on Kingdom living and be inspired to take your Christian life to the next level.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

July 11 – August 15, 2013 (6 weeks)

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Wellspring Covenant Church

99-900 Iwaena Street, Aiea

 CBS: NT – Gospels

**Bring
a
Friend
Share the Word!**

How to Register

By Mail or Walk-In

- Fill out registration form, check appropriate box for course(s)
- Make check payable to Bible Institute of Hawai'i or **BIH**
- Submit your payment and completed registration form to: **Bible Institute of Hawai'i, 2345 Nu'uuanu Avenue Honolulu, HI 96817**
- **Early registration (postmarked) by Monday, June 24** to receive the early registration rate. After this date the second rate will be applied to all registrations except on-line registrations.
- Register by the early registration deadline to receive your registration confirmation by mail/email. We will continue to accept registrations but no confirmations will be sent after this date.

By Credit/Debit Card

- Paying by credit/debit card? Register online at www.biblehawaii.org
- It's SAFE & SECURE through PayPal.
- You will receive your registration confirmation by email.
- To take advantage of our Bring a Friend discount (see below)
 - Select 1 quantity for every 2 people registering
 - Select to add "instructions to merchant." Include your "friend's contact information (name, address, phone and/or email).
- After the early registration deadline, register on-line and still get the lower rate. All other registrations, by mail and walk-ins, will be charged the higher rate.

Discount!

- *Bring A Friend! Take 50% off each of your Administrative Fees when you register together with a friend.*
- *You each must fill out registration forms and submit the forms and payment(s) together (unless family with same contact information).*
- *Don't forget to check off "Yes, I'm registering with..."*
- *Payment may be made jointly or with separate checks.*
- *See above "by credit/debit card" section to take advantage of the "Bring A Friend" offer on-line.*

Other Information

- For some classes, the Admin Fee includes materials.
- Text books must be purchased separately.
- Questions? Call: (808) 595-4700 or email: info@biblehawaii.org

One Day Seminars



Seminar Instructor: Mr. David Cordeiro

B.A. Communications,
Southern Oregon University;
M.A. Christian Ministry
(Bible emphasis), Pacific

Rim Christian College/Hawaii Theological Seminary; attended School of Church Planters at New Hope International; radio and television Bible teacher on Daily Decisions Ministries; pastor and Bible teacher at Calvary Chapel Petaluma and New Hope Oahu. Currently serves as senior pastor at Oahu Christian Fellowship. Executive Director of BIH since 2011.

SEMC02

Strengthening Your Marriage

Mr. David Cordeiro



When it comes to your marriage, you make it what it is. If you don't like what you're seeing in the marital mirror, it's time to do something about it. Whether it's been a few years or a few decades since you first exchanged vows, chances are your marriage could use some strengthening. In this seminar, we will look at time-honored principles from God's Word to help understand God's design for marriage, recognize the unique responsibilities and roles that God gives to husbands and wives, and fortify your marriage against the trials and temptations that every

couple faces. With our Bring-a-Friend discount, you can bring your spouse for free to share in this rewarding adventure of making your marriage all God

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40 (lunch will be provided)

August 10, 2013 (one day seminar)

Saturday, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Waioli Tea Room & Restaurant, Manoa

BIH PRESENTS

10-Day Japan Martyrs Tour with Dr. Pat Zukeran



Francis Xavier first brought the Gospel to Japan in 1549 and many responded to its message. In 1597, the Shogun Hideyoshi banished Christianity and began the persecution of Christians. Thousands courageously gave their lives for Christ. Discover their heroic stories as Pat leads a tour to Japan. He will help you understand the Japanese Religions of Buddhism and Shintoism. Follow the path of the Christian martyrs and learn their gripping stories and sacrifices

Dates: Fly out of Hawai'i November 27, 2013; Return December 6, 2013.

Cost: \$2,500.00 (includes airfare, private bus, hotel, and breakfast)

Deadline: Registration and Payment due by August 15th (Space is limited)

Tour Sites:

Arrive in **Fukuoka**

Hakat - Dazaifu Tenmangu, Canal City, Yanagwa Area

Hiroshima - Miyajima Island, WWII Memorial Museum

Yamaguchi - Kintaiyo Bridge, Yamaguchi Xavier Memorial Church and Museum

Shimonoseki - Ganryujima Island

Nagasaki - WWII Memorial, Takashi Nagai Museum and House, Nagasaki Twenty-Six Martyrs Museum, Catholic Kurosaki Church

Amakusa - Amakusa Christian Museum, Gion Bridge the battlefield of Christian, Amakusa Castle (Tomioka Castle)

For Inquiries or
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Hawaii Apologetics Conference 2013

Is Christianity at war with science? Can one be a serious student of science and believe in the Bible? Most in the culture today believe the discoveries of science stand in opposition to belief in God. However, few realize that it is the Christian worldview that gave birth to the modern sciences. The founders of the modern sciences were men deeply committed to God. They understood that God was a rational God and that He had created an ordered universe. For this reason, the design of the divine designer could be discovered. It is only in recent times have Christianity and science been portrayed as enemies.

Science has a powerful influence on our society and it is important every believer be equipped to answer the challenge and relationship between faith and science. Non-Christians will also be surprised to find that the discoveries of modern science support the Christian worldview. For this reason, we are excited to host the eighth annual *Hawaii Apologetics Conference* July 12-14th at *One Love Ministries* in Kakaako, Honolulu. Our theme this year is "*Christianity and Science: Enemies or Allies?*"

Joining Patrick Zukeran this year are two well respected scientists, Dr. Paul Nelson (PhD, University of Chicago) and Dr. Fazale Rana (PhD, Ohio University). Both men are published authors, speak on university campuses throughout the world and are respected for their scientific research. Dr. Rana recently debated noted atheist Dr. Michael Ruse at UC Riverside, a debate sponsored by Harvest Christian Fellowship (Senior Pastor Greg Laurie).

Seminars topics include: *Why I believe in God, What Darwin did not know, New Genetic Discoveries that are Chopping Down Darwin's Tree, Cell Design, Could Evolution Build Animals, Possibility of Life on Other Planets*, and more.

For more information and to register for the conference, log on at www.biblehawaii.org or www.pacificapologetics.org or call the Bible Institute of Hawaii at 595-4700.

Psalm 19:1 states, "*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*" Discover how indeed the discoveries of science display the greatness of God. We look forward to seeing you there.

Patrick Zukeran



July
12-14

Christianity & Science

Enemies or Allies?

SPEAKERS



Dr. Fazale Rana



Dr. Paul Nelson



Dr. Patrick Zukeran

Why I Believe in God— <i>Pat Zukeran</i>	(6:00 - 6:50 PM)	FRI
What Darwin Did Not Know— <i>Fazale Rana</i>	(7:00 - 7:50 PM)	
How Unexpected Genetic Discoveries Are Chopping Down Darwin's Tree— <i>Paul Nelson</i>	(8:00 - 8:50 PM)	
Q&A	(9:00 - 9:30 PM)	

Cell Design— <i>Fazale Rana</i>	(4:00 - 4:50 PM)	SAT
Break-out Sessions 1 & 2	(5:00 - 6:50 PM)	
Three Views on the Age of the Earth— <i>Patrick Zukeran</i>		
Life on Other Planets— <i>Dave Beers</i>		
Brain Power — <i>Robert Sloan, M.D.</i>		
Could Evolution Build the Animals?— <i>Paul Nelson</i>	(7:00 - 7:50 PM)	
Q&A	(8:00 - 8:30 PM)	

Setting Science Free from Materialism— <i>Paul Nelson</i>	(6:00 - 6:40 PM)	SUN
Extended Q&A	(6:40 - 7:30 PM)	

LOCATION

One Love
Koinonia Hale
670 Auahi Street,
Suite A-5
Honolulu, HI 96813

808-955-9335
Onelove.org

To register, call 808-595-4700 or visit online:



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To partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing biblical teaching.

OUR VISION

Communities and individuals loving, learning, and leading in response to Christ.



A New BIH Student Reporting in... New Testament Survey class

By Dr. Leon Watson

I am going to be an undercover reporter for the next few semesters here at BIH and report from the inside on our course options. I have never approached in a systematic way to understanding the Bible or my faith. It is kind of embarrassing to admit that, so I am taking the *New Testament Survey* class.

I am a product of the revival of the 1970s which included a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the restructuring of the old forms of worship, and a committed faith walk. Unfortunately for me, most of the Bible instruction I sampled was stuck in 1950s-60s style. Those classes pretty much convinced me that Bible study was boring (except maybe for the food and the guitar music) and only for the selected few who were going to be pastors or something. Of course I have read and reread the Bible on my own; mostly in fits and starts.

In his introduction Dr. Bong Ro humbly mentioned all the places that he has worked and taught over the years. As one of the original global missionaries to come out of Korea, his and his dedication, knowledge and experience are amazing.

The course syllabus has us delving into the 27 books of the New Testament, in eight weeks! Obviously, Dr. Ro is an old hand at teaching this essential building block to basic Bible literacy. Using

simple graphics, his overview of the composition, dating and authorship of the books of the Bible fixed our course in the first session. His speedy one hour introduction hinted at fascinating insights and explanations that will provide us with a path and the framework for understanding, and then stop and explain what is going on in each of the sections. I had a dizzy feeling, somewhat akin to whizzing around Israel in a tour bus. Subsequent classes filled my notebook with detailed knowledge and insightful comments. The Epistles, the Acts of the apostles and a detailed stop-over in James, the Bible is being opened up in a way I have never experienced.

One big item was immediately apparent. I am back in college... I am going to have to study, and put some intellectual effort into all this. Mature inquiry, access to Bible commentaries and background readings are assumed here. I am motivated by the keen questions and insights of my fellow students. I too have a lot of questions. One immediate revelation is that while I am Christian, and dedicated in my spiritual walk, I am not very well versed in my own beliefs. I do not "Know my way around the Bible very well". This class will kick start my inquiry. I have the overall assignment to read the whole New Testament in 8 weeks, to digest the gospels in the first couple of weeks, and eventually do a term paper!

