

# Dekle Dispatch

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Greetings:

How blessed we are to be able to watch God at work in the lives of so many people and to be a part of what He is doing. Those of you praying for the ministries of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Hawaii and us, you share in this great adventure in a special way as partners in the gospel. There is a faithful group who also contribute financially toward our support which encourages us and makes it possible for us to remain in His service. I want to share two special areas of ministry with you this month so as to give you some sense of what God is doing and where we are going.

First I turn to the summer ministry. We have been super blessed to have interns working with us the past three summers. I wonder how we ever did the summer ministry without them. They have been very helpful in taking some of the work load we would otherwise need to carry. Far more than that they have added a new dimension and youthful enthusiasm to the ministry. Yes mentoring them has added extra work but it has been such a blessing to build into their lives leadership skills and work together with them toward a common goal of expanding the kingdom of God. I've always thought the summer missionaries we have worked with in the summer as the "cream of the crop" among Christian youth but the interns have been the "best of the best". It is exciting to see growth in their lives as they continue their spiritual journey. Please pray for the three current interns Andrew, Brinton and Briana that God will continue to direct them in the way He wishes for them to go - maybe we can add that His direction be toward working full time with CEF of Hawaii. I trust God will expand this internship program more and new workers will be one of it's fruits.

Ministry does not end with the summer so we are working on plans for next year at the same time. *Good News Clubs®* will continue this fall so plans are in motion for that ministry. We are investigating ways to open the door to opportunity of having clubs in public schools after school. This ministry has really blossomed across the nation resulting in an increased number of clubs and number of children being reached. So far Hawaii has not been able to break into this untapped opportunity. Maybe God needs to raise up a person with a passion for this ministry to lead the challenge. We are also working on plans for the Children's Ministry Refresher in Feb. next year. While all of this is going on we are personally working on plans for furlough. Sometimes we are asked why are we going on furlough? It's not for vacation as some would think from term "furlough." During three months we live out of a suitcase, drive about 8,000 miles and speak in numerous churches and meet with individuals to share the ministry. Our financial support level has declined some primarily due to supporters passing away or reduction in income where they are unable to continue support. We need to share the ministry and pray God will move upon the hearts of His people to join the team of supports and become involved in what God is doing here. In our next dispatch we will try to give you an itinerary. Basically we leave for CO Aug 21. Our route takes us to CA, OR, WA, then to MN & MI. From there to MO, possibly the East Coast, back to OK and CO.

A brief note for update for those faithfully praying about my school work. I've submitted a 65-70 page proposal twice for my dissertation and have to rewrite it again. Pray I will be able to finish it and have it approved before we leave on furlough. Once the proposal is accepted I have to write the dissertation.

Aloha - John & Di