

## SBC Serve Sunday

When Noelani Okawara and her husband Shaw began serving in Honolulu 14 years ago, they knew God was leading them to support vulnerable children and families across Hawaii in any way they could.

Then, Okawara discovered Send Relief's Family Advocacy Ministry—a step-by-step ministry strategy that helps churches serve and advocate for vulnerable children and families as well as those called to foster and adopt—and knew she'd found their church plant's entry point to compassion work.

"At our church, we already do a monthly food distribution in partnership with a foodbank drive-in, so we see upwards of 200 families every month," she commented. "We decided to place a survey on the registration form asking if participants were adoptive or fostering families who needed prayer and support."

From this simple act of obedience, Noelani and her husband's 50-member congregation has already been connected with nearly 20 families in need of community as they navigate adopting and fostering at-risk children. Their church has come alongside these families in gifting them with car seats, cribs, baby wipes, diapers and a crew of smiling faces whenever they are in need. They have also reached out to local educators and public school systems to see if they can refer struggling children and families to their community resources.

Their willingness to be faithful even in the face of financial struggle has led to meaningful relationships with people in need across their community. Never underestimate the power of obedience!

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Pure and undefiled religion  
before God the Father is this:  
to look after orphans and widows  
in their distress and to keep oneself  
unstained from the world.

JAMES 1:27 (CSB)



# SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

August 11, 2024

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 309 "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

Hymn No. 310 "Out of My Bondage"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn No. 187 "In the Garden"

Doxology

Scripture 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"You Are That Man!"

Hymn No. 320 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

Deacons will meet Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the parsonage.

Quarterly business meeting and covered dish will be on September 8 after the service.

Prayer meeting and Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have two options: 3pm and 7pm at the parsonage. Unable to drive at night? We'll see you at 3. Working during the day? We'll see you at 7.

The children will be collecting boy's toys (balls, cars, slinkies, water guns, etc.) for the month of August for The Shoe Box Ministry.

The following items are needed for backpacks for West Virginia: Non-rolling backpacks, 3 ring binders, notebook paper (wide rule and college-rule), spiral notebooks, rulers, scissors, crayons (24) #2 pencils, glue sticks, bottles of glue, blue/black ink pens. Socks and underwear are also needed. The packing is on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Camp Kehukee. For more information contact Elinor Antis at 804-931-8939

Look for our daily devotional on our website  
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PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Samuel 18:24-33