

## Dr. Pat Zukeran Eight-Week Session

Dr. Pat Zukeran, Christian apologist and founder and Executive Director of Evidence and Answers research and teaching ministry, has taught throughout October on Thursday evenings at our church.



The 40 to 50 people who attended each week were blessed to learn about Israel's past, present and future — as well as Israel's relationship to the Church. We also learned about the arguments for each of the pre, mid and post Tribulation views on the Rapture.

Dr. Zukeran is particularly skilled at presenting all sides of an issue clearly, while substantiating his own opinion with solid evidence. For example, bible scholars have four different views on interpreting the book of

Revelation that include the Idealist View, the Historicist View, the Preterist View and the Futurist View, which were thoroughly explained in session one of the course. "Despite the various views, all agree that God is sovereign and in charge of all that occurs in history and its ultimate conclusion," concludes Dr. Zukeran as he helps us navigate through the different opinions to what matters most.

Still to come: Coming Middle East War, Russia Rising, and Final Apostasy. We welcome you to join us on November 15, 29 and December 6, to learn about these important and fascinating topics.

Donna Kranz/Tracy Yamamoto



## Bowled Over! - Joel Duldulao



Saturday, October 13, 2018, could not come soon enough for Christian Education's bowling outing. Hard working youths who diligently serve the church week-in and week-out were looking forward to a time of fun and fellowship. The activity was held at The Escape Bowling Center

installations, Tena Ponder Thacker was able to secure the facility.

The facility was reserved for three hours and I thought the kids were going to be drained from the non-stop action. But, Henry and Gloria Onishi provided a very wholesome lunch with lots of refreshments to keep the kids fueled up for the entire activity. Our time at The Escape went by so quickly that I didn't have the chance to fully reflect upon God's work in this activity. Looking back, from the planning of the activity, to getting the guest passes, to the last ball rolled down the lane, God reminded us to not be overwhelmed by frustration, to be patient, to enjoy the fruits of our labor, and to be in joyful fellowship with one another. Much mahalos

located on a secluded Navy base in Wahiawa. The facility has six lanes, a pool table, video game systems, multiple TVs, and a "living room" with comfortable seating for the non-bowlers. The manager also activated the "cosmic" bowling experience that made our time there, **out of this world!** The best thing about the facility was that it was exclusively reserved for us. Free from the fears of embarrassment, the children (and some chaperones) sang and danced to our own customized soundtrack. Celebrations and laughter could be heard throughout our time there. And once again, as she did with our other activities held on military



to everyone involved in this successful outing. Everyone had a great time and we all are looking forward to the next outing. I know I am. I want a rematch with one of the kids!

## Harvest Festival 2018



Jesus said, "... The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." This was not the case, at least for that short time.

Over 40 volunteers helped with the set-up, clean-up, weeks of preparations, and running of the Festival. Over 100 children and 40 parents/relatives attended. They heard a parable about how Jesus cleanses you of your sin, partook of games with prizes, crafts, clothes give-a-way, and food! Everyone had a great time!

Mahalo to all who helped to reach out to the community and shared God's love and message.

In His Name,  
Darren Nako

## Missions Corner - Roberta Nagano

Next year, Kepano Lee will be leading a Short-Term Missions trip to China from September 1-12. Your help will be welcomed in many areas such as working with orphans, language, medical help and evangelism. Training will begin in March, so if you feel led to be a part of this team, please contact him at 808-312-8061.

John and Pen Letaw have just two months left of their eight-month Short-Term Missions trip at the Karuizawa Retreat Center in the mountains of Nagano Prefecture. They have been kept busy repairing and maintaining the Center and the grounds for the many missionaries and visitors who frequent KRC, and look forward to a busy fall and winter schedule. Pen and little Mele have been busy as they reach out to and make friends with young mothers and children.

The Lord has opened a way for them to continue serving in Japan. They have been accepted by SEND International to be the host family in 2019 at Yamanaka Chalet, a Christian retreat camp near Mt. Fuji. After spending some time with Pen's family in Bangkok, they will have full charge of all hospitality, management, and maintenance duties, and will have more time for outreach in the community to share God's Word.

They are currently in the process of fundraising for the ministry in Yamanaka. If you would like to contact them, their email address is: [john.letaw@hotmail.com](mailto:john.letaw@hotmail.com).

Joel Dasalla was busy teaching leaders and professionals in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Thailand, and the Philippines. Even when he was in Istanbul, Turkey, he sent an email and asked how things were in Hawaii during Hurricane Lane. He also said a TV station that he was watching in Turkey was airing the JESUS film "right now—in Russian." PTL, the gospel is not barred!

He needs to use his ministry support to finance these teaching trips so his account has a negative balance, but he has faith that the Lord will provide for His own through His people. However, one trip to Azerbaijan was cancelled earlier this month because of lack of funding.

In August, Eric and Sue Takamoto and their four children cancelled their planned vacation to explore partnering with some national leaders in Cambodia working with Asian Access. Although there was some anxiety about the trip, it turned out to be a week of learning and getting to be friends with orphans from heartbreaking backgrounds, even being sold by their own parents. It was a life-changing experience for the family.

Back at their home in Ishinomaki, they also hosted a team of 30 Uganda orphans who minister to various places around the world through music.

On behalf of our missionaries, thank you for your love, partnership, prayers, and support.



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*"Come and see the works of God,  
Who is awesome in His deeds...  
Psalm 66:5*

**Worship Services:**

Japanese Ministry  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM  
English Worship  
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

**Sunday School:**

Adult Bible Classes  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

**Children's Ministry:**

Breakfast Program  
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM  
Children's Church  
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM  
Children's Activities  
Program (CAP):  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov. 18  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
Dec. 23  
**Christmas Service**



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## Pastor's Corner

### Pausing for Thanksgiving and Praise

*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:18

In October of 1863, in the midst of a painful Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln penned these words:

*"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God ... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the **last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.**"*

There are two quotes above. I admit that I find it difficult to follow Paul's admonition to the Thessalonians to "give thanks in all circumstances." It isn't that I find it hard to give thanks, but I am "prone to forget" God's goodness, and so I often forget to thank God.

It appears that I am not alone. Prior to the President Lincoln's proclamation in 1863, the states held their own Thanksgiving recognitions on various dates. Rather than leaving Thanksgiving to chance or individual discretion, Sarah Josepha Hale urged Lincoln to issue a national proclamation to peg down a day of Thanksgiving so it would be part of our nation's consciousness.

Why do I like Thanksgiving? Because I tend to forget. For me, Thanksgiving continues to peg down a reminder in my calendar to pause, reflect on "our beneficent Father," and thank Him for His gracious favor whatever the circumstances may be.

Perhaps you are well-intended, but, like me, tend to forget. I'd like to invite you to join us for our Thanksgiving Service on November 18, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Join with us as we take time to pause, soften our hearts, recognize God's bountiful goodness, and return thanks to Him.

With Warmest Welcome,

Pastor Stan