

# Kahili Highlights

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*Autumn is a perfect time to enjoy Kahili. The busy summer is over and Kahili is back to being the peaceful paradise that we all love. So bring your family or invite a friend to walk around the pond or hike the trails with you. Or just relax and breathe the fresh air as you feast your eyes on God's beautiful handiwork. Remember, Kahili is here for you. Come see us! Here's the latest news:*

## Welcome Brewers

Kahili is fortunate that Penny and Lemoin Brewer felt called to come to the island where Penny grew up. Penny is a gifted office manager. Not only is she managing the park office, but she is the registrar and treasurer of Kahili Adventist School (KAS). In addition, she volunteers to teach music, both vocal and bells, to our students. They are already rehearsing a musical Christmas program that you won't want to miss!

Lemoin is our new park manager; a man that we have discovered can do almost anything when it comes to maintenance, construction, repairing equipment, and rebuilding vehicles. And because of him, we're all going to enjoy a smoother ride to Kahili. Read on.

## The Story Behind the Grader

As Kevin Kuzma (now principal) bounced over the ruts in Kahili's gravel road, he would often lament, "What Kahili needs is a road grader!" Then driving to church, he noticed an old grader sitting in a yard. He never saw anyone using it, nor did it look like it moved. He mentioned it to Roger Hanks, and Roger happened to know the people who owned it and contacted them. After much prayer, the Kaeo family said they would donate the grader to Kahili, but it would need some repair. The problem was, Kahili had no one to do the repairs. Months went by. Then Lemoin came on the scene. Eighteen new hydraulic hoses and six new steel hydraulic lines later, he finally got it started, only to have the main transmission line break. After replacing it, putting in two new batteries and 15 gallons of hydraulic fluid and oil, the grader worked! Lemoin said he wasn't going to start grading the road until KAS's October break, but the next day (September 9) he was in the driver's seat of his "toy" smoothing out the road. Here he is removing one of the rocks displaced by the grader.



## Uncle Mike Turns Farmer

For months KAS had been advertising for an agricultural director to instruct the students and have a gardening program to grow food and flowers. One day in KMP staff worship when we were sharing what made our heart's sing, Mike Yulo said, "What I've always wanted to be a farmer." We knew he loved keeping bees and his honey is some of the best tasting natural honey on the island, but he had never before expressed how much he loved farming. Our immediate response was, "You should apply for the agricultural position." He did, and now on Friday mornings you can find Uncle Mike with his hands in the soil, helping kids plant seeds and grow vegetables. The children love him—and he's finally doing what really makes his heart sing!



And by the way, thanks Uncle Mike for coordinating the harvesting and selling of our lychee crop. It brought in over \$4000 to the school.

## Preschool Enrollment Grows

Everyone who visits the new preschool is amazed at the transformation Charles and Francis Steak (and others who volunteered along the way) made in old staff house #20 as they turned it into the most adorable preschool on the island. *It was an extreme make-over!* And one can only imagine the thousands of donated hours and materials that it took. But Kahili now has a place of beauty where children three to five years of age can learn about Jesus and be better prepared for kindergarten. One look inside and parents are wanting to enroll their children. But what really makes the preschool special is the teacher. We are so blessed that Melba Gapuz, followed her dream, getting her child development degree at KCC and finishing her practical training just at the time we needed her. So parents, if you are looking for a great Christian preschool with a kind, loving, energetic teacher, you'll find it at Kahili. We are licensed for 12, but if we get an assistant teacher we can have 18. Our challenge now is to develop a playground outdoors that is as beautiful as the classrooms indoors. We welcome donations for cement and soft groundcover to put under the jungle gym. Plus, we need fencing and people willing to help put it up.



## KAS Open House Brings Out Parents and Kids

On September 2 parents, grandparents, and friends enjoyed a fun evening of entertainment, yummy food, beautiful classrooms and student projects at KAS. A number of parents who were visiting for the first time, expressed an interest in enrolling their children in the preschool. Thanks to Arielle Odegaard here are a few snapshots of people enjoying the best of Kahili.

## Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Car Wash for Kahili's Gym

On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Lawai Valley SDA Church from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be something for everyone. You can find unbelievable treasures that other people don't want; munch on the best cookies, pastry and pies on the island; and go home with a clean car—while at the same time you'll be helping support the restoration of Kahili's gym. What a great way to spend a couple hours on a Sunday morning.

So if your garage needs cleaning out or you've got stuff under your bed you really don't want, now is the time to do a little spring cleaning and bring your used treasures to KAS. Home and School personnel will price and take the items to the yard sale—and we'll be just a little closer to having the money we need for the gym.

**ALOHA for now...and please come see us!**

*Note: For visitors who are asking, "What is Kahili?" It's 197 acres on the side of Kahili Mountain where the Hawaii Seventh-day Adventist Conference has a small (but innovative) Preschool-12 grade program supported by a park with over 30 cabins available for Adventists to rent and for anyone for educational, health or humanitarian purposes.*

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