

Aloha!

It's been one year since our lava evacuation. I've attached a picture Gaylen took of Green Lake going up in steam. The community he started, Pi'ilani, was next to Green Lake and was covered under lava. I continue in gratitude that we still have La'akea.

As you know from the article I sent out in the last newsletter it's been challenging getting back on our feet. I'm happy to say we're doing it though. We hosted the largest New Culture Winter Camp yet and managed to meet our debt payments to previous members. Then in May we hosted our first Big Island Songs of Aloha Event – an offshoot of Singing Alive. Our group was small and oh so perfect. The joy and connections of singing together filled the land, the space and our hearts. This will become an annual event, probably to be hosted again in the fall.

This summer I, Tracy, am preparing to host a tween summer camp. Just for one week this season as I got a late start, but next summer.... and Ananda and Prasad will be hosting their second Vine of the Soul workshop. For more information on that contact Ananda or Prasad!
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Ruben is building his house and its coming together wonderfully. Up on the side of the cone he is using Ohia posts from the land in conjunction with dimensional lumber. I've included site before construction and during construction photos. Ruben is off to Alaska for fishing and Tracy, Biko and Ai'ala hope to get up there for a visit in August to enjoy the Alaska cabin Tracy and Ruben worked on last October.

Aniko and Kai'ea are headed to the content for their annual trip to Colorado to visit Dona and Misha. Aniko will be at Summer Camp and so will JJ! So if you're going to New Culture West Coast Camp this year, look for them.

We are geared up for next winter with New Culture Camp scheduled for January 7-13th 2020 with AfterGlow the 13 -16th. This will be followed by two ISTA's – Level I Jan 24-30th and Level II Feb. 5-11th. Then we hope to host the first ever Hawaiian Islands Communities Conference under Pax's tutelage. If you have been thinking about coming over early and staying with us for a month or two before these events let me know. These months fill up fast! Oh and if you want to present and share something at this year's winter camp be sure and connect with me soon.

If you've always wanted to have a get away in Hawaii and you want to be close to La'akea but not necessarily a member this may be a solution.... Our neighbors, Carley & Emily are selling their land. We would dearly love to find someone(s) who love us to buy it. If you are interested in the whole 23 acres great! If you are interested in putting down \$50,000 in a collective with five or six others let me know. The land has two houses already on it and a greenhouse structure that could also be a dwelling. It does need repairs and it does have potential rental income. So... let's see if we can put something together. To view go to:

<https://www.hawaiilife.com/jeannarimmer/listings/13-3822-alaili-rd-pahoa-hi-96778-1>

In the last announcement I asked for support towards the kids' education fund. The first payment for the 2019-2020 Malamalama School Year is due June 20th. I have deepest gratitude to all who hold us in their hearts and all who have already made generous donations. The kids continue to love their school. The middle of May Biko and I chaperoned their class trip to Maui for the 5/6th grade Pentathalon. Four Waldorf schools from the islands got together to meet each other and compete in Greek games. They didn't compete as schools but rather as city states, each group a mixture of kids from all the schools. Ai'ala and Kai'ea's class was asked to sing the opening song. A photo is attached. We all had a lot of fun and new connections were made.

Thank you for reading this and supporting us in every way you already do.

Aloha,
Tracy

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