November 2013 Newsletter:

Aloha volunteers & friends. It's been a busy, busy start for our shared ministry as we celebrated our Outreach launch at Trinity by the Sea on Oct 13th with Father Austin celebrating mass and Postulant John Hau'oli Tomoso of Royal Order of Kamehameha giving us our Hawaiian Oli. We can't say enough about the efforts of the Trinity by the Sea Ohana and all of our ACCW volunteers & friends. Mahalo. Mahalo!

The ordination of Deacon Cris South took place at Holy Innocents on Nov. 2nd, with Bishop Fitzpatrick and Father Bill Albinger presiding. It was a beautiful service and we were again honored with Bishop Fitzpatrick blessing our Outreach Van draped again with the Maile lei's from Jean Fiddes. The Bishop's wife Bea, was her usual wonderful self as she too gave us much encouragement to see our mission for the poor and needy through. Deacon South's ordination was another testament to a shared effort from dedicated members of St. John's, Trinity, Good Shepherd an our host church Holy innocents. There are so many people to thank......one person who stands out is Holy Innocents Senior Warden, Donna Tarsitano, who worked diligently with everyone to make it happen.

Quick stats!!!!:
During the month of October we completed 8 mission runs in Central, West & South Maui.

Served: 363 homeless (60-70% repeats with 30-40% new encounters)
Chilled Water distributed: 432 bottles (18 plus cases)
Food snack paks: 262
Rubber slippers: 36
Tee shorts: 51
Blankets: 21
Towels: 23
Razors/Soap kits: 81
Hygiene Kits: 81
First aid packets: 79
Toothbrush/paste: 97
Toilet paper: 23 rolls
also family size food & hygiene items, snacks, apple sauces, vienna sausage etc...

We also distributed over 200 ACCW client cards, some bibles, Forward Day by Day, Our Daily Bread, action referral cards and other information.
As you can see from the stats, this is a direct result of YOUR efforts, your donations, your volunteer spirit and your faith. I cannot say enough about our Supply Team (George & Jeanne Abe, Susie Davis, Erika Eberly, & Kit Hart now as a rider and supply team helper & Cindy Akana), all of our Run Leaders and Van Riders, and all of YOU who gave items, food, clothing, money, prayer and support. Our Board of Directors extend a most heartfelt thank you! Every part of the ACCW team is critical, every portion important, every ounce well received with gratitude. We have been returning from mission runs with supplies from Trinity by the Sea & Holy Innocents, and St. John's has supplies coming down the hill...We are also being given small cash donations on spot in the streets by observers & well wishers.

**Upcoming Events:**
Saturday November 16th  0800 am to 1:pm Church of the Good Shepherd will be having a Rummage sale and Organ Gold Coffee sale fundraiser. Proceeds will go to ACCW. Please help support this wonderful effort. Rummage items, baked goods, plate lunch will be available. Queen Emma weightlifters have a "penny a pound challenge" .PRE SALE TICKETS of Organo Gold Black Coffee, Hot Cocoa & Coffee Latte are available right now....please help us sell some tickets! Call Brodie Santiago @281-9291

Friday November 22nd  0900 am to 1:00 pm Homeless Health Fair, Kahului Salvation Army. Our ACCW Care Van will be on site passing out chilled water to the workers and our homeless or poor brothers & sisters! Support us and buy a case of water for the event! Come by, show your love & support!

**Wahine Power:**
A short lesson about the beginnings of ACCW: First person to hear the vision and actually listen : Jean Fiddes (3 years ago). First clergy person who wanted to take action on the vision: Rev. Linda Decker (Father Austin, a hair behind!). Person who is critically responsible for our mission to get off the ground: Mary Lou Mellinger. First Prayer Warrior: Paula Baldwin, Persons who made the Supply Room spring to life from two toilets to a Nuclear proof supply Room: Jeanne Abe (and yes George!) & Susie Davis.....! Not to forget the UTO grant gift of $15,000...run by Women of the ECW nationwide and our own Louise Aloy. First volunteer bookkeeper Lea Voss. No surprises here. Last but not least, the wahine who has lived with me for the past 11 months Cindy Akana, ! Maybe the theological question of the 1960's-70' should have been, "Why did we allow men to be ordained first??".......
The ACCW Team Grows:
God is good. God is Great. We welcome aboard the Care Van:

Juanita Kauhaahaa (St. Ann’s Catholic, regular volunteer)
Duke Casper (Maria Lanakila/Holy Innocents, regular volunteer)
Soot Bredhoff (Trinity starting 2014)
Terri Erwin (Trinity 2014)
Tom Kelly (Trinity 2014)
Amy Shim (St. Johns, experience a few runs)
Lani Scott (Good Shepherd, experience a few runs)
Cora Brown (Good Shepherd, experience a few runs)
Mary Leywa (Good Shepherd, regular volunteer)

On Going needs:
As you can see from our stats for the first 8 mission runs....please, please keep the supplies & donations coming in!

We need to build for the future: Grant Manager (seeks, writes & manages grants), a Training Coordinator (coordinates & organizes training for all new volunteers and ensures annual recertification trainings are current etc)

Sayings from the Street:
Client on the street to the ACCW Outreach Worker: "You guys give hair- cuts?, I like cut hair"...Outreach workers (blank stare at each other) "Sorry, no, we don't, but maybe we can work on that one".......

Street client: "What are you people selling?" Outreach worker: "nothing, we are giving out food, water, clothing and stuff...things you may need"....Street client, "wait, you are here to help us?" Outreach worker, "yes"......Street client, "Nobody came here to help us, Nobody".......(Waihee Beach Park encampment of primarily Native Hawaiians)

" You have to give a hand out and reach out, before you can help anyone get a hand up"

Godspeed Keku