



Josiah's graduation ceremony



Visiting Lynnette's parents in Washington



Final surgery for this champion!

2023 Randerson Ohana News

A recap of personal and ministry news

Lynnette began the year with a surprise visit to Washington to help her parents. Not knowing she was coming, they were blown away to see who was knocking at their front door! (Captured on video!) On this same trip, she also popped in to visit Austin in Waco, TX, on his 20th birthday. Paul was quite jealous as Lynnette was able to attend a Baylor basketball game!

In March, Lynnette had her final surgery related to her breast cancer journey in Oahu. Yay!!! I couldn't be more proud of how she battled this disease for over 2 years! Especially fighting it during covid years where she had to fight this battle alone many times. We are thrilled to see an end to the surgeries.

In May, Josiah graduated with a bachelor's degree in Human Physiology from Chapman University in Southern California. His minor was Business Entrepreneurship. So we flew over for a few days for the festivities. He has worked really hard these last 4 years, and we are very proud of his accomplishments. One of his significant accomplishments was founding the Kappa Sigma Orange fraternity. His chapter focussed on personal development and community outreach.

After his graduation, we were blessed to have both Josiah and Austin bring their girlfriends (Hanna & Kolby) to Kona for a week. We managed to shift some things around and get creative so that all 8 of us could fit in our little 3 bedroom condo. It was so fun to have our oldest boys come home and for them to be able to show their girlfriends some of the fun things to do here on the island.



Lynnette and Austin - Waco, TX



Family of 6 + 2 girlfriends

Austin (20) is in his Junior (3rd) year at Baylor University, studying mechanical engineering. He is working hard, and despite many hard classes, he is looking forward to a career in this area. Kyle (16) is in his Sophomore (2nd) year of high school. His favorite subject is History. His most recent accomplishment was passing his driver's test and getting his license to drive on his own! Mom and Dad have already taken advantage of this. He now drives himself to school and goes to the store when the family needs it. Tre (10) is in 5th grade. His favorite "subjects" are math and recess. He is a very social boy and is a friend to all.

At the very end of May, we began a period of "3 months off". After 10 years of serving hard as missionaries at Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Kona, we needed a break. We decided to take Kyle and Tre to New Zealand and Australia for the month of June. Paul's sister was getting married in Australia in August and since we weren't able to attend the wedding, we decided to go and visit them in June instead. It was great to see Sally and her soon to be husband Mitch and their 2 young boys. In NZ, we went to a few different spots around the north island. We were able to see Paul's brother Tim and his wife Megan and their 2 boys. In addition, we saw cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. It was an incredible family time, very relaxing, and very fun for Paul to show Kyle and Tre this part of their heritage.

This year, Lynnette's mom Marilyn's health has taken a downward direction, and before the school year started in September, Lynnette felt it would be good to go again and help her parents. She spent 2 weeks with them in August, which was very helpful for them.

Our 3-months time off ended at the end of August. Looking back on the time off, it was a great time of refreshment which revitalized us both, and reminded us of the reasons we came here to Kona to serve with YWAM.

In September, Lynnette began to serve a campus ministry called "Lifebearers". A simple way to describe this ministry is "Using maternal healthcare and identity teaching to bring Jesus to young girls and mothers". LifeBearers also volunteers with the Local LIV (Pregnancy Center). Serving in this ministry has been so "life giving" for Lynnette. She is truly in her lane. Her primary activities are post-natal home visits and helping with track sessions with 57 DTS students.

Paul also started back in his regular roles, running the University's salesforce system (which handles all applicants to the University; staff, students or other volunteers), and uses his accounting skills in being part of the University's CFO team and serving the ministry of Chosen & Dearly Loved / 1MILLIONHOME. Paul's focus in starting back in these roles is to serve in a healthy way where he is not working crazy hours, maintaining healthy boundaries and positive disciplines.



Ice Skating - Taupo, NZ



Paul and boys - Auckland, NZ

This Fall, Lynnette also served in the community, by assistant coaching for Tre's U-12 "Kona Super Sonics" team. This is a new league that we were part of this year. It is a more competitive league than what Tre has played in previously. Tre had a great season, and continues to grow in his soccer (football) skills. He led the team in assists this past season. Soccer will start up again in late January.

In October, YWAM lost one of its co-founders with the passing of Loren Cunningham, who was 88 years old. This man was a champion of the faith. He was the first missionary to travel to all countries and territories, and he founded the largest missionary movement in the world in 1960. Since that time, millions of people have been discipled by YWAM programs and the number of full time YWAM missionaries around the world exceeds 20,000. In November, we held a massive 3 day "celebration of life" event. Many flew in to attend the event in person, and it was really fun to see YWAMers from other locations. The highlights included: a Hawaiian paddle out at the Kona pier, a celebration of life event including videos from his life and a blessing of all in attendance, and the raising of the flags that had been lowered since his passing. We will all greatly miss Loren, but we have been inspired by his vision, and will continue in YWAM's mission to know God and to make Him known.

In November, we felt the Lord was calling us to purchase the condo we have been renting for the last 10 years. We have undertaken a fundraising campaign, and are in the last week of raising funds towards our down-payment. When we came to Kona, the Lord had spoken to us to "put down roots" and we believe this is part of that word to us. Our deadline for gifts is Monday, December 4th, but if you'd like to give towards our condo, we can still allocate funds towards it after that time. Contact us for giving details.

We also just spent 1 week with Lynnette's parents for Thanksgiving. We were able to use air miles to keep the cost down, and flew Josiah and Austin in as well, so we could all be together. It was a great trip, just 8 days, but we were able to get some great quality time with Lynnette's parents Dennis & Marilyn. We also got to see Lynnette's brother Craig and his family and Paul's brother Dave and his family.

As we approach the end of 2023 and look forward to a new year, we are reminded that life is both fragile and short. Make the most of each day that you are given. We have so much to be thankful for, for all the Lord did in 2023, and we are excited for all that the Lord has for us in 2024.

We wish you a safe and blessed Christmas season and a happy new year!



U12 Fall Soccer



Loren Cunningham, 1935 - 2023

"JESUS IS WINNING!"



Celebration of Papa Loren with lei's

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