

- Family is doing well.
 - Lirio still has painful days from her fibromyalgia, but the Chelation treatments that she has been doing for the past year or more seem to have provided improvement. She is grateful for the improvement.
 - Marjorie has been married to Alex for almost 5 years now. Alex will graduate from Bethlehem College and Seminary (John Piper's school) this coming spring. He has been attending the school's local extension campus in Hawaii.
 - Brandon's job is going very well. He is living in Suisun, here in the Bay Area. Still praying for Brandon's salvation and he remains open to conversation about the Gospel.
 - Sam is working for Century 21 in Hawaii and busy with youth group, band, and Sunday School.
 - Ray's mother is 89 and suffering from significant Alzheimer's disease to the point where she needs 24x7 care. For example, she can't feed herself. Marjorie and Alex had been living with Ray's parents to help provide care. However, 3 months ago, Ray's sister, her husband, and their two kids moved from Vallejo to Hawaii. Now Ray's parents are living with the sister's family, while Marjorie and Alex are still in the parent's original home. Ray has 2 brothers also living on Oahu, so 4 of the 5 siblings are there local to share the work of caring for their mom. The 5th sibling is still living in the general Vallejo area.
- Church leadership.
 - IGC has 3 elders – Ray, his brother Jay, and Bob Arieta. Bob is currently taking a break from the role of elder due to time constraints and other demands in his life. Mike David (husband of Bessie David, the church secretary) has been preparing to join the eldership at IGC. It is likely that he will complete that preparation in the next month or two.
 - Four young men in the congregation have demonstrated faithful character for some time now. They have been active in teaching Sunday School, youth ministry, and small groups. This past summer, when Ray took a short break from the pulpit, each of the four preached for one Sunday and did a great job. Ray was very encouraged by their progress. The next step is for Ray to get them involved in more theological training.
 - Small Groups – there are 4 small groups starting up in the September timeframe.
 - Ray expects to start another leadership development class after the new year in 2023.
- Attendance.
 - Attendance is steady at around 50 to 60 people each Sunday.
 - A few families have moved away, back to the mainland, as is typical for the transient nature of a large portion of the Hawaii population. New families have arrived, including Ray's sister's family. One new family attending is from a Catholic background, so a lot of the Gospel teaching is new to them. Enough new people have come that IGC will begin a new members class with 6 people around the end of September.
- Preaching.
 - Ray just completed a series on Matthew. He followed that with a focus on discipleship, expanding on Matthew 28, for a few weeks. Next he plans a short focus on missions, further expanding on Matthew 28. Once that is complete, his next series will be in the book of Ruth.
- Location/Facility.
 - The current facility is working very well and meeting their needs. The afternoon time slot is also working very well. Their agreement with the host church goes through summer 2023.
 - They have started a quarterly Sunday evening potluck fellowship time. The first one went very well. The second one is planned for October.
 - Having their own facility would be nice but there is no urgency to move in that direction right now.
 - The host church just recently got a new pastor. Ray has asked for a meeting with him to build a relationship, to encourage one another, and to establish open communication between them. Ray is waiting for a response to his request.