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Church will expand its outreach efforts

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MILILANI — Pastor Pete Anderson says his church overlooking Mililani hopes to expand an ongoing mission of simultaneously impacting the surrounding community, Oahu and the world.

ADVERTISEMENT This fall, with that in goal in mind, Trinity will begin construction of a new facility in order to expand its preschool and offer ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, especially to new immigrants in Hawaii, he said.

An estimated 15,000 residents from the Micronesian nation of Chuuk have emigrated to Oahu, with many living in Wahiawa and Waipahu, Anderson reports.

A \$10,000 grant, which has been provided by the First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, will help the church provide more preschool classes, he said.

"The foundation of the building is in," he said.

Each Sunday afternoon, Trinity sponsors a Micronesian church called Faith Gospel Church.

Since opening its doors three years ago in the Mililani Tech Park, the Wikao Street church has quickly expanded its outreach ministries, he said.

Not only are parishioners welcomed on Sunday mornings, but Trinity serves families throughout the week, he explained.

For example, during the school year, Trinity children in Central Christian preschool fill their classrooms, said the pastor.

Additionally, on Thursday afternoons, through a partnership with the Hawaii Foodbank, Trinity helps provide food to almost 600 people in need of assistance, Anderson explained.

"The parking lot is full of people. We give out about four tons of food a week," Anderson estimated.

On Friday evenings, community members looking for a hot cup of coffee, desserts, friendships, WiFi and a welcoming place to relax are invited to the Upper Room Coffee House, he said.

The Upper Room is a weekly free coffee shop with a focus on fellowship, Christian music and films, and outreach to the community. Additionally, several times throughout the year, Trinity offers conferences and training for other churches throughout the island.

In October, the church plans to start a youth program called AWANA, including crafts, games and Bible-based stories, he said.

Anderson said in recent years Trinity has built a dozen churches in East Africa, a radio station that broadcasts in five languages, an orphanage, a medical clinic and a maternity ward.

In June, the church finished a second orphanage in war-torn Northern Uganda and a deep water well for the surrounding community.

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Pastor Pete Anderson



Trinity Church Central Oahu plans to construct a new building, at left, to join the existing building on the right. Trinity members have also devoted their efforts to care for people in East Africa.

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In addition, Trinity has developed a plan to build a series of mini-orphanages in Uganda, Sudan and Kenya.

Further, Trinity has developed prototypes to start additional schools and clinics. Anderson said he'll soon be embarking on his 12th trip to Uganda. "We're trying to take care of these needy children," he said.

Mililani residents and Rotarians Don Birdseye, Paul Nakachi and Elbert Yoshida said they met Anderson through their membership in the Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise, and began attending his church.

Anderson previously was a member of the club.

Yoshida called Anderson "a good, honest person."

At times when I needed someone to talk to, Pastor Pete was there. It's why I became a member of his church," he said.

Nakachi said of Anderson, "During his membership, we got to know one another, and as time passed our friendship blossomed," Nakachi said. "Pastor Pete is a kind, giving person."

Birdseye said he's attended Anderson's leadership training in order to become a more responsible member of the church, and serves on the church's preschool board of directors. He said they need an experienced educator for the board, as one is leaving Hawaii soon.

Trinity Church Central Oahu "does so much for the community," both physically and spiritually, Birdseye said.

For more information on the church, call 625-5055.

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