



***“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)***

December 2013

Dear CWA of Hawaii Friend,

At this time of year, we rejoice in the fact that Jesus left His glory to come to earth as a human being to fulfill the mission that the Father had planned since the foundation of the Earth, to be our great redeemer. To God is the glory!

Although we did not succeed in the battle against Same Sex “Marriage” (SSM), we must continue to put our trust in God and not man. We cannot allow what happened to cause us to grumble or complain or to lose heart because even though we may have lost this battle, we do know that we win the war. It is more important that we did our best and that we did what God wanted us to do, and that we stood up for His values and His principles and not the world’s.

Coming up very soon is our third annual Encourage-a-Legislator Prayer Project (EAL) which begins January 15, 2014. Last year we covered one-fourth of the legislators with prayers and encouraging words; my prayer is that this upcoming session we will have more of you wanting to be praying and encouraging more of our legislators. The session generally ends about the first week in May. The EAL project is all about showing them a Christian attitude by offering to pray for them and their family and to be an encouragement to them. More information about the EAL project is coming soon.

I sent you a letter recently about considering being a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader (PAL), and I would still like to encourage you to be thinking and praying about this possibility. If you have any questions about this position, please call or e-mail me, and I will be glad to help clarify anything that may not be clear to you. My main goal is to have as many Prayer/Action Chapters here in Hawaii as possible so that we can be praying, educating and acting upon the various issues that come up, both here in Hawaii and in the United States. These Chapters are a way for each of us to be connected all across Hawaii and to be praying and acting together in support of CWA’s seven core values - Family, Sanctity of Human Life, Education, Sexual Exploitation, Religious Liberty, National Sovereignty, and Support for Israel. We now have one faithful Chapter leader. I also lead a Prayer/Action Chapter via conference call which seems to work out very well; it is easier for people on the other Islands to participate in the meetings because they can do so from their own homes.

Another one of my goals is to fill the Legislative Liaison position here in Hawaii. It would be wonderful to have someone monitoring the state legislature and keeping us all informed

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about what is happening there. If you or anyone you know would like to know more about this position, please contact me, and I will send you a copy of the job description. It is a volunteer position just like mine is. If you feel led to consider this, please pray about it and then let me know.

During this past year CWA of Hawaii activities have included:

- ◆ Held a meeting on Maui in October
- ◆ Wrote letters to the editor about SSM to six of Hawaii's newspapers
- ◆ Submitted a couple of press releases to the newspapers on the same issue
- ◆ Sent letters to the editor about problems with the Affordable Health Care Act – ObamaCare
- ◆ Attended Leadership Training in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Participated in a special prayer session in Kona at the former Planned Parenthood offices (it was temporarily closed at the time due to shortage in personnel and has since closed permanently)
- ◆ Attended an anniversary celebration for the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Honolulu

During this beautiful season of Advent, a time when we are reflecting on the gift and sacrifice of our loving God, would you please consider a financial gift to CWA of Hawaii? Listed below are several areas of key expenditures for the coming year.

- ◆ The EAL project has expenses for printing and postage
- ◆ There will also be expenses for future Prayer/Action Chapter building events that are being considered for the coming year
- ◆ We want to schedule a meeting on Kauai and possibly two or three on Oahu
- ◆ While I have talked to many of the 1,000 plus CWA of Hawaii members, I have only connected with about half of them through phone calls and letters; I believe it is important for me to meet more of you in person, and I can only do that by travelling to the other Islands, and travel costs are very high.

If you cannot assist us financially, we will be blessed with your prayers for our continued safety, wisdom, and success.

Your gifts to Concerned Women for America of Hawaii are tax-deductible. Donations sent to **P. O. Box 10732, Hilo, HI 96721** will stay in Hawaii for our projects. Gifts to our national Washington, D.C., office are utilized for national issues. If you are sending your membership dues directly to the office in D.C. without designating it for CWA of Hawaii, then it will remain in the national office and not be credited to CWA of Hawaii unless so designated. If you would like to give to CWA of Hawaii via credit card, please go to <http://hi.cwfa.org>. For your gift to stay in Hawaii, be sure to click on the **Donate Now** box below my picture and not the one at the top of the page. Your gifts could not be more appreciated.

We pray you have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



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