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*Proclaiming Christ's Aloha*



Throughout the Islands  
Across the Nation  
Around the World

**Evangelizing Nations**

**Engaging Believers**

**Equipping Leaders**

"You really believe this stuff!" Perhaps the most consequential compliment I ever received as a preacher. {...Not that there have been that many....} Fred (a pseudonym) was a regular attendee of our church. He was however, candid in stating his skepticism of the supernatural, and thus, the Bible. Hence, while he and I cordially interacted with mutual respect; he quite frankly, thought I was nuts. As his pastor, he liked my preaching, yet I have no idea why! He did not buy the core message of Salvation through the cross of Christ. But, at least he believed I believed.

You are surely aware that I consistently sound a clarion call for transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. I don't ever want there to be any doubt what I'm about. —There isn't. (c.f. I Cor 2:2)

I've been preaching the gospel nearly four decades. No plans to stop. I am utterly convinced this truth works. For me; anything else, would be something less. At this age and stage in life, occasionally I am asked, "How long are you going to do this?" My answer:

- ♦ People are still lost.
- ♦ The Blood still saves.
- ♦ I'm still called.
- ♦ ...Preach on!

When training in Personal Evangelism, I employ the illustration of a Shoe Salesman. Trying to convince me to purchase shoes from him; invariably, I find myself examining —*his* shoes. Same goes with my preaching. For someone to buy what I'm selling, I best embrace and embody what I'm espousing.

Across the nation and around the world, I have personally witnessed Jesus Christ transform individuals. I can name names. Most remarkably, one of those names —is mine. Paul captured the quintessential qualification for a minister, "*But having the same spirit of faith, as is written, 'I believed, therefore I spoke,' we also believe, therefore we also speak*" (II Cor 5:13). While experience may be the best teacher; it certainly produces a premier preacher.

I thus move in for the 'kill' with my application point. Be advised and be prepared. I will continue to relentlessly "*proclaim Him, admonishing every man so that we may present them complete in Christ.*" (Col 1:28). Don't just follow this ministry as a casual spectator or sympathetic fan (or even enthusiastic supporter). My purpose is not benevolent activity, winsome entertainment, or spiritual travel log. I am in the search and rescue business. "*Seek and save the lost*" (Lk 19:10). Hence, pointedly I set my sights on you too, my reader! Echoing Scripture to the Romans, "*I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.*"

**I really believe this stuff !**

*Standards*



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### ***Take a Bow...and Another...and another...***

Japan: outward appearance features precision pursuing perfection. Inwardly, same ailments of heart universal to all people. While speaking, I referenced that the nation claims less than 2% Christian. My translator and friend Takuyuki Hayashi quickly clarified; evangelical believers who have personally experienced renewal in Christ, measures at .02%! Do the math: then, do our part.

In Kanazawa, on the Sea of Japan, I was sailing! Speaking featured a Marriage and Singleness Seminar, preaching in two worship services, teaching adult Sunday School, Leadership Training...and more. God was good, and I wasn't bad. [Video at the blog](#)

**East meets West: Cheeseburger Sushi.**



After an appointment (and pro baseball game) in Nagoya, I returned to Nishio for diverse ministry with International Christian Center. Comprised of Brazilian and Filipino immigrants, cultural and linguistic dynamics flavored the work, and lunch. The grace of God gave substance. I trained on Counseling, taught Christian Family, and preached the Word with passion and power. I possess the passion, God provides the power!

### ***Home Away from Home***

Carolina state of mind. Once you get into it, it gets into you. Becks Reformed Church are fiercely loyal people. They must be: hosting me yearly. They trust the Lord and they trust me, providing regular and diverse platform to preach, teach, train, speak, sing, and whatever else! A refreshing New Testament model of ministry collaboration.

Pastor Ben Greene assumed leadership at the church just after I ministered there last year. He graciously embraced my return (though out of respect for his leadership, I privately offered to defer). In similar situations, some new host pastors have been less ...enthusiastic, shall we say. ...He too, must really believe this stuff.



### ***Midwestern Meanderings***

Continuing my American journey, I straddled the Ohio/Indiana border. Meeting in the Buckeye State, the Evangelical Association offered spiritual inspiration and essential networking. In a rural setting, "Americana" actually, attendance was brisk. Pastor Chris Khurchkow, enthusiastically asked me to minister at his church across the state line on my way home. I shared about my work and preached the gospel like I really believed it!



### ***Staying Hungry***

The remainder of the year promises strategic settings for proclamation, mentoring, and planning. Ministry takes me to separate states within the U.S., then later to Southeast Asia serving in two nations, concluding with a speaking sortie to a neighbor island here at home. Hence, I anticipate biscuits and gravy followed by curry and rice, and finally of course, fish and poi. Perhaps you sense that I savor my task. I really believe this stuff.



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