

September 2004,

**URGENT!**

We are still in the process of updating our database. Many have returned the green cards and others have contacted us to let us know you want to continue receiving the Underhile Update. Thank you, this has been helpful.

**However We Have A Problem!**

You would think as long as we have been doing mailings we would have put a place for a name on the green card, we didn't. So we have received a few cards with no name on them. It is most urgent that if you want to continue receiving the Underhile Update & have not contacted us, that you let us know ASAP. **Thank You!**

It is only 3 and a half months until we leave for the Big Island and are we ever excited! The island of Hawaii or the "Big Island" as it is called, is the largest of the Hawaiian Islands. It has a diverse population of 147,000. There are people from all over the world making their home on the Big Island. Along with many different people groups come many different religions.

While Hawaii has beautiful weather and spectacular scenery, it is a very dark and cold place spiritually. Of the 148 churches on the island only about 20 are gospel preaching. The rest are made up of every other religious group you can imagine. There are many towns that have no gospel preaching church.

When people think about Hawaii they usually think about the resorts, beaches, luaus, pineapples and flowers. Many Hawaiians work in the tourist trade and many work in local industry of Kona Coffee, Macadamia nuts sugarcane and related businesses. It is a very laid back society with very little interest in church.

**The people of the Big Island need to hear the truth of the Word of God.** Lord willing, Cindy and I will be able to see lives changed by the power of God's Word as we share Christ with the community He leads us to.

**Transportation Blessings!**

This spring some friends from Decatur allowed us the use of a beautiful Kawasaki motorcycle. We have enjoyed riding it across the countryside.

Last month we were on our way to 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist in Shelbyville when the transmission went out on our car. We let the congregation know we were without a car and at the end of the service some friends offered us a beautiful Toyota minivan to use until we leave for Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you to be such a blessing to us!

## **Support Blessings!**

We are so very grateful for our wonderful support team. We can't wait to get to Hawaii to bring some light to a dark place. *Thank you for partnering with us to reach the people of the Big Island!*

Most of our supporting churches have indicated their desire to continue standing with us in our new ministry, and a number of individuals have as well. 😊

### **A note to our supporters:**

Hopefully you have received from us a new support slip for Central Missionary Clearinghouse. If you did not receive a slip or need more information about how to send in your support PLEASE contact us. It would be a great encouragement to hear from you!

If you would like more information on how to start support please contact us at: (618)345-7570 [philunderhile@sbcglobal.net](mailto:philunderhile@sbcglobal.net)

## **2 Important Dates you are invited to**

*September 28, 2004*

Ordination council & service for Phil

Brown Street Baptist Church (Our home church)

Alton, IL

2:00 PM Council convenes

7:00 PM Ordination Service (if the council acts favorably)

*November 21, 2004*

Commissioning Service

Fellowship Baptist Church (Our sending church)

Mt. Zion, IL

### **Prayer Requests:**

1. Support to increase
2. Start Up Fund to increase
3. Choosing of the right town
4. Effective ministry
5. Brokenness for lost souls