



I haven't told too many people about how God used this book in my life. Philip & Janet Yancey sent me a copy in 1997. I was in Japan trying to restart everything. We were living in Yuko's hometown; had brought 3 stalwart boys into the world; started a few small companies; made some true Friends. I really thought we could never return to Oahu. My divorce, for which I was shamefully responsible, had hurt too many people. Most of them, over time, forgave me. Certainly I cling hard to God's forgiveness. But just couldn't stop condemning myself. Then this book convinced me of His healing Grace. Amazing! I was set free. I could go home.

Would you like to re-read this book with me? One chapter/week for 20 weeks? Philip and Janet sent me 12 autographed copies. I'll take the first 12 people who call, write or email --- we'll meet together on Monday mornings from 9 to 10:00 as the "What's So Amazing About Grace" book club @ our Common Grace office in Salt Lake. It will be "grace upon grace," I promise. J-

QUICK NOTES

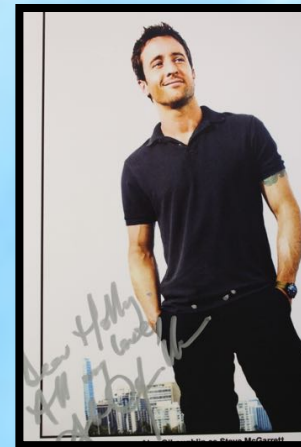
- Congratulations to our new partnership between Hope Chapel Kaneohe Bay and Ben Parker Elementary!
- Since Jan. 2013, we've trained over 40+ new mentors!
- Mentor Training Sat. April 20, 1-3p @ Stadium McDonalds
- Jay won the Portagee Lottery. He's so excited-he's a millionaire. They're going to give \$1/yr. for 1 million years.
- Interested in becoming a CG Trainer? Contact us!



The Hero



The Saint



The Actor

ACTOR to HERO to SAINT

Jim the hero asked me to get Alex the actor to autograph an 8x10 photo for Holly the saint and I learned some entirely admirable things about these folks. But let me start way back when Lieutenant Jim Hickerson was a pilot tragically shot down over Viet Nam. He was imprisoned for over six years. Endured extended cruelty. Survived and now gives credit to God's grace for multilevel healings.

When he was POW and MIA, people all across the world wore bracelets inscribed with his name and prayed for Jim's safe return. This is a revelation to most of us. We weren't aware of the widespread, bracelet-wearing prayer warriors who persisted in sending spiritual strength to our captured soldiers. That was when Holly came in to the story. She wore Jim's name bracelet constantly and prayed for him tirelessly. Happened over fifty years ago. And happening still yet. She keeps in touch to this day - still praying for long since retired Lieutenant Hickerson.

Holly's a saint. She lives in Arizona. To get the full effect of her commitment, it must be said that she has certain physical and mental challenges which evidently haven't impaired her loving soul one bit.

Turns out Holly is also a HUGE fan of Alex O'Laughlin who plays the lead role on Hawaii 5-0. So Jim asked Alex for an autographed photo dedicated to Holly and Alex was nice enough to comply.

Awesome! When you combine the kindness of an actor, the gratitude of a hero and the faith-full-ness of a loving, praying Arizona woman you are looking at a high stack of awesomeness. We appreciate those three and we honestly would like to be more like each of them. Not the acting part - who can do that? Not the prison-enduring & overcoming part - who wants to suffer that? And not the unremitting, 50-year prayer pact part - whose souls are capable of that? But we all can be slightly kinder, more thoughtful and sincerer in our prayers. God bless Alex, Jim and Holly and God bless us everyone.

...just wanted to share this with our C.G. family. It's not about mentoring per se, but it sure is about Grace, isn't it?! J.

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Big News From Common Grace

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Dear Family of Common
Grace -

We had a fantastic
splash on March 18 @ Kroc Center. Rejoice
with all us Kids, Aunties, & Uncles and look
forward to doing it again next year. Please put
your fingertip on each one's smiling face and breath
a "bless you" prayer.

Love you all,

Grace by you,

Jay Jarman, Executive Director

THE
SAINT
ARMY
**KROC
CENTER**

Thank you to our
volunteers,
coordinators, mentors,
children, families, and
Kroc Center for
making this event a
success! A 125 people
enjoyed fun under
the sun!



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