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Ted and I just got home from the first real vacation we have ever had; we were gifted with a fully paid vacation in Hawaii. We enjoyed the relaxation of a time away and were blessed to be able to share the vision of Gabriel House.

It all started with Joe and Nelda Hawley. Though they have never met Ted and me, they have supported Gabriel House for many years and have been a real blessing.

I couldn't have imagined a better vacation. They paid our airfare and hosted us in their home on Oahu for nine days. They drove us all over the island, treated us like royalty and showed what awesome servants of the Lord they are. Joe works at the airport and Nelda cleans homes besides serving the elders and handicapped in their community.

After being given the royal treatment on Oahu, we headed for Maui, where Matt and Michelle Strubahar arranged for our interisland airfare, a luxury condo, a vehicle, and an all-day cruise on a 50 foot catamaran sailboat, The Trilogy II. The Trilogy II took us snorkeling on the island of Molokini and we snorkeled and swam with giant green sea turtles off Turtle Beach in Maui. All of these blessings came from the generosity of Christians who had never met us.

In the midst of all of this, Matt and Michelle's four month old baby girl, Nala, became ill. Matt, Michelle, and the baby had to go to specialists on



Oahu. Though the baby seems to be stable, please join us in prayer that all goes well for her.

God orchestrated the rest of our time on Maui as only God can do.

On the cruise we met Matt and Michelle's pastor and his wife. We sat and discussed Gabriel House on our way to Molokini. The crew members were made up of the Youth Pastor of Matt's church, and his Christian friends, who also all heard the story of Gabriel House and received our prayer cards on that cruise.

Friends of Matt and Michelle invited us to dinner, Josh and Minty and their adorable twin daughters. Another couple, Mike and Sierra joined us with their little son who was born with spinal bifida. Matt and Josh are professional roofers who want to come to Gabriel House next spring to give us a much needed new roof.

We are speechless and in awe of the Lord and what He can do with out the slightest help from us!

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Love in the mighty name of Jesus  
Ted, Renie, the staff and kids of Gabriel House