## A Brief History of Molokai

Molokai is one of the smallest inhabited islands in the Hawaiian chain. It is 40 miles long and 10 miles wide. It has no stop lights, two gas stations, and two grocery stores. There are 7000 people who call Molokai home, the majority of these are Hawaiian descendants, living on reservation style land. Molokai is known as the most "Hawaiian" island, as its population and culture have had very little influence from the other continents. In 1947, a tidal wave hit the island contaminating much of its soil. Thus farming and industry have either moved off or by-passed this little island, giving it the "leper" stigma. Unfortunately, this also means that 70% are on government assistance/unemployed. Molokai has the highest unemployment of the islands and one of the highest in the nation.

## A Brief History of The Church

A good friend of mine from school, Dave (Waxer) Tipton and his wife, Cindy, moved from Santa Barbara in 1995 to start up a new church in the town of Kaunakakai. For a number of Spring breaks, different churches from California have sent teams to Molokai to serve, work and care for the churches and people of Molokai. For us, as well, there will be worship, talks and small groups each night. There will also be special outings (beach, hikes, etc.) set up through the week. This will be our 18th Molokai service trip (99, 01 – 17).

35 LBHS community service hours will be given for this trip.

## Do You Want To Be Part of The Team? ONLY 35 SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE

Much will be expected of those on the team. <u>First</u>, is the cost. The trip will include the plane fare, housing, vans, food and miscellaneous expenses. The cost would be approximately \$2,500, <u>but</u>, with our fund-raisers this brings the cost <u>significantly</u> down to \$1550. <u>Second</u>, is the training. We will need to meet numerous times to prepare for the trip. <u>Third</u>, are the deadlines. You must be on time with your payments/paperwork as I will be trying to get the best deal (plane fare), and will need to have an exact count (<u>with names</u>) by the date given.

## The Next Steps.

- **1.** Fill out the registration form.
- 2. Make out a check (to L.P.C.) for the non-refundable deposit \$500 due Nov 1, second payment of \$500 due Feb 1. Third payment of \$550 due April 2.

  Or you can pay each online at:
  - **3.** Send the Registration Form and Check to L.P.C., Attn: Steve Sweet. 415 Forest Ave, Laguna Beach, Ca. 92651

Deadline - Nov 1, 2016 (only 35 spots - they can go fast) This deadline is firm & final - as I will purchase the tickets that week!

- **4.** Questions? Partial scholarship needed? Call Steve Sweet at 494-7555 (ext. 130) Email: ssweet@lagunapreschurch.org
- 5. Want to register and pay online? <a href="https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=08d3f9">https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=08d3f9</a>