



*I'a-daaa!*



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D. Lum  
B. Okuda

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## Preface

In February 2025 Ada celebrated her 99th birthday. I've known her for 90 of those years; I think I know a little bit about her. Between the covers of these pages are glimpses of her other than a bible teacher, author and world missionary. Briefly, she started her teaching journey with her first SS class of thirteen 3rd grade boys in 1943 at age 17 and has not stopped teaching since. She moved from modest *Kalihi Union Church* to an international scene of London-based *IFES* (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students). In between she, along with Gwen Wong, were instrumental in the birth and nurturing of *ISCF & UH-IVCF* in Hawaii. By flipping through these pages, we trust you'll gain a wider appreciation for Ada in a broader context.



## Ada Lum World Missionary



Ada Lum was born on February 11, 1926, the fifth of ten children of Wing Hong and Kam Shin Lum, immigrants from Canton, China. God had plans for her, and no one is more amazed than Ada herself, as she recalls 30 years of service overseas and 30 years in Hawaii. A graduate of Roosevelt High School, she earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in history and Biblical literature and did graduate work at **Wheaton College, Illinois**.

In the fourth grade her new neighbors rounded up kids in their station wagon and brought them to Kalihi Union. She remembers the teachers made Bible stories alive and practical “The more I learned about Jesus, the more I wanted to follow him. I was especially impressed that Jesus loves everybody in the world! That planted the seed of becoming a missionary and spreading the Good News of Jesus.”

At 14 Ada was asked to take over a class of rascal third-grade boys. At 18 she became the Primary Department superintendent, launched her Bible teaching career. She then began to seriously consider teaching about Jesus full-time directly through the Bible. Encouraged by Genevieve Hinote, the new Christian Educator who later married Pastor Herbert Eggleston, and she enjoyed listening to and reading about missionaries like Mary Slessor in Africa, Bill Borden at Yale, and Hudson Taylor in Africa.

Ada Lum, was 95, she sits down, when her de.uto university students in 115 countries, she wrote Bible studies and books. As a Bible Study Trainer for the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Ada has been to Europe, Africa, and Latin America, and also helped to pioneer campus ministries in Asia.

Locally, Ada served Honolulu Hawaiies Bible Training School, Inter-Varsisty Collowship, and Bible Institute of Hawaii, and taught KUC Bible study classes. “To this day I am profoundly grateful to my church family of 78 years that always encouraged me even when I had no support in ministry. What a generous person- then steadily supported me throughout my Gospel ministries. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters!”

Ada is now 95, sits down, she grabbs helpveful, big bible study classes, Then, <sup>2</sup>To tiSiun down, prays, and says, “To this day I am profoundly grateful to my church family.”



*Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go.*

*Guard them, for they are the key to life.*

*Proverbs 4:13~NLT*

Ada's 1st Sunday School class, at age 17. Kalihi  
Union Church December 1943

The next page is a handwritten list which Ada wrote on the back of the original photo naming each boy in the photo and dating it in December 1943...83 years ago.

Prachy - Harry

Stanley - Harry, Philip

Adwin - Joseph, Bob

Standing - Junior, Harry, Henry

Jack, Harold, Arthur

Winifred

120



ca. 1934

Ada

Ginny

Mabel

Mama

Dicky

Dime

Eileen

Yet Ing

That's Ada peering out the window of a beat up old 1920 model truck.



Ada Lum



Ada Lum's brothers



Ada Lum's sisters

PS :





See that tall, white smokestack right in front of the picture? It was connected to a diesel blast furnace which heated a provide huge water tank to provide pressurized steam to three huge *woks*. The family owned and ran a guava jelly factory; the *woks*



Company Label

boiled fresh guava to a pulp. The pulp was strained in old 100 lb. rice bags to drain the juice which eventually became jelly. Where did the guava come from? The *Rest of the Family* went out into “*the country*” (Wahiawa, Kunia, all points west) to pick from guava trees alongside dusty dirt roads or slippery mountain sides. When the *woks* were not in use, we used them as *hiding* places from the *seekers*. These activities filled Ada’s teens in addition to her church activities. Incidentally an empty 90-year-old jelly

bottle sits enshrined in perpetuity at the *Waipahu Cultural Center*... misspelled name (Lium) and all.

I was asked where/how all 11 of us lived during our jelly factory days. The answer is...by the skin of our teeth. We lived in the *Corporate Headquarters*, next to the *Production Division* (see *photo*). At one time or another most of us slept on the floor of that tiny 2-bedroom house. Standard issue was one beat-up *tatami*, a pillow and 2 *futongs*, one to sleep on, the other to sleep under.



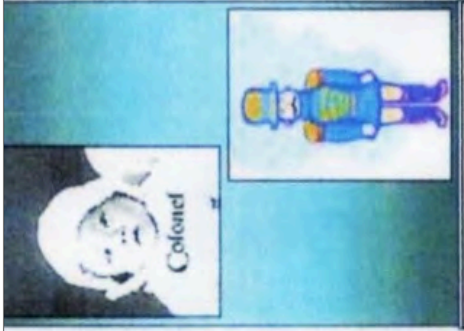
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Margaret: 7/28/1921-3/3/2021



Charlotte: 2/16/1923-4/11/2018



Colonel: 7/11/1924 - 3/21/1929



Ada: July 2007



Dorothy: July 2007

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# JELLYBEANS



Eileen: July 2007

英 Ng



Mabel: 1/30/1930-11/27/2015



Leon: 10/04/1932-3/13/2022



Richard: July 2007

*The Rest of Her Family*



## R. L. Stevenson Intermediate School Symphony Orchestra

She's in there...somewhere, an aspiring violin virtuoso who enjoyed classical music. Don't know how she managed to latch on to an old beat-up violin with case. One inconspicuous day the violin mysteriously turned into a Tommy gun hidden in the case, like in the prohibition days of Al Capone. Rat-a-tat-tat!! We died a thousand deaths and lived to die another day. When KUC choir Director Bob Carbaugh and his wife Helen (both accomplished concert-grade violinist and pianist) returned to the mainland in the late '40s, he said "Ada you don't have any experience as a choir director, but you're all we've got!" Didn't faze her a bit...she did well by all choral measures.



**P**apa was a carpenter-philosopher (more the latter) but good at both. A 1916 graduate of Iolani School, he unwittingly found himself a scribe between a small group of immigrants and their relatives back in China, writing for them and reading to them in Mandarin; he did beautiful calligraphy. Mama worked at the Acme Mattress Company as a seamstress. Nobody comes close to her making *sin choy* (Chinese sauerkraut). Furthermore, between *calligraphy* and *sin choy*, the latter wins hands down, every time. Here, Ada and Ginny were leaving for college, from balmy and sunny Hawaii to...



...Seattle Pacific College, Washington state. From Seattle Pacific Ada and Ginny eventually wound up with degrees from Wheaton College, Illinois, Ginny a BA in Christian Education and Ada an MA in Biblical History. When Ada returned, she collaborated with Gwen Wong and pioneered Hawaii's first ISCF (Inter School Christian Fellowship) program in the state's high school system. The next step was to spearhead a similar program at the university level from which emerged the UH InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (UH IVCF) program. Ada's journey took an international detour when she joined London-based IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students). There are 116 countries on this planet. Perhaps a hyperbole here, but it's possible that the only places she hasn't been are the North Pole and Antarctica.

# WHEATON

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'O Wheaton, dear old Wheaton,  
**live forever,**  
Brave sons and daughters true,  
We will e'er uphold thy colors.  
The orange and the blue!'

This fight song is sung at all  
sports events, but spectators  
hardly know what is really  
**being sung: liver ever\***

\*The dining hall had this liver *entrée* that became one of the best dish students loved to hate. I mean, it was inexplicably awful.

Former directors Ada Lum (1955-1962) and Brenda Wong (2000-2017) appear below. Sixty-four years separate these two; the bond of ministry remains vibrant and intact. While Bob Okuda was stationed in Vietnam in the Airforce (ca. 1965) he had lunch with her every day. She shared that if South Vietnam fell to Communist North Vietnam she planned to remain and continue her work with students. Of course, IFES would never allow that to happen. Check out this link:

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or

Google *Answering the Lord's Call, Harvard Crimson*



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## **Several Generations of IVCF-ers**

Ada's years of loving service to IVCF and IFES has been foundational for generations of college students and staff in Hawaii and around the world. Sound local administration of these ministries over the years have kept them intact, active and relevant.



**B**ack home, she spends time with her family with periodic visits from wherever she happens to be in the world at the time.

Ada had interesting anecdotes to share. She made it a point whenever she came home to visit her gynecologist for a physical. On one such visit, the doctor asked her if she had any relations recently and she began with “Well, there’s my sister Ginny, and then there’s Mabel; I have two brothers, Leon and...” at which point the good doctor interrupted her: “No, no, I mean the *other* kind of relations.”



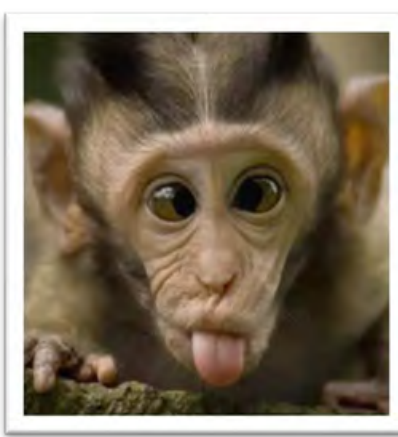
# Monkey Business

Some years ago, when Ada was still active in her IFES ministry in Africa, she wrote back in summer of '75; *“Went out to dinner with friends...what would you choose if ministry in Africa, she wrote back Went out to dinner with friends...what would you choose if you had a choice of antelope, monkey or porcupine?”*



*I'm sure glad there were some good wines to wash down the antelope!”*

Being an astute student of the bible, she chose the right animal as Deuteronomy 14:3-20 prescribes but no mention is made of a wine chaser.



Talk about being tipsy...

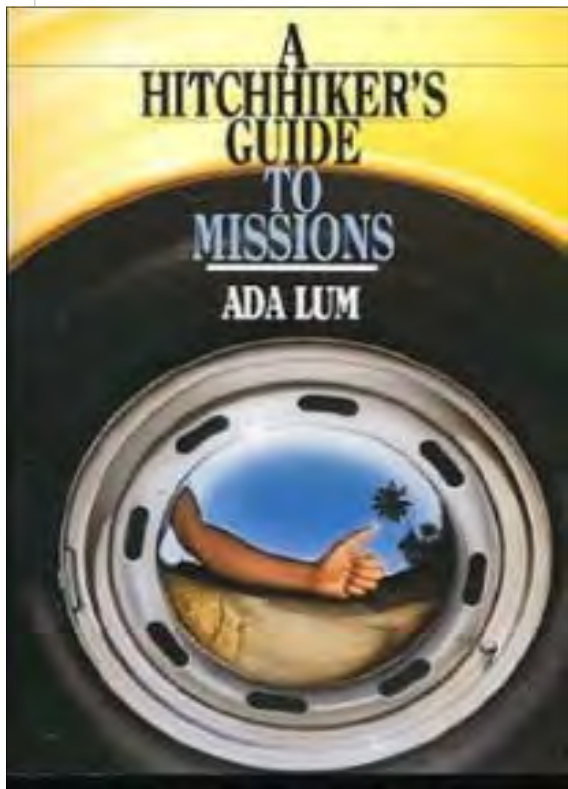
...a favorite family story was when she taught at a Bible conference in Switzerland. After the conference Ada and her students enjoyed a cheese fondue dinner. The dish was laced with more wine to She got drunk! She excused her self to return to her room. Enroute, she recalls being very tipsy and stopped along the way to hug an old oak tree for support. Just about then a car with very bright lights exposed her drunken state. Imagine the possibility of the Tribune de Geneve's morning headlines: **American Bible Teacher Found Drunk Hugging an Old Oak Tree.**



*S'why hard, no?*

Early one winter morning Ada was being picked up for a 7:15 AM church service. *“It’s rahtha nippy this morning,”* she commented in her still lingering British brogue; she had recently retired from IFES and was now at home in Hawaii. Her chauffeur friend jokingly replied *“Ada, just think of warm thoughts.”* Ada wryly replied, *“And what then are you going to do with my frozen corpse?”*

Returning to more substantive issues...



Ada tutored a class of missionaries-to-be, meeting periodically with her at her home for several weeks.



### Speaking of Longevity

This February--as the Lord wills--we will celebrate **Miss Ada Lum's centenarian birthday, being 100 years young**—our beloved Emerita who has inspired, prayed for, and poured into generations of students at Bible Institute of Hawaii. Personally, I was deeply impacted by her teaching ministry and impressed with her unhurried style—never in a rush to rattle off facts, but attentive to every detail of the living text. She has honed a skill that outpaces many seasoned teachers: using reflective pondering and vivid imagery that drew me in time and time again.

Ada inspired a generation, and many of our faculty at Bible Institute of Hawaii continue that same legacy. She is also our **Lifetime Achievement Award** recipient—and deservedly so. Her faith was active and unwavering, producing a lifetime of ministry.

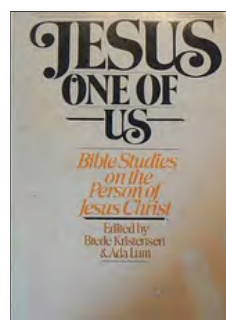
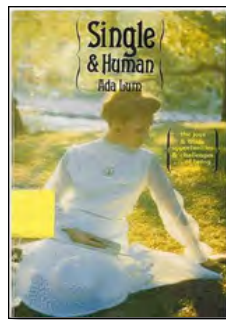
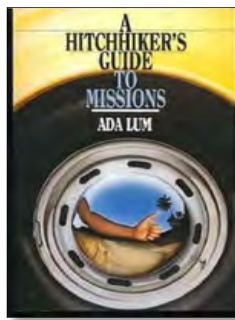
I think you noticed that “**Asa**” and “**Ada**” differ by only one letter—but that small difference tells a big story. *Asa* --whose name means “healer”—began well but drifted from the One who truly heals. *Ada*, whose name carries the sense of “noble” or “adorned”, has faithfully adorned Christ's Word through her life and ministry. One letter apart, yet their lives show very different paths. Asa's story fades, while Ada's legacy shines.

Rodney Wong, Executive Director/BIH

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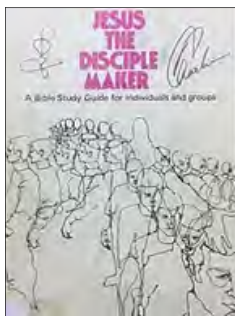


Author of *Luke, New Hope, New Joy* and others:



Jesus, the radical: Eight studies for those who want a fresh view of Jesus Christ

by Ada Lum



Luke: New Hope, New Joy

Paperback – January 1, 1992

by Ada Lum (Author)

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Recently Bob Okuda forwarded an email to me from Marilyn Esher, a missionary in Senegal, West Africa, working as a linguist. she's been translating original and Hebrew texts into *Wolof*, a widely spoken language in Senegal.

Marilyn stays in touch with the local GBU (IVCF) at Dakar University. One of the staff members has a collection of some of Ada's books and has been printing large sets of them for distribution. There are at least 24 universities in Senegal, potentially 24 GBU's. I don't know to what extent the distribution stretches.

Marilyn realized all Ada's books were copyrighted and they needed permission to replicate any of Ada's material. She sent an email to Bob requesting written permission to reproduce any of Ada's works. Of course, Ada was delighted to know that some of her books found their way to far-off Senegal where they could have far-reaching impact on the student scene there. A simple affidavit was written granting permission to reproduce any of Ada's books without remuneration. Following is Marilyn's response to that affidavit:

*This wonderful legacy of Ada's will bless the GBU (IVCF in French) and GBL (ISCF in French) in Senegal for generations of students to come. I have noted to send you the exact wording of the copyrights on all the booklets when I return to Senegal early next year. I believe you helped with some of the formatting.*



Shown here are two photos of the GBL in Diourbel putting on a skit to show how they use inductive Bible study.

*The photo was taken at the annual party they have at the end of the school year. The second photo shows the audience that day. The party was held at the Diourbel church. The pastor is the sponsor of the GBL. Mary Anne Lattin and I shared a house in Diourbel for 31 years. Mary Anne was involved in church development in the Diourbel province of Senegal. There is now a couple dozen churches in the association.*



*These other two photos were taken when Ada came to Senegal in 2002. Jan Buchananof, the Presbyterian mission was her translator. She is no longer working in Senegal. I think she is in Canada.*



*Rachelle DaSylva goes to my church in Thies and teaches Portuguese at a high school. She was GBU staff member at the university in Dakar when Ada put on several workshops in early 2002. She remembers Ada gratefully, as does Claude Betene who attended the workshop and later became president of the GBU at the Dakar university. His testimony is below. Here are testimonies I received from two who appreciate Ada's work, which I sent to Bob Okuda earlier:*

**On 3/20/2025, 5:10 PM, Marilyn Escher wrote:** *I left my cell phone with Senegal number with Babacar. He received a call from a member of the IVCF in the university in St Louis on the Senegal River saying how much they appreciate Ada's booklets on inductive Bible study. I thought I'd pass that on to you. I took those books north with me on March 16.*

*Rachelle DaSylva, a member of the Thies church, who used to be in IVCF in Dakar, is going to send those books to the universities in Dakar and to the one in Ziguinchor to the south.*

**On 3/24/2025, 4:30 AM, Claude Bétééné wrote:**

*The training Ada offered back in 2001-2002 transformed my faith! I started a Bible study in my room with some classmates after the training. I believe 3-4 students converted or recommitted to Jesus through studies! Brings back some good memories.*

*Looking back over our correspondence, I found this from Ada:*

*"Small world! Just in passing I had wondered why the name of John Herr, your shirt tail relative, sounded vaguely familiar. At the time I reckoned it was general mission information that people like us pick up unconsciously. But last night when I read your missive more carefully, I came across your explanation about "Beulah, his first wife". Hey, that's Beulah Oyer, whose parents worked so faithfully at Kakaako Mission, with which our church often had joint youth meetings as one of the few evangelical churches in those pre-war (?) years. They were interesting to me, because they were the only haoles I knew, even if from a distance! And, of course, Beulah was about our age. The last thing that I heard was that she had married John Herr and they were off to Africa!"*

*Beulah was killed in a car accident in Africa, and it was at her memorial service that I felt God's tug on my heart to take her place.*

*Praise God who is the instigator, motivator and director of the work of bringing many into the fold!*

*Marilyn*

Excerpt from email conversations with Marilyn:



*In February, in honor of Ada's birthday, I sent Babacar to our favorite copy store and he supervised the photocopying of 30 or 60 copies of each book. I paid around \$369 plus a little to Babacar for supervising and checking the ink quality. They are given away free and have been accepted with excitement and gratitude.*

*I hope Ada and the family will let me know their thoughts on multiplying Ada's ministry to each student generation coming.*

*Marilyn*



Sister Ginny was Ada's social and financial secretary for all those years of Ada's globetrotting ministry. Those years proved to be ominously revealing. Here is Ginny exposing, finally, the real Ada Lum at her 80th birthday celebration in February 2006.

“Never  
judge a book  
by its  
cover.”





*99 and counting!*



**February 2025**

**Birthday Wishes &  
Messages**

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**Valerie Ah Cook** — Happy birthday Ada! Thank you so much for sharing your wisdom about our Lord and for all the years you taught us in bible study.

**Katherine Akagi** — Some of the great blessings of attending BIH Bible study classes was getting to know Ada Lum, gleaned the teachings of the Bible/coming into a closer relationship with the Lord that continues to deepen. Ada's dedication/love for the Lord was inspiring/continues to inspire me whenever I think of her. Wishing you, Ada, a very special/happy birthday. May your day/the year ahead overflow with joy/laughter! In Jesus' love, Katherine Akagi

**Jane Aquino** — I grew up at KUC under the guidance of Ada, Ginny and Eileen Lum! Lucky me!

**Jackie Arakawa** — Attended many of her Bible study classes. Ada, you are God's gift to us. Many, many blessings to you as you celebrate your 100 birthday! Much love and aloha, Jackie Arakawa

**Nancy Ayotte** — I went to many of Ada's Bible classes. And during those years became friends with her and her sisters, Eileen and Ginny on Old Pali Road. Ada and I shared many lunches at Zippy's. Thanks for the memories! HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADA! I love you.

**Ben and Delia Cabral** — Our friendship with Ada goes back to the 1950's when I was a student at the University of the Philippines. Then, she was one of the lecturers at the month-long Kawayan Training Camp. When we had our youngest, David, we asked her to be one of the godmothers at his dedication. In Filipino, she then is our "comare." May the Lord give you many more meaningful years, Comare. I will hit 90 this year.

**Gordon Chen** — I attended many Bible studies Ada taught.

**Gerald Chinen** — I have admired and greatly respected Ada and I do hold her as a "giant" of our faith. She has blessed my life through her books, her teaching, her sermons. The wisdom she shared with me when I was a young pastor starting out in ministry was guidance for me and I will always treasure that.

**Barbara Ching** — I was first invited to join the Honolulu Bible Training School (HBTS) as a sophomore. That meant that I had missed all of the freshman year's studies. Without them, I would not be able to graduate with my classmates. That's when Ada Lum offered to help me make up that year's studies. She proposed meeting with me once a week at her home, the cottage on the KUC campus, to study one-to-one. I took her up on that offer and learned so much! Looking back, I realize what a privilege that was! Ever since, Ada has been my Bible teacher, my ISCF and IVCF staff leader and trainer, my mentor and my dear sister in Christ. To Ada: You've been a very special servant of the Lord to people here and around the world, leading them to faith in Christ, teaching them how to study His Word and how to live lives committed to Him. My prayers are with you as you celebrate your 100th birthday for the very best of God's many blessings in the years to come! Much love, Barbara Ching

**Craig & Patty Ching** — Blessings to you, Ada! How I treasure those days when I'd go to your house (actually your garage unit) to type your correspondence (notes and letters) as you dictated, and receive your love and fellowship! Pat

**Roger and Lynn Ching** — Ada is our beloved teacher. She strengthened our ability to read the Bible with a deeper spiritual knowledge. Her class on Heaven was especially meaningful! We love you Ada!!

**Lisa Espineli Chinn and Leiton** — Ada mentored Lisa as an InterVarsity Philippines campus minister at the University of the Philippines and they worked together on a book; Ada gave Lisa her typewriter when Ada left; Ada also encouraged Lisa to attend Wheaton Graduate School and to receive a scholarship gift from Kalihi Union Church.

**Jody Chun** — I know Ada Lum through Kalihi Union Church. She helped our Sunday School, and was a guest speaker. We also took a Bible Institute class from her. Fun Fact: my maiden name is Lum. Before I got married, I was in her class, and one of the other students asked me if ADA was my mother would've been privileged and honored if she was my mother). What an awesome lady!

**Calvert Chun** — I had lunch with Ada in 1993 and she led me to Christ. I also served on the Board of Directors for from 1996 to 2000.

**Albert Cook** — Thank you Ada for your years of bible teaching and mentoring of IVCF staff and students!

**Rose Davis** — Happy Birthday Blessings Ada!! Ada taught several BIH classes I attended. I truly love her wonderful teaching style. Years & years ago she went picnicking on Kailua beach with Pastor Kawika Haglund under a shady tree. Ada aloha nui loa~\* Rose

**Sharon Dumas** — Thank you for your faithful service. I have only heard good about you. Have a blessed day!

**Kendal Fong**— Thank you Ada for faithfully loving and serving Jesus!

**Cristi Franson** — I heard her interview on The Good Life with Danny Yamashiro. I loved her warm and gentle voice.

**James Fu**— Happy Birthday Ada! Congratulations on your 100th birthday!

**Joshua Fu** — Ada is the best Bible teacher I know!

**Dennis Fung** — Thanks for all of your service, dedication, and vision. A pleasure to have read The Hitchhiker's Guid to Missions

**Randy Furushima**— Ada was my one of my first Bible study teachers when I was 12 years old when she came to Stevenson Intermediate School for our ISCF meeting

**Dawn Furutani** - Happy Birthday, Ada! I wouldn't miss your celebration for the world! Blessings to you!!! I've attended Ada's Bible study classes while attending KUC and shared wonderful lunches with her.

**Rev. William Girao** — Thank the Lord for giving Ada a long life! We want to remember Ada the way she was when with us in IVCF Philippines - VIBRANT ENERGETIC, ENTHUSIASTIC, HAPPY WHEN WITH STUDENTS, JOYFULLY SERVING THE LORD! Praise the Lord for Ada!

**Willy and Shirley Ginoza** — Happy 100th Birthday, Ada! We celebrate with joy the gift of 100 years for Ada Lum and thank God for blessing her life with countless experiences, wisdom, and love. Throughout Ada's long-life, each person she encounters sees in her what it means to be God's good and faithful servant. Knowing Ada has deepened our faith walk through the many Sunday School classes as she taught us with her clear understanding and wisdom along with coming alongside us in fellowship and mentoring. May Ada's time ahead be always blessed by You, Lord and filled with health, peace, love, and continued joy. In Christ's Love, Willy and Shirley Ginoza. Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you and give you peace".

**Linda Groth** — I took BIH classes in the 1970's while living in Hawaii. For a year I was secretary for Rev. Norm Hammer of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, where BIH got its start! Rev. Baron introduced me to Ada Lum when I attended BIH's anniversary celebration. God bless you, Ada, for your love of Jesus, love for His Word, and your love of teaching His Word. You have touched countless lives. Keep on keeping on!

**Carrie Higo** — Happy 100th Birthday, Ada! One hundred years of love and faith -- what a beautiful life.

**Marcia Howard Egerson, PhD** I don't personally know the great Ada Lum, but I have heard numerous stories and testimonies from Brenda Wong about how integral she has been to so many people's lives when building the kingdom of God. So based on shared testimony, I am privileged to be in attendance with Ada and bless her for all of the work that she has done in order to advance the kingdom of God here on earth!

**Melissa Kamakawiwoole** — From Kalihi Union Church. Ada has been such an integral part of missions and the intent of missions at our church. We are so grateful for her lifelong work and impact!!

**Elizabeth Kealoha** — Thank you Ada for your many years of teaching the Bible. One of my first Bible studies was your class on Esther. I was impressed and overwhelmed by the details, the insights and your knowledge of the Bible. I also heard you speak on the Prodigal Son. Each time I learned deeper and more varied insights into studying scripture. I have since become a lover and advocate for studying and "digging for nuggets" from the Bible. Much love and aloha.

**Jo-Ann Komori Takumi** — Happy 100th Birthday Ada! You were one of my first BIH Bible study teachers in the 90's at Kailua Christian Church. Classes were at night and I drove from town to Kailua. I remember your teasing twinkling eyes and you taught with energy and excitement. WOW! I was impressed when you told our class that Eugene Peterson was your friend. Thank you Ada for introducing me to the word of God. With much gratitude and aloha, Jo-Ann Komori Takumi.

**Susan Kondo** — Ada was my first teacher from the Bible Institute. As a new Christian, she taught me about the Bible and the book of Luke and the crucifixion of Jesus. Thank you Ada, I will never forget you. God be with you!

**Al Kutara** — Ada... Thank you for being a blessing to me as a young Christian in BIH's CLAYM Program. Though it's been many years since enrolling in one of your classes, your love for God and the joy of seeing you share His Word to help me know Jesus better, has made an indelible impression on my life. For that, I'll always be grateful! Happy 100th Ada!

**Karen Lau** — Favorite childhood memory; Growing up at FCCC, I always looked forward to Ada visiting our SS class, sharing a cultural item from the country she recently ministered at. One Sunday, Ada wore a Persian kaftan to visit our class. My best friend Jade, and I, were so happy to find that India Imports sold kaftans and proudly wore them, thinking that we were now "cool," like our role model, Ada! Do joy, Ada, helping us during our formulative years, and setting the standards as "pake" women of God...

**Geoffrey Lau** — We always remember Ada when she was our Sunday School teacher and learning the inductive bible study method. Happy 100th Birthday, Ada.

**Lisa Lee** — I remember that when I was a college student, I was asked to be in a leadership development program at Kalihi Union. Each of us in the class needed to meet with a mentor for one year. They chose Ada Lum as my mentor. I remember feeling a bit intimidated because she was a highly respected missionary and Bible Institute of Hawaii professor. I got to know her better during our monthly meetings and found that she was friendly, warm, funny, and oh so knowledgeable! I learned so much from her and from her books, such as "How to Begin an Evangelistic Bible Study". I was able to use the things I learned from her to invite seekers to Bible study groups and share more about my faith with them, out of love for them, and love for God. I am forever grateful to Ada and thank God for her life of faith!

**Eric & Paula Li** — Ada, many blessings to you on your 100th year! Your legacy and love for God is inspiring. It was in one of your classes where we did a journaling activity and I sensed God said I would marry Eric, and here we are, just having celebrated our 18th Anniversary in December. Much aloha from Eric & Paula Li.

**Jo Lum** — Ada, what a lifetime of loving the Lord Jesus! You have poured that out on your students in your many, many classes. Thank you for your generous spirit that He has used. With much aloha as a grateful student, Jo Gardiner

**Dick Lum** — She my sistah!

**Lori Lundberg** — Ada was one of my BIH teachers. I was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church so knew Rev Don Baron and his family and Jean West. My friend, Linda Groth, has also signed up. God's richest blessings to Ada.

**Adele Marple** — I took several classes from her and when I attended Joy Fellowship, I sat at the same table with her. Ada, May the Lord continue to bless you with joy and good health as you have blessed us with your teaching and sweet spirit.

**Patrice McArdle** — As a wonderful teacher and discipler. Be blessed with joy and peace in this season of your life.

**Joanne Naai** — I took countless BIH classes from Ada and was on staff at BIH for 15 years, when I had the privilege of working with her.

**Roy Nakamura** — I grew up at Kalihi Union Church and my parents were good friends with her and her family. Happy one hundred birthday! Celebrating 100 years of life devoted to faith, kindness and serving others. (The Lord bless you and keep you.)

**Frances Nakamura** — Took several bible study classes. She has been a wonderful blessing sharing her knowledge and was always so patient and kind.

**Kathy Nakashima** — We attended a class taught by Ada at the first church, Mililani Missionary Church. We were impressed by her knowledge and wisdom and will always remember her. She is a blessing from the Lord.

**Maude Nakasone**— I have heard Ada at many Bible Classes and have had the privilege of studying her books.

**Jane Noe**—I met Ada through Kalihi Union Church in 1959. She was a counselor for the InterVarsity Christian fellowship at UH.

**James Ohta**—We were students in Ada's Bible Study class. She knew how to make the bible become a part of our lives

**Vernelle Oku** —From working at BIH and all the wonderful students who have commented on the teachings .

**Laeton Pang** - I first met Ada as an undergraduate premedical student when I served on the InterVarsityExecutive Committee at the UH Manoa in 1981 and would periodically visit her and her sisters at their home in Nuuanu Valley.

**Marcus Pang** — Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you.

**Greig Porter** — BIH - Happy Birthday to my favorite Bible teacher of all time!

**Rowena Puaoi** — We know Ada Lum from our church and our teacher at BIH. She's a long time mentor to all of us. A very dear friend.

**Robyn Richard** — Happy Birthday Ada! I pray a special birthday blessing over your life! May the Lord continue to richly bless you and fill you with his joy, peace, and love.

**Bong & Alma Ro** — Blessings to you, Ada, on your 100th year! It's been such a privilege knowing you since my high school years when you were advisor in the 1950s. I remember after our Christian retreat, I wanted to attend the UH's conference at another location, and you willingly drove me to another part of the island in your VW! I appreciated all your talks and words of spiritual wisdom while I was maturing. Thank the Lord that all of our 11 grandkids are following the Lord! We pray that after they marry, some of them would follow the Lord to ministries overseas! May the Lord continue to use you mightily until you see Him face to face in heaven!! Lots of love, Alma and Bong Ro

**Anne Shigeta-Koch** — Dear Ada, I think of Psalm 91 "With long life I will satisfy you and show you your salvation" and Matthew 25:23, "Well done My good and faithful servant". You have been the light to so many, including my father Ronald Shigeta who was Intervarsity Student President in 1959 and gave the senior student sermon at Manoa Valley Church. Can't wait to celebrate and meet you!

**Brad Smith** — When Ada was in Hawai'i preparing to leave for ministry in Korea she learned that I had recently come to faith in Jesus mainly through Inter-Varsity at UH Mānoa in 1966. She invited me and a few other students from I-V to a meal at her home. We began corresponding from then. She was also key to bringing me to Bible Institute of Hawai'i where I taught for eight years. She was the sparkplug of that ministry for years. While I studied at Regent College, when international students heard that I was from Hawai'i almost without fail their first question was, "Oh! Do you know Ada Lum?" Asia, Africa, wherever they were from they had received training from Ada in their home countries on how to study the Bible.

**Donald Stevens** — We all have been blessed by God through Ada's life and ministries! Thank you Ada for your testimony of God's love!

**Linda Stringer** — Aloha Ada, it was because of your influence that Ron and I became missionaries to the Congo and Nepal. You introduced us to Larry and Inge Sthreshley, 2 MK's from Zaire who were in Hawaii studying at UH. They were painting your house the day we came by to see you. They told us about a search for a dentist to give recent Zairean dental graduates an additional year of hands on experience. That was the beginning of 12 years of overseas work which was life changing for us. You have deeply touched the lives of our Stringer family!

**Dan Stringer** — I know Ada through my parents, Ron & Linda Stringer. Ada has helped me in many ways over the years, from connecting me with a summer job in college, to teaching Bible Institute of Hawaii classes I took and amazing inductive Bible studies at Imago Dei Christian Community. My favorite B.I.H. class I took from her was "The Women in Jesus' Life" at Mililani Missionary Church in 2006 or thereabouts. Happy Birthday Ada!

**Jane Tai** — BIH Courses and I invited her to speak to my former Women's Bible Study group on several occasions. Happy, Happy Birthday to an absolutely wonderfully anointed woman after God's own heart!

**Brennan Takayama** — She is a HERO of InterVarsity in Hawaii! So grateful for Ada's life of faithfulness, leadership, and service. She is a spiritual MAMA for the Church in Hawaii and beyond!

**Carole Takushi** — You are so precious to us all. You have shared your love for Jesus in all you have done with us all. Love you!

**Tony & Jenny Tam Sing** — Dear Ada, May the Lord bless you abundantly with His joy and peace and fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you good and faithful servant for sharing the Word of God with the community of believers here and abroad. PTL! Happy 100th!

**Rodney and Miki Wong** — We Love you Ada; Your teachings have always matched your walk. Mahalo for showing us what it looks like to live like Jesus. We love you, Rodney and Miki Wong

**Kendric Wong** — My mentor, teacher, and friend.

**Susan Yamashiro** — She is my hanai auntie since five. I used to spend time at her home and sleepover with her nieces and nephews when she wasn't traveling. She also was a friend of my parents who attended KUC since we arrived in 1959 from Chicago, Illinois.

**Gloria Young** — I met Ada when I was 14 at First Chinese Church CE (Christian Endeavor) in 1955. She came and gave us a Bible study and I was very impressed. Ada made the word of God very practical, while helping me to challenge my faith. Carol Chung Song was our Director of Christian Endeavor (youth group) and I'm grateful for Carol for inviting Ada to speak with us.



*L' dor, v'dor: From generation to generation* (Jewish).  
Ada and 2 months old grandniece Kayla Wong  
(March 2005)

Illuminating video reference on Ada:

[Ada Lum - Urbana 90 on Vimeo](#)

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