

WCNA-31 and Unity Day 2005: Experiences from around the world

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Two and a half years ago, when I said I wished I could go to Hawaii, my sponsor told me, "You're going to Hawaii." My sponsor gave me constant encouragement, and I continued to work my program. I made my first airplane trip and saw the ocean for the first time. I am thirty-nine, with three years clean!

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Suddenly, I felt the world is such a small place. I felt there is no need for me to feel isolated. It was worth staying up one night. Beyond geographical distance, and regardless of the time difference, it felt like I was hugged by recovery friends—friends who suffer from the same disease that brought me to my knees. Their souls were healed by the same process that made recovery possible for me.