

Lesson 5
READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

The Palace

Did you know that in one American state there's a palace where kings and queens ruled? It's in the state of Hawaii. The palace is in the capital city of Honolulu. It's open to the public, and it's a spacious and beautiful building.

Near the palace is a statue of a small man wearing spectacles. He was a missionary priest. He spent his life serving a group of Hawaiians who were outcasts.

They had been deported to one small island because they had leprosy. People with that bacterial infection were feared. Many of them developed ulcers on their bodies and became blind and disfigured. At the time, no one knew how the disease was passed from one person to another, and there was no cure.

The priest died from leprosy, and his burial site is on that island. He is revered by the Hawaiian people for his generosity.