



CONCH SHELL

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SALVATION - ALL IN ONE

The subject of salvation is one important issue that should be discussed and talked about so often in schools, family gatherings and even in church services. Because there are only two alternatives that we all have to face in life when we complete our journey in this old world; whether we will have salvation and enter heaven or the other way around.

An important segment in the story of Naomi and her daughter in law, Ruth as recorded in Ruth 1:16 "Don't make me turn back from following you. Wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God," has clearly emphasized four valuable themes in regards to Salvation - faith, faithfulness, redemption and discipleship.

Faith - In the verse, Ruth has demonstrated great faith with her insistence to go with Naomi to Judah. She trusted Naomi's God and had confidence in His provision although she has not seen it. She was also willing to follow her mother in law to a land she had never seen before.

Faithfulness - Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi is expressed in an emotional and strong way in her heartfelt plea to Naomi not to force her to leave or turn back except death may separate them. It was an outstanding commitment of faith and faithfulness.

Redemption - Redemption is seen in Ruth's confession in two ways: She has converted from the gods of her people (the Moabites) to trust in the living God of Israel. She has also prophesied the inclusion of Gentiles or non-believers in the salvation of all humanity by God's own way and time.

Discipleship - Ruth's declaration of faith and commitment to Naomi is a model of true discipleship. Not to another person but to the Lord. It is a real challenge to completely deny self and to take up Christ's cross and just go wherever He leads.

The conversation between Naomi and Ruth has again highlighted the four main strategic pillars of the TPUM Education Department: Adventist Identity, Quality Leadership and Governance, Quality Institution and Systematic Support in connection with the two main goals of Adventist Education which are Redemption and Restoration. This is to simply redeem humankind from sin wherever and whenever possible and also bringing back the original image and relationship with God.

Finally, we need to consider Ruth's firm commitment to Naomi as a demonstration of faith, faithfulness, redemption and discipleship in the Lord. This is what God calls all of us to do and reflect in our respective schools. And whatever our current situations may be,

let us allow Ruth's confession and declaration to be our guide in leading our students from different walks of life that they may have Salvation.

Malo 'aupito and God bless,

Fatongia Hopoate
Tonga Education Director



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT WITH NON-SDA PARENTS

This year the staff of Burns Creek Adventist Primary school in the Solomon, under the new leadership of Mr Raynold Sikepitu and Simeon Kwaisulia, felt the school needed to set an aim to be part of the Adventist World Church and TPUM Theme "I WILL GO." Education is an avenue that we can share God's love and it's now time to foster our relationships with parents and students as well.

For the first time, on the 25th of March, before the term 1 break the school held its first Non-SDA Students and Parents Fellowship Night. A total of 276 Non-SDA students and parents attended. This was an unexpected turn out, but praise God for His leading. The guest speaker for the night the former Education Director Mr Samson Panda in his remark focused on the school theme for this term "Walking with Jesus". The school thanked Mr Samson Panda for the timely message and encouragement for the Non-SDA Parents. The outcome of his message and sharing was overwhelming and the parents spoke at the gathering testifying of what Adventist education has done in their lives through this program.



An old man (Anglican parent) spoke with tears testifying that he had regret that their Bishop had not allowed them to send their child/children to attend Adventist Schools. When he enrolled her granddaughter last year, he started to notice huge difference in her life the reason he wanted to testify. A lady also testified "I like Adventist Education and Schools even though I am a SSE (South Sea Evangelical) church member I send my children to Adventist School because they teach my children about God. All of my four children went through the Adventist school system and her eldest daughter is in year 8 at Betikama." "Their impression had taught us a great lesson and a way forward, that our schools should reveal Christlike character. We are planning for next term to visit our student's homes." According to deputy principal Simeon Kwaisulia.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT VATUVONU

Ever since the government took over staffing of Vatuvonu in 2019 the chance to conduct Bible classes was very limited because all staff were Non-Adventists except the chaplain. On the 31st March, the school held its first school board for the year and it was one of the encouraging school boards according to some of the former school board members.

At the beginning of this year, the school principal who is Catholic authorized Bible classes to be taught in the school four periods a week from Year 9 - Year 13 and what makes it more amazing Bible must be the first period of the day. To accommodate this the school chaplain Pr Seson Tali and some lay church members mainly elders volunteered to teach all these Bible classes.



A staff week of prayer had already been conducted at beginning of the term and was well received by all staff members. The youth week of prayer for the boarding students where students took part in preaching and got involved in the Global Youth Day, the students visited the staff homes to pray and giving out of food baskets. Pathfinder has also been introduced to the boarding students and now more students are interested to join the pathfinder club. Please, continue to pray for Vatuvonu as we await the court decision, while we wait let us not grow weary, but make use of what ever opportunity we have to share Jesus in our schools.

1ST STEM PEDAGOGY TRAINING IN TONGA

On the 15th of April, Tonga Adventist teachers conducted its ever first STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop. Dr Elisapeti Manson, Mareta Vaovasa from Mountain View Adventist High School in Australia and TPUM Education Director Mere Vaihola facilitated the one day workshop in order to support and encourage our STEM teachers in the kingdom.



As part of the teacher's Professional Development Training during their Term 1 break holiday and in preparation for Term 2, "it was a timely workshop and teachers were enriched and are excited to implement new ideas in their classrooms" according to Von Liligeto the deputy principal of Beulah College. The mission education director Fatongia Hopoate stated "that the workshop was a success and is planning to continue on with such pedagogy training especially in such challenging time to support and encourage our teachers."

"True education is not the forcing of instruction on our unready and unreceptive mind. The mental powers must be awakened, the interest aroused."

LORD, I WILL GO

Ellen G White, Ed, 41

At the conclusion of the Spiritual Emphasis Week on Sabbath 24th April the Kopiu Adventist High School in the Solomon Islands embarked on a Sabbath afternoon outreach initiative with the theme "Lord I will go" which the whole school took part. The whole school was divided into eight ministerial leagues. Seven groups went out to visit people in their homes from different non-Adventist villages within the school vicinity.

While one group involved in food ministry, giving out buns, drinks, glow tracts, prayed and shared encouraging Bible promises and songs to people and vehicles that passed by the main road just in front of the school campus entrance. "It was a totally new and a learning experience for our students as most of the school intakes for this year are new students," according to the school chaplain Jason Gulea. The spiritual emphasis week and Sabbath outreach ended with a spiritual concert and reporting from each group. The school is planning to engage students and staff in more of this outreach initiative as they align to the church's strategic theme and respond to God's like Isaiah of old.



Please remember Kopiu staff and students in your prayers, the fact is there is only one Adventist village within school vicinity. All villages are Non-Adventist villages and the school endeavours to impact the Non-Adventist villages with the love of Jesus by engaging young people in such outreach initiatives.

"The fruit

OF LOVE IS SERVICE, WHICH IS
COMPASSION IN ACTION."
MOTHER THERESA

KAC FUN DAY

Kukudu Adventist College in the Western Province, Solomon Islands had its sport day on 30th and 31st of March, the last two days of term I. Sport day is an yearly event that the school always looks forward to in order to have fun out in the school playing field after 10 weeks of being in the classroom. All the students and staff were placed into four colour groups of green, yellow, red and blue. This year's sport event was organised by the social committee under the leadership of Mr Alden Tigulu. The school started the first day of sports with colour parade, raising of flags and performance of group cheers. Then the sport day was officially opened.

This year's sport day was special and different in a sense than previous years because of the presence of Western Province Football association team who were our special guests for the opening ceremony. This was indeed a great privilege for the school to have them over exclaimed Leecrish Tefeloni, one of the teachers. They spent the day with the staff and students and even refereed the grand final soccer games. Day 1 was concentrated on ball games. Day 2 was the athletic activities. They were indeed two days of fun, where teams cheered their team mates. The two days of sports ended with prize giving for the teams. Green came 4th, yellow 3rd, blue 2nd and red got the trophy. Though red won but every team were given the same amount of money as their prize for participating in this school event. As an Adventist institution the main focus of this event is not to be competitive but to help develop in students good sportsmanship and foster staff-student relationship. Obviously two days filled with fun memories.

RESTORE NAVESAU

The Suva Central/Eastern Regional Youth camp in Navesau over the Easter weekend with the theme RESTORE NAVESAU. The young people gave so much for Navesau at the end of the camp in planting 1000 plus Taro and vegetables, painting and doing minor maintenance and other donations. On the 16th the minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Hon Mereseini Vuniwaqa visited the school with donations of new equipments for the school Home Economic department.

The whole school welcomed the Hon Minister and her co-hosts following the Fijian protocol. Pr Nasoni Lutunaliwa the mission president and Mrs Kelera Suka the mission education director were also present to acknowledge the ministry for their kind support toward the school. We thank the Navesau alumni, friends, youths and church members for their continuous support towards Navesau. Having had the school moved to privatisation at the beginning of 2019 we have seen God's blessings through the love and faithfulness of our church members as this supports the smooth operation of Navesau and ensures it offers quality authentic Adventist education in such a time we live in. Lets continue to remember Navesau and our schools in Fiji in our prayers.

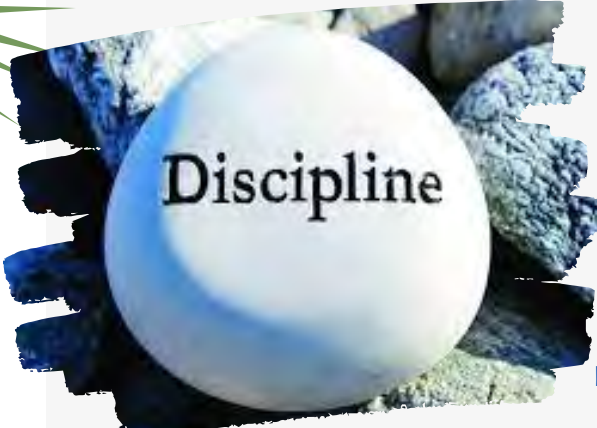
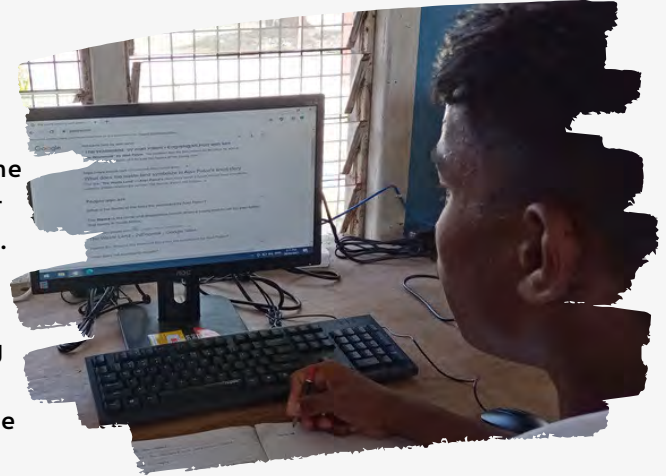
PSALMS 40:1

"I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry."



KAUMA NEW COMPUTERS

The T-tech company on the 15th April donated 20 new desktop computers and Pintech company installed new internet connection for the school. With Kauma located in the island of Abemama outside of Tarawa the school in the past faced challenges with no computers and internet connection. The Pintech company also gave the school one year free of internet usages and the school is counting it as a blessing knowing the financial challenges they are facing. According to the school IT teacher Mr Teruru "the students are so grateful, now they are able to do their research and complete their internal assessment program requirement from the Ministry."



DISCIPLINE

EACH CHILD IS DIFFERENT
 HAVE A FEW RULES WELL CHOSEN
 MAKE OBEDIENCE AS EASY AS POSSIBLE
 DIRECT A CHILD WITHOUT UNDUE CONTROL
 A CHILD'S MIND IS NOT TO BE DOMINATED
 GIVE THE CHILD OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TRUSTED
 EVERY PERSON IS ABLE TO CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT
 REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE WHEN DISCIPLINING
 LEAD A CHILD TO SEE THE WRONGDOING THEMSELVES
 TRAIN A CHILD TO SELF-CONTROL BY OFFERING CHOICES
 DISCIPLINE IN PRIVATE, DO NOT MAKE A PUBLIC EXAMPLE
 SYMPATHY NOT SELF-PITY. LIFE IS TOUGH AND UNFORGIVING
 DO YOU WISH TO CONTROL OTHERS? FIRST CONTROL YOURSELF
 LIBERTY AND FREEDOM ONLY COME WITHIN THE LAW OF GOD
 THE WORST CHILD MAY NOT BE THAT WAY GIVEN WISE DISCIPLINE
 OBJECT OF DISCIPLINE IS TO TEACH THE CHILD SELF-GOVERNMENT
 DO NOT RESORT TO FAULT-FINDING. FLOWERS DON'T BLOOM IN A STORM
 SCHOOL SHOULD BE A PLACE OF REFUGE WHERE FAULTS ARE DEALT WITH KINDLY
 NAGGING PRODUCES DISCOURAGEMENT AND HOPELESSNESS. FORCE OFTEN BREEDS REBELLION
 E.G. WHITE



- Fiji Mission Education consultation meetings
- Vatuvonu awaiting court case decision and the work the school chaplain is doing in the school
- Navesau and Kauma financial challenges
- Fulton Adventist University College for a safe campus during the 14 days lockdown
- Chaplains and the spiritual work that they are doing in our schools

FINALLY

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"Upon the vision of Christ the gaze is fixed, and the beholder grows into the likeness of that which he adores."

We would love to hear from you, your stories and challenges could be a means of blessings and encouragement to others. So, please share!

For your stories please forward it to:

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