



CONCH SHELL

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LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

The greatest challenge of the church's educational institutions around the world is to maintain a CLEAR Adventist IDENTITY in what is being taught and in everyday life on campus (Bruinsma. R).

As Adventist Educators, we need to maintain a CLEAR ADVENTIST IDENTITY in what we teach, and how we live our lives every day. For that to happen, we have to rediscover who we are, why we are here, and where we are going or else our schools will continue to falter. As individuals we need to seriously ask: WHO AM I? WHY AM I HERE? WHERE AM I GOING? Our clear, genuine answers to the questions raised should be the underlying force/ drive behind what we do and how we live our lives.

What a privilege! What a blessing! What a great opportunity! Having that in mind, will make a great impact in how we live and do things consistently! Until we fully understand our responses to those questions, than our work will just be another work, treated like any other work. We won't be really serious about anything!

We can be where we are for some time, working year after year; work then becomes a routine and we tend to focus more on the work we do each day, and slowly we are mission drifting. If this is your situation, if this is the situation at your school and workplace, God, through His prophet Isaiah, is re- assuring us: **Isaiah 43: 19 "Behold I will make a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."** This verse is referring to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! We can sometimes be dry and barren as the dry desert. We try to do so much, but it seems as if not much is happening. Something is missing!

We need true revival! We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives as individuals in order for our students to feel, see and hear it and it becomes their desire as well to be led by the Holy Spirit. The whole school/ campus will be brought to life! If there is no true revival, we are in a heap of trouble!

In the name of my Master, I entreat all who stand in responsible positions in the school to be men of God, when the Lord requires us to be distinct and peculiar, how can we crave popularity or seek to imitate the customs and practices of the world? (T5, p. 26, para. 2)

The Lord is inviting us in **John 7:37 "If anyone thirsts, let Him come to me and drink."** He is ready to pour out His Holy Spirit. Are we ready to ask? Are we desperate? Do we feel the urgency for true revival in our lives and in our schools and campuses?

We need God to do a new thing and He is ready and willing to do that. We just need to ask!

Regards

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Fiji Education Director



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SOLOMON BAPTISMS

Betikama Adventist College concluded its week of Spiritual Emphasis with a baptism on June 12 2021. A total of 16 young people took their stand for Jesus in baptism. This brings to total 50 so far this year. We are anticipating 2 more baptisms in semester 2 as more students are currently enrolled in bible studies. We praise God for these souls.

Each term starts and concludes with spiritual emphasis weeks. In July when third begins, we will also begin with the final week of the Pentecostal Harvest evangelistic program. We believe these series of meetings will further prepare our students for their future baptism. - **PARTINSON BEKALA**



From Kopiu Adventist High School on the 5th of June, a total of 11 students (9 gentlemen and 2 ladies) made a firm decision to accept Jesus as saviour and Lord and we're baptized at the end of our final Spiritual Emphasis Week for term 2 of semester one. We praise the Lord for the working of the Holy Spirit. We encountered so many challenges this semester. It is a challenging task to help students grow in Christ especially with regards to the our present time and a number of influences and contributing factors. It would be impossible to lead young people to Jesus without Divine aid. And we thanked God for that. According to the school chaplain Jason Gulea "a number of initiatives

such as Dawn prayer, Spiritual Emphasis Weeks, prophecy seminars, student outreach, small groups, Bible study classes and of course, daily morning and evening worships. And with the support of the staff members we are able to accomplish what God has called and empowered us to do." Pr. Benjamin Asa officiated the Baptism. The school aim for the final semester is to ensure that every non-baptized students will be given the opportunity to make such decisions and pray for 100% baptism rate for the students who have not yet baptized. Nurturing work will continue for the new members and after this spiritual emphasis week the school have identified new interests for Bible studies. - **JASON GULEA**

Horohana Adventist primary school in Guadalcanal a remote school started in 2003. The people of these community wanted a school for their children and church responded by building the school. This is one of the strong hold of the MORO movement. A cult movement that uphold traditional beliefs and do not believe in formal education much. Because of the school, things are changing and more children are enrolled and are baptised. On the 29th May Billy Leta the associate education director and school community witness 6 students gave their life to Jesus. According to Billy Leta "the school is expecting more baptisms as many more stood up during the appeal." - **BILLY LETA**



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IN THE HIGHEST SENSE THE WORK OF EDUCATION AND THE WORK OF REDEMPTION ARE ONE, FOR IN EDUCATION, AS IN REDEMPTION,

BAPTISM FROM NON-ADVENIST SCHOOL



Seven students were baptized in a Camp Meeting held at Viru village, South New Georgia, Western Solomon last Sabbath on June 26.

Six of these students are from Viru Community High School, owned and operated by the Western Provincial Education Authority. And the seventh is from Goldie College, owned and operated by the United Church.

We praise God for the ministry and faithfulness Isdro Beta, an elder of Tetemara Adventist church for conducting baptismal class for students at Viru Community High School. For the Goldie College student he has gone through the baptismal class, but was not able to do so until this Camp Meeting. Finally, we praise God for the work of Adventist parents and teachers in these non – Adventist high schools. - **JOSEPH PITAKIA**

SASA RORE MEMORIAL CHURCH

2nd June 2021, marked an important event for Jones Adventist College (JAC) in Vella La Vella, Solomon Islands, after 25 years of moving from classroom to classroom and from one building to another to use as a worship centre. Sasa Rore Memorial Church was dedicated to the Glory of God and can cater for a capacity of 525 students and staff of the college.

The Church is named after one of the Pioneer Missionary of Vella La Vella, Pastor Sasa Rore, who did his service around Solomon Islands and the PNG Mission.

The church was constructed in 2012 by the Former Member of Parliament to North Vella La Vella who was the founder of JAC as well, Late Allan Paul Jama. The task of completing the church grew strong in 2014 and organized fundraising was done both in and around JAC throughout the years. Every money collected was directed for the building of the church.

JAC was blessed to have support from family members around Solomon and abroad, students and staff of 2012 – 2021 and the surrounding communities of Dovele Region who worked together to complete the church by the 2nd of June.

The General Secretary (Pr David Filo) and the Chief Financial Officer (Mr Bradon Vavozo) of Solomon Island Mission, with other Government officials, along with the family members of Late Allan Paul and the surrounding communities came for the dedication program.

The Principal, Mr. Bevan Tutuo said that without the commitment and hard work from the staff and students and other supporting communities, this project would not have pulled through. All praise and glory goes back to God for this big achievement.

This church building has reminded us of the fact that we all need to have a proper place of worship, a place where we can come and meet our Creator in spirit and in truth. - **BEVAN TUTUO**



PSALM 23:6

"SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER."

IAKINA GRADUATION



Mauola Jr Metuli



Neli Lauulu



Monica Papalii

24 Seniors graduate from Iakina Adventist Academy On June 6th, 2021, Iakina Adventist Academy held its annual graduation ceremony and a total of 24 students were confirmed to have completed all requirements set forth to exit high school and move on to college.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga, American Samoa SDA Mission President Pastor Kenneth Lelei Maisa, Dr. Siamaua Eliapo-Ropeti, Director Talauega Samasoni Asaeli of the Am Samoa Department of Education, as well as the

administration of Iakina Adventist Academy, friends and families. Former IAA School Board Trustee Faleosina Faiai Voigt offered words of encouragement for the graduates as well as the attendees. Mauola Jr. Metuli, the youngest lay preacher and ordained deacon of the Satala SDA Church graduated as Class Valedictorian. Metuli has been accepted to various stateside colleges and universities, but have chosen to attend the American Samoa Community College instead - closer to home and safer from COVID 19. Two young ladies tied as Class Salutatorians - Neli Lauulu, a baptized member from the SDA Church in Tula, and Monica Papalii, also a baptized member from the Mesepa SDA Church. All three top students have been accepted to Union College, an institution of the SDA Church. Dr. Siamaua Eliapo Ropeti, Chairwoman of the IAA School Board presented the graduates for confirmation and acceptance to the Director of Education, Dr. Talauega Samasoni Asaeli. Our graduates have now begun college preparatory courses, while some are preparing to move into Fulton Adventist University College, Union College and more. The administrators of IAA wish our students the best of luck as they embark on this new journey. - **JESSEBETH ROPETI**

School Leaders
DON'T MISS OUT!

Adventist Education Trans Pacific Union
PRINCIPAL'S - 'DAY OUT'
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 JULY 6, 2021
 PROGRAM
 8:30 AM | IN THE WORD - DAVID MCCLINTOCK
 9:00 AM - SESSION 1 | GROW OUR SCHOOLS - TIM MCTERNAN
 10:00 AM - SESSION 2 | SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS - DAVID MCCLINTOCK
 11:00 AM - SESSION 3 | HOW TO HAVE CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS - BEN THOMAS
 12:00 PM - SESSION 4 | QUALITY ADVENTIST SCHOOL - MERE VAIHOLA
 1:00 PM - SESSION 5 | HOW TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS - BEN THOMAS
 2:00 PM - SESSION 6 | 7 HABITS OF EFFECTIVE PEOPLE - JOSEPH PITAKIA
 3:00 PM - SESSION 7 | MIRROR ON THE WALL - MERE VAIHOLA

Speakers: TIM MCTERNAN, BEN THOMAS, JOSEPH PITAKIA, MERE VAIHOLA, DAVID MCCLINTOCK

Zoom Meeting address: <https://adventistchurch.zoom.us/j/95208803614?pwd=LVVqYmMlUencZnRhbzZ3eRl-q0a0Q3U09>
 Meeting ID: 952 0880 3614 Passcode: 121980

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Fiji schools on lockdown
- Vatuvonu process for re-appealing court case
- Navesau financial challenges
- Fulton Adventist University College students online practicum
- Chaplains and the spiritual work that they are doing in our schools
- Vanuatu awaits MOA with Ministry of Education
- Tuvalu for rain

FINALLY *Henry Brooks Adams*
**"TEACHERS AFFECT ETERNITY;
 NO ONE CAN TELL WHERE
 THEIR INFLUENCE STOPS."**

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

For your stories please forward it to:

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