



CONCH SHELL

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FEAR NOT FOR THE FUTURE

Glory and Honor to our Wonderful Counselor for His unfailing love and guidance towards us.

This month, we have celebrated the marvelous love of our Master Teacher. We embraced the work of all pioneers and heroes/heroines in all the Adventist Education. Listening to our Adventist history from all over the Pacific Island Nations, we salute and pay tribute to those who came before us. Paving the way for our generation and the generation to come. We greatly appreciate their commitment, hard work and faithfulness. Adventist education made it this far because of God's leading in His schools as well as pioneers and those who accepted His calling and diligently with passion commit to serve Him.

The importance of education cannot be overstated. Education **“prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come”** (Education, 13). Adventist Education plays a vital role in the world in which we are living. Adventist Education can be likened to a little heaven on earth. Given its emphasis in the training and molding students' lives, in preparation for service in this world, but most importantly for eternity; one can see Adventist Education as a pathway to heaven.

Adventist educators and teachers need to be constantly reminded of God's mission in all His schools. Teachers are important instruments that God has equipped to do His work. Therefore, it is crucial for teachers to value our call in fulfilling the mission that God has commissioned us to do. The work of Adventist education needs to be fulfilled for God's honor, as we are living in the close of the earth's history. We however, can never accomplish this mission on our own. As Jesus also warned His disciples in John 15:5 “... without me you can do nothing.” Therefore, we greatly need God's divine help in order to accomplish His purpose.

Let us therefore move forward with confidence, courage, perseverance and faith abiding in the leading of the Holy Spirit to achieve a successful mission entrusted to us by our Master Teacher, Jesus. Most importantly to keep our focus on God. No matter what circumstances and challenges we may face all will prevail for we are serving a Mighty God who loves us unconditionally. Therefore, Do not fear the future, For God promised, Isaiah 41:10, “fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” With God we have all.

As we anticipate the soon return of our Lord Jesus our Savior, let us work together to win as many souls for His Kingdom. For He called you and I for a Higher purpose. Therefore, do not fear, for He is with us and with that we are blessed!

Wish you all much of God's blessings as we continue to serve Him.

Manuia

Lesia Vaisua Katoa
Deputy Principal - Tuvalu SDA Primary School

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION



Mrs Tineiafi Pedro & Mrs Timaima Tokonibau

This was the very first time for us to celebrate an anniversary for our Adventist education system, both nationally and internationally. It was a great and successful collaboration between the school and our local church in terms of planning, funding and implementation of our double celebration of Adventist Education-150 years globally and 67 years locally.

We had four retirees who received the Service Medal; Mr Nainai Tautai, Mr Fauoa Maani, Mrs Tineiafi Pedro, and Mrs Timaima Tokonibau. Mr Nainai and Mr Fauoa were not able to attend the event due to some limitations physically as a result of old age.

All Adventist school's ex-scholars and current students were invited. It was a real surprise and joy to see that a lot of our civil servants went through our education system-including some of our current members of parliament. We praise God for that.

The very humble work experiences of our retirees and the history of our school are just solid evidences of God's leading, preservation, guidance, protection and providence. It does really provide us current mission workers with the motivation and encouragement that we need in order to face each day's challenges knowing that God is still leading and He will always be with us and will never leave us, as promised in Matthew 28:19-20. With God we have no fear for the future! - **Kima Pedro**

SAMOA CELEBRATING 150TH YEAR ADVENTIST EDUCATION



*Samoa & Tokelau
Mission Office team,
guests and staff*

Samoa Adventist School together with Siufaga Adventist Primary School celebrated the 150 years of Adventist Education on the Friday the 3rd of June. This took place at the Mission Fale-Samoa in Upolu and was attended by the teachers, a few senior students, former staff and students, school board representatives and the Mission Administration. The joyous occasion was celebrated with singing praise, sharing of testimonies from former staff and students who were invited as guests and the celebratory address by the president of the Samoa & Tokelau Mission, Pr Sione Ausage.

The messages shared were uplifting, inspirational and for many, an interesting insight into the history and growth of the Adventist education system. With the theme "We Have Nothing to Fear for the Future", the message of hope and assurance resonated in the hearts of everyone present. The beautiful evening ended with a little feast which everyone enjoyed while the fellowship through sharing continued throughout the evening.

We thank God for the pioneers who paved the way for Adventist education and hold on to the assurance that we have nothing to fear for the future for He will be with us every step of the way. -

Trevor Baelua

NAVESAU CELEBRATE 150TH YEARS WITH BAPTISM

The 4th of June marked as our PTA Sabbath and baptismal celebration, and not a coincidence that the marked of the 150th year of Adventist Education Worldwide falls in this special Sabbath. God is good! In much preparation such as sending invitations to mission teachers, retired teachers and even to Adventist teachers in the nearby schools to be part of this special celebration. Poster was created and shared in social media platform, cake ordered and T-shirts and so forth.

On Friday afternoon the 3rd of June, parents and teachers started arriving and they were billeted in the classrooms. With the theme "We have nothing to fear for the future" - Dr Nemani Tausere former Fiji mission education director delivered a powerful message for vespers to open the celebration. It was just an awesome experience to hear the students and staff of Navesau sang the theme song for the celebration. Students were treated with special dinner afterward by parents from Namosi, Navosa, Nadroga and Navua.



Parent's, students, teachers came to be part of the celebration



Mrs Reapi Lomani retiree

Parents from Colo North, Tavua and Rakiraki provided a special breakfast for our students while the Navesau teachers hosted those who came for the celebration for breakfast as well.

Sabbath school was taken by the teachers where they shared about the history of Adventist Education in the world and around the TPUM region. Mrs Williams of Suva Adventist College, took the time to share about Adventist Education in the Fiji Mission and also challenged those who were in attendance to continue to believe in Adventist Education. She also made a special plea to Adventist teachers to exemplify and live the ideals of a dedicated and committed Adventist educator. By this time, our school dining hall, capable of hosting such events was packed. Some of our teachers from Suva brought tents which they pitched outside to listen from.

The Divine service was very special in the sense that the first, the TPUM Education Director, honored four recently retired teachers with medals as part of the celebration.

Secondly, Pr Nasoni Lutunaliwa, the Fiji Mission President, spoke passionately about his upbringing and training at Naqarawai SDA Primary school, while powerfully sharing a sermon based on the theme for the celebration. Thirdly, Pr Lutunaliwa spoke of the objective of Adventist Education and that is to disciple young people to follow Jesus. What a climax to the celebration of 150 Years of Adventist Education Worldwide to witness 22 young souls following Jesus into the waters of baptism.

The lunch, our agape feast, was prepared by the teachers and parents from Nadi, Lautoka and Ba. The celebration cake was cut and shared as we continue to capture the workings of the Master teacher in the lives of those who have involved themselves one way or another in Adventist Education.

The Adventist Youth program was a time of testimonies and beautiful music as retirees, teachers, parents and students testified and reminisced about the impact of Adventist Education in their lives.



Pr Nasoni the Mission President and his son Junior

The celebration was closed with a short but inspiring thought from Mrs Mere Vaihola, the TPUM Education Director - **Josua Qalobula**

CELEBRATING 150TH YRS THE TONGAN STYLE

The four schools of the Tonga Mission celebrated the 150 years of Adventist Education in their own styles on Friday the 3rd of June.

Mizpah High School in Vava'u marked this important milestone in a special combined service conducted by the School Chaplain and District Director, Pastor Fungavaka. The theme song composed for the event was sung and video clips of the history of Adventist Education were also shown. The program was concluded with a special lunch prepared by the school.

Teachers in cultural costumes - drama



At the same time Beulah Adventist College, Hilliard Memorial School and Beulah Primary School were combined to celebrate this special occasion. It started with a special marching parade for all teachers of the three schools, Mission workers, all Church Ministers and students of Beulah College and was led by Beulah College brass band after three years of not playing. Beulah College Alumni from New Zealand, Australia and the US donated band instruments and arrived just in time to be used for this celebration. The flag was raised by Mr. Tesimale Latu, a former Principal, Education Director and an active advocate of Adventist Education for many years. Theme song composed for the celebration was sung and the history of how Adventist Education was first introduced to the Pacific Islands was showcased by the single female teachers displaying different Pacific Island traditional attires and short history on how the Pitcairn Mission ship brought Adventist Education to their respective islands. The main service was conducted by the Mission President, Pr. Fanueli Mataele with special items from the three schools and the program was ended with a special combined lunch prepared by the teachers - **Fatongia Hopoate**

A MEMORIAL DAY AT SUVAVOU

Suva SDA Primary School in Fiji celebrated the 150th year World Adventist Education with the theme: WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE, on the 3rd of June.

The school were grateful to their special speakers former students of Suvavou Adventist Primary School (Mr Joseva Navara , Bu Kata , Bu Lela) to share their experiences on how Adventist Education has contributed and molded their lives. The chief guest for the day was the former Education Director of the Fiji Mission, Dr Nemani Tausere.



Chief guest Dr Nemani (2nd from left) with guests

Pr Wacegucegu open the occasion with a spiritual thought followed by various year levels prepared items to showcase as part of the celebration. The School provided a token of appreciation to all invitees and the chief Guest. The School would like to thank the Fiji Mission Office for sponsoring the students with Ice Cream.

"I would like to acknowledge all parents, guardians, Friends, Staff and teachers and former students and staff making this day a memorable one for our students." - **Vuli Veikoso (Principal)**

REGONITION OF SERVICE



Pr Titu Rore recieving his Medallion

Around 200 teachers, 12 invited retired teacher/educators, education officers and friends of Adventist education came together at the Maranatha Center on the 4th of June to celebrate the 150th birthday of Adventist education.

The Sabbath was spent feasting upon the experiences of the retired teachers who shared their missionary journeys and highlighting on the theme: 'We Have Nothing To Fear For The Future'. As each man and woman took the stage to share their experiences serving their Lord in different contexts, they were not only leaving deep

impressions and appreciations to the audience, but also, they provided tangible evidence that working for and with their Lord and Savior reduced the gaps to fear for the future.. Titus Rore in giving his keynote message to the attendees highlighted that it was the power of the Holy Spirit that began, grew, and sustained Adventist education in the history of Solomon Islands, and elsewhere. He placed strong emphasis on the point that whilst most of the pioneering teachers and those who followed them had little training, resources, and finance, they were possessor of the Holy Spirit. As a result, they were able to achieve phenomenal results in the service for their Master.

The Sabbath program was closed with the garlanding of all the retired teachers with a small gift of the devotional book- 'I Will Go To My Family'. And was followed by the presentation of the SPD Medallion to Pr. Titus Rore for his outstanding contribution and service in the Adventist education Teaching Ministry. - Joseph Pitakia

DEAR IAA GRADUATES



Iakina Adventist Academy 2021-2022
Will remain with your memories till further dues
You graduated today, June 12, 2022
Congratulations Seniors, you all made it through
Graduated with High honor, Honor or no Honor
Same feeling was witnessed in every corner
You walked your walk with pride
Iakina Adventist Academy will surely miss those eyes
For you have been a part of us every moment of your life
We helped you, you helped us, yes you strive
This chapter of your life is now closed
To open new doors for you to expose
You graduated, you really come far
Fear God in all you do, and accept who you are



Take more milestones of your life
Some have scholarships some can try
Always remember your theme of "HUMILITY"
Take it with you, say it, live it, till Eternity
Thank you for taking this journey with us
Anytime Seniors, we are here with open arms
Glory be to God for you all dear Seniors
Acknowledge our Union, Sponsors, Parents, families and teachers
The presence of our Guests who have made this day more special
Was a dream come true, and you were able
Go your ways, take your chances as I remain
To walk this path always of good and pain.

God bless you all in your future endeavors
Regards from your IAA family, forever. -Fu'a lese

FINALLY

What Makes Inspirational Teachers

1. Teachers who care about their students personally.
2. Good teachers with thorough preparation and confidence.
3. Teachers whose walk with God is seen in their daily lives.
4. Teachers who have a sense of humour and are willing to be human.
5. Teachers who challenge us to think.
6. Teachers who hand work back quickly and are well organised.
7. Teachers how enjoy kids.
8. Teachers who love their subject, their job and show this enthusiasm.
9. Teachers who make do with very little resources but do a great job.
10. Teachers who look for the best in the kids, expect the best and then get great outcomes.



Don't Miss Out

INVITE A FAMILY MEMBER FOR THIS SPECIAL WEEK OF PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Re-opening of Schools after Covid19 lockdown
- Solomon island teachers vaccination issues
- Kiribati increase enrolment impacts on infrastructure
- Adventist Education Week of prayer
- Fulton Adventist University College Practicum students



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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