



CONCH SHELL

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COURAGE TO FOLLOW GOD'S CALLING

God calls us for a purpose. A purpose that directs us to reach out to others and lead them to Him. Matthew 28:19 says, "Go Ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Our church narrows down this purpose so that we focus on our own families, with the theme **"I will go to my family"**. We are urged to reach out to our own families and show them the truth and light.

Our humanity discourages us to think of all impossibilities of accepting the call. We give many reasons why we cannot accept the call. We feel that we are not well equipped, the culture and traditions will not allow us to reach out to our family, and many more excuses comes to mind. This is Satan trying his best in many ways to stop us from saying yes to the invitation.

However, the Bible provides real stories of the people like us that God used in a mighty way to do His will. In the story of Moses, when he was called by God, Moses made excuses and questioned God's calling on his life. At first, he was reluctant to answer God's call, but at the end of his life we see a man with a strong faith and deep trust in God. Even though he did not get the opportunity to enter the Promise Land, he had the joy of following God's calling in his life.

As we read these stories, we gain courage and strength to follow what God has called us to do. The Apostle Paul also reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:7, that God is with us, and His Spirit enable us to do what we cannot do on our own. God calls us to do things that may seem beyond our abilities, however, when we have courage to do it, we gain confidence in God and experience the joy of seeing His power at work.

Remember that God promised us in Matthew 28:20 that He will be always with us until the end of the world. He wants us to step out in faith, trust in Him, and have courage to follow His calling.

Lemani Matui
Principal - Beulah Adventist College (Tonga)

IT'S HARVEST TIME



On the 9th of July, Tenakoga Adventist Community High School in the Solomon Islands held a baptism after their Stewardship Week of prayer with 23 students going through the water of baptism. Four of the students are Non-Adventists who have made a bold decision to follow Jesus. Pr. Sammy Kaipua the Mission Stewardship Director officiated the baptism ceremony. We praise the Lord for the school in molding young lives for eternity.

Tenakoga Adventist High School Baptism



Kopiu Adventist High School Baptism

It has been a challenging year for schools country wide in the Solomon Island. For Kopiu Adventist High School, classes started very late, midway through term one, that is, late June. Despite starting late, straight after the school registrations and resumption of classes, the school enrolled students in Bible study class. The initial class started with 14 students. After spending about one month of studies (3 days of study per week), the school organized it's first Spiritual Emphasis Week (17th – 23rd July). Nightly meetings, on "God's Present Truth for Today" Reading. And with the help of the teachers, taking morning readings, "The Three Angels' call to Pray." During the final night an appeal was made and decision cards were given out to all students. Apart from those who have indicated their decisions for recommitment, prayer and Bible study; twelve students indicated in their decision cards that they would like to give their lives to Jesus and be baptized.

Since we do not have an ordained pastor in our district the school have to wait for another two weeks before the Mission President Pr. Silent Tovosia and Sub-office Director Pr. Peter Daniel arrived on campus to baptize our Students. On the 6th of August, twelve students were baptized. Seven gentlemen and five ladies. One of the five girls was from the United Church. The school chaplain, Jason Gulea states "I praise God for her bold decision to be part of God's Remnant Church. Despite the fact that we started our academic year very late, we are still able by His grace to achieve our two baptisms per year quinquennial objective (2nd Baptism will be on November 26th) and I have the confidence we will reach our goal of 30 baptized per year."- **Jason Gulea**



Suva Adventist Primary School in Fiji, after the school week of prayer the Year 7 and 8 had a Bible study for 2 months. Pr Patrick conducted the Bible study. There are 120 students in Year 7 and Year 8. We praise the Lord for 21 souls made the decision to be baptised on the 6th of August, 2 of them were from Methodist background.

students as they prepare to go into the water of baptism



L-R: Pr Leone, 2 Non-Adventist Students, Teacher, Pr Pate and Mr Sakesi

As the end of the third week (end of Education Week) 11 students and 1 Non-Adventist teacher gave their lives to the Lord and followed Jesus into the water of baptism, on the 20th of August. Two (2) out of the 11 students were Non-Adventist students. "We praise the Lord for this great harvest and a time where we can spent to see His Holy Spirit moving in our school. 40% of the school population (students' body) are non-Adventist but God allows the 3 weeks bible study and the Adventist Education week messages to pass through our school for souls to be saved for His Kingdom." According to the school principal Mr Sakeasi.

The school would like you to pray for the Non-Adventist students who have accepted the truth but was stopped by their parents for baptism. The school would like to express their thank you to Pr Pate Lobau for his time and commitment during this 3 weeks of Spiritual Emphasis.

Indeed a blessed Sabbath where the school and the community celebrated the 150 years of Adventist Education and the closing of the Adventist Education Prayer week. - [Sakeasi Nakau](#)

Naqaqa Adventist Primary School in Fiji, runs a 3 weeks Bible study and a prayer week part of the school discipleship program.

Teachers prayed for this plan because this would be the best time where, the school can go deep into the Bible with the Non-Adventist teacher and Non-Adventist students.



Mr. Waisea Rabukawaqa (age 25) our year 7 teacher with the very strong Methodist background followed Jesus into the water of Baptism

The HARVEST is plentiful

BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW - LUKE 10:2

SOLOMON ISLAND SCHOOL VISITS

More than 40 school leaders (for Guadalcanal province) turned up for the 2 days training, conducted on the 1st to the 2nd of August at the Maranatha Hall, Honiara, Solomon Island. It was just timing for such training to roll out the Quality Adventist School Framework after months of lockdown. There were other important topics presented such as finance by former Mission CFO Teddy Kinsley for school leaders to be accountable and transparency. The 2021 exam results analysis by the Western Province Associate Education Director Andriane Kele and aligning it with the QASF was very good.



School leaders during the training - group discussion

Joseph Pitakia the Associate Education Director also rolled out the growth and support program (induction for new teachers).

On arrival Sunday 31st we had the opportunity to talk to the Betikama Adventist High School students for their evening worship and later to their staff. Such a blessing to be among such vibrant students.

On the 3rd to the 5th of August the SIM Education Team and the TPUM Education team visited some schools in the Guadalcanal provinces. From Tenakoga Adventist Community High School, to Tau Adventist Community School, to Bebala Adventist Primary School and to Luluga Adventist Primary School. The team continued to Palm Drive Adventist Primary School, Naha Adventist Primary School, Aurologo Adventist Community School, Kukum Valley Adventist High School and Primary School and Burns Creek Adventist High School and Primary School.

Despite the remote locations for most of these schools, teachers continue to reveal Jesus to the best they can. The opportunity to thank them for their work and pray for them was a real joy. For most schools this is the first time ever we had visits from SIM and TPUM Education Team combined.

Thus, the visit was greatly appreciated by the school and the community.

On Sabbath the Education team, visited two local churches for AY first at Kukum Church and Burns Creek Church to promote Adventist Education. The opportunity to connect school and the church was important as we work hand in hand to support our children's education.

The SIM and TPUM Education department would like to express their sincere appreciation to all the schools visited and the great work. We wish you much of God's blessings as you continue to strive for a vibrant Adventist movement living our hope in Jesus and transforming the Pacific.

Special Character clearly demonstrated at Burns Creek Primary School



Tenakoga students looking neat and tidy



Traditional Guadalcanal Welcome by Aurologo students



ADVENTIST EDUCATION WEEK



Class 6 with their special items

A feedback from one of the parents "I have learned a lot from Mr Joseph Pitakia's presentation so as the pastors. I wish we have more of such programs to keep our spiritual life intact." And from the students one states "I loved listening to the Bible characters and how the presentations were presented. Thanks to the authors of the readings." Overall, the students, parents and staff were excited to attend every night despite the height of the viral flu. God has promised us, when two or three are gathered in His name He will be there. Matt 18:20 . - [Ellery Ri-imana Aengari](#)

On the 31st of July, Kauma Adventist High School in Kiribati received handing over the ownership of 20 laptops, networking computers, a Visat for their Wi-Fi and 3 access points by the Communications Commission of Kiribati. Over one year, CCK not only paid their bandwidth which allowed Kauma to make some money by selling its data vouchers to the students and members of the public, but also monitored and did necessary troubleshooting of connectivity issues. "We are grateful to CCK for the gift. We can now do our research like those students in the urban schools. We no longer feel disadvantaged in this regard by being on an outer island", the Form 7 students reported.



KAUMA NEW COMPUTERS



CCK officials chartered a flight especially for this handing over ceremony. The school did a lot of preparation to show their deep gratitude for this access to technology. Something that has always been a dream. Even the principal Mr Tekemau, rendered a touching special item which was icing on the cake. "We are forever grateful to CCK for this timely project. We certainly praise the Lord for this beyond-our-means blessing", acting Education Director. However, the school still needs more computers to cater for the increasing number of students.

. - [Tekeinang Morimai](#)

SAMOA ACCREDITATION



David McClintock and senior students

The South Pacific Education Director David McClintock had the privileged to visit Samoa Adventist School during the week of August 16 – 23, 2022. "It was a wonderful experience and I came away with a sense that God has put the right leadership team at the school for just this time," states David.

He continues "It was pleasing to be here during Adventist Education Week and see the very intentional focus by the school in conjunction with the Chaplain and the Assistant Chaplain in running meetings first up in the day with the student groups.

It was noted that in Samoa Adventist School has a rich multi-cultural nature of the staff. They have two teachers from Papua New Guinea, one from Fiji, one from Tuvalu, one from Solomon –Kiribati, one from Solomon-Fiji. The cultural richness was appreciated by both staff and students, and clearly by the Board. Mr Baelua, from PNG, is a great example – and a teacher who has now been at Samoa Adventist School for more than a decade.

On Sabbath (Sunday in Samoa) there was a dedication Service which was for the Year 8, 12 and 13 students and parents. Three broader community students shared testimonies of why they enjoyed being at SAS. One was from a Pentecostal background, one from the London Missionary Society faith and one from the Methodist Church. All spoke highly of their experience here and the deepening of their faith journey because of being here. There were probably 230 all up in the congregation with most of the parents being from the broader community. A wonderful day. Mr McClintock also had AYs which was appreciated as he shared the impact of COVID on the global church and then our Division.



David McClintock with some teachers

Monday was a visit to Siufaga Adventist Primary School. A 4 am start for the ferry etc. Start the day with staff worship, two PD sessions on Adventist Ethos and Multiple Intelligences – Christian Discipline. David was very graciously hosted. While it was a long day – it was very productive. And Then Tuesday the honoring of various teachers for a variety of things. Best room displays for showing Adventist Ethos, most faithful in handing in their daily workbooks, best programs or schemes of work, best classrooms across the primary and the high school groups etc. There were a good group of teachers who were given certificates and awards. Workshops on Multiple Intelligences and Christian Discipline conducted afterward and topics appeared to be timely and we had good discussion afterwards as well.

"I leave feeling incredibly blessed to have enjoyed a week here in Samoa and been incredibly graciously hosted. Adventist Education is in good hands and the sense of commitment and dedication is alive and strong," states David.

The Accreditation program for Samoa Adventist College went very well and after the three day official visit for that, and talking with students and staff – we were delighted to be able to share with the officers, Board members and staff who came to the Friday night banquet that they had achieved the wonderful milestone of receiving the full five year term. A credit to the team and administration.

- David McClintock

150TH YEARS OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION



The Fiji Mission continue to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Adventist Education on the 19th of August by organising a short march from Tikaram Park in Lami to the mission compound in Suvavou. Students from Navesau Adventist High School, Suva Adventist College and Suva Adventist Primary School with department leaders and church leaders took part in the march. TPUM president Pr Maveni Kaufonoga was the guest at the celebration which was held at the Fiji Mission Conference Centre in Suvavou.

VANUATU MISSION




The Vanuatu missions begins the Adventist Education Week with a march through Port Vila to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Adventist Education on the 12th of August. All 5 schools on Efate Island staff and students, parents, mission and ADRA staff, leaders of other denominations, national and local government official joined the celebrations. It was said more than 3000 people participated in such historic march, to mark such milestone.

On Sabbath the 13th the beginning of the Adventist Education Week with a special program emphasized on how God leads his people through the ages. Also, retiree who have served in the schools were honored with a Certificate and a Medal of Recognition for their endless service toward Adventist Education.

According to the Mission President Pr Charlie Jimmy "we had big impact of 150 years in Port Vila, Santo, Malekula. Start Friday and whole of Sabbath."



Ellen G. White



We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.

FINALLY

PSALMS 37:4

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give the desires of your heart."

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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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Schools 2023 Staffing
- Schools harvesting programs
- Up-coming preparation for National Examinations
- Vaccination issues in the Solomon Islands
- Non-Adventist Teachers and Students in schools
- Navesau, Vatuvonu and Kauma Schools

