

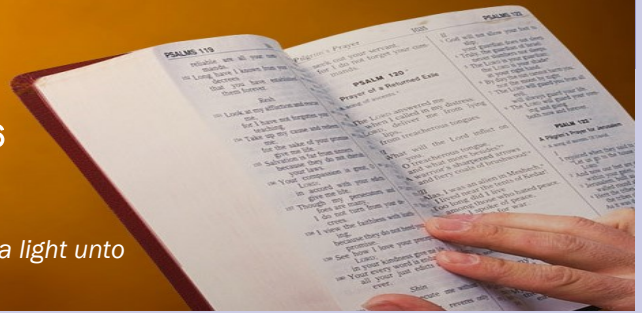
FAITH SEED NEWSLETTER

Scripture Union's Partnership Update: APRIL-MAY 2016



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Psalms 119: 105—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path



Editorial: Dealing with loss, celebrating life



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This month, we celebrated the homecoming of a dear family member. When the news of her passing was received, we had two options, to grieve and mourn or to celebrate her life. The family choose the celebration option and her homecoming was a reflection of that. When Job was confronted with his situation of loss, his first act was one of worship, as he rendered his clothes, and exclaimed, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes, His name be praised. (Job 1:21) I marvel at Job's faith particularly the way he responds to loss. We all have to deal with loss, pain or heartbreak at some point in our lives. And yet it is in these Crossroad that we "faith-people" find our greatest comfort and hope in the Word and by the very presence of God's Spirit. Life reminds us that it will end someday. For the living, the onus then is to celebrate life, make time for family and friends, call up a family member for coffee, or take time to sit with a friend and laugh. We often get consumed by the mundane, and life's busyness, that we often forget to truly live our lives. There is more to life than the usual rhetoric and at Scripture Union, our young people discover that every day with the visit to remote schools like Waidina (below) or to distant schools (see Vanua Levu (6) and West school (5) visit stories) or in small fellowships. There is much joy in seeing lives so young find hope, purpose and meaning through Christ and the miracles in seeing lives restored when people discover their worth and identity, are just part of the reasons, we serve at Scripture Union and part of the reason we celebrate life at that too. This newsletter captures how we do and celebrate life in our little corner at Nabua and how in so many ways, through the power of God, we are reaching out to the nation, impacting our future, by changing the present with the Word of God. Be blessed as you browse these pages ...

Special points of interest:

- Past Newsletters and Information of SU, visit us on <http://scriptureunionfiji.weebly.com/>
- To volunteer with SU through one of its programs, don't hesitate to talk to us.
- To be a Financial Partner with SU, see back of this newsletter for details. Plant a seed into this good harvest field.

Students at Waidina receive free Bibles

The journey to Waidina Secondary is an exciting one for our SU Team, not just because of the experiences of the terrains but because of the passion of the students for their SUIIS Fellowship. At their last visit, the National Director and his team shared with the students, taught worship and also distributed free Bibles to the excited students who not only treasured but appreciated their gifts. SU continues to visit remote and previously unreached schools with encouragement, fellowship and the Word. Prayerfully consider partnering with us today on this adventure in schools. See Page 14 for Partnership details.



Our people serving with Scripture Union

Scripture Union Strategic Planning: Planning for the Future

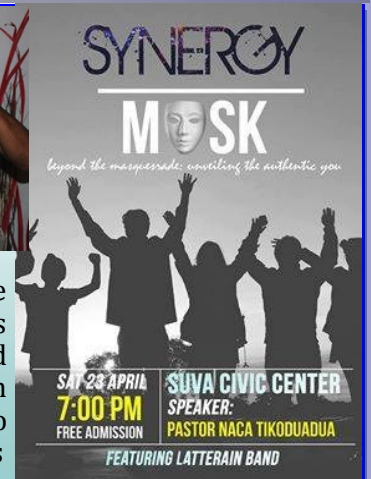
Scripture Union Fiji planned a strategic planning day in Suva and brought together Council Members, trustees, and volunteers (both the Suva and Western Team). The planning day started with a Word of encouragement shared by Council member, Mst. Mika on the importance of our Great Commission as well as being part of the BIBTBO (Break In, Break Through and Break Out—Annual Camp 2015 Theme) generation. Key discussions for the day included, looking at SU’s legal responsibilities as a ministry and the importance of understanding our current environment of serving with children and young people. Other discussions included looking at opportunities to finance and resource the work of SU going forward and as we prayerfully consider SU’s future work. The ND then led the discussions around formulating a vision for the next 5 years and how to build on the work of SU from the present. Vice Chairman, Romulo in sharing about the financial position of the ministry, challenged the leaders to be daring in where we see the work of SU progressing. SU was challenged to conceive the impossible and step out in faith to achieve it. God has blessed SU over the years despite our



financial challenges and resource constraints, but breakthroughs are happening today and we at SU need to be alert to move when God wants us to move the ministry forward. We recognized that SU should not just be another ministry, but can be a voice of authority for young people as well as being positioned to address social issues from a biblical and moral perspective. It was a very productive day for Team SU as we strategize for our mission work this year and beyond. It is an exciting season.

National Director speaks at Synergy Fellowship

Synergy is a youth worship event held bi-monthly in Suva. An event organised by young Christian leaders from various churches, attracts a crowd of young people, many of whom have given their lives to the Lord at this fellowship event. In April, the National Director was the guest speaker at the *Mask* theme event and as he encouraged the audience that night, many were again drawn by the power of the Word of God to make a commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Scripture Union Fiji is a supporter of the Synergy initiative and is blessed with the talents and obedience of the young leaders that organise the event to keep it relevant and a crowd attraction for many young people including our own at Scripture Union Fiji. Prayerfully consider supporting the *Synergy Project* as you plant a seed into eternity for the young people of this nation. To do so, do not hesitate to contact us



Our people serving with Scripture Union

Yat Sen Secondary School SUIs and Jai Narayan College SUIs holds a first

Suva schools, Jai Narayan College and Yat Sen Secondary School held one of the first combined SUIs fellowship of any two schools recently. Organized by the SUIs teachers of both schools, this combine fellowship provided an opportunity for students to encourage one another through testimonies, worship and fellowship. Speaker at the fellowship themed *Dare to be Different* was Pastor Apenisa Ralulu who is part of our leadership team in the Western Division. It was a great time of en-



couragement for both the students and teachers present at this fellowship. SUIs Teacher for Yat Sen Secondary Mrs Melania Mataitini shared that, *“the combine Rally with Jai Narayan was the first one to be held between the two schools. It had a good turnout as there were more than 100 students that attended the rally. The Guest Speaker was Pastor Tululu and he spoke on the story of Esther in the Bible. The students were blessed with a powerful message from a great man of God.”* Fellowships like this are important in building friendship and tolerance while encouraging students in their spiritual journey. It also celebrates leadership and builds students confidence as they minister in expressive items or in sharing an encouragement. John Wesley said *“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”* SU Fiji continues to encourage SUIs groups through visitations and welcome other schools from taking similar initiatives to have combined fellowships together as Yat Sen and Jai Narayan have started last month.

We host our regional coordinator, Brother Sam Emery

This month, Scripture Union hosted our SU Pacific Regional Coordinator, Bro Sam who returned from visiting SU Tonga. In his Pacific travels, Sam uses the opportunity to share and encourage Pacific movements in their ministry opportunities. The current Pacific SU movements apart from those in Australia and New Zealand are in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tonga and PNG. Each movement is independent of each other and are part of the global SU movement. SU started in London in 1867 and opened doors in Fiji in 1962. Through its ministries (Bible based and SU events like camps, rallies etc) many Fijians have come to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The SU Council hosted a dinner for our Regional Coordinator as we shared and enjoyed hearing what God is doing in the Pacific and globally.



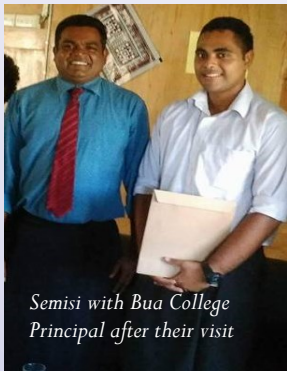
Sam with Council member Nancy Loaloa and Nau at his farewell dinner

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, Col 3:23

Snippets of our work these two months

Schools ministry continues as SU fellowships with students in schools

The term 1 school program was disrupted by Cyclone Winston that also left many schools damaged and affected many students. However till the end of the school term, Scripture Union continued its schools ministry and fellowshiped and encouraged many students who are part of their schools SUIS group. Here we journey through some of the schools that are visited by our Team. To support our schools ministry financially and prayerfully, please contact us at the SU office. [Contact Details on Page 13]



Semisi with Bua College Principal after their visit



Volunteers visit and are part of the Suva Grammar SUIS fellowship.



ND and Team visit and join Waidina Secondary School to hold SUIS with their group.



Asena after the team visit to Nasavusavu Secondary



ND with Semisi and Principal of Tabia Sanatan College in Labasa. She agreed to launch their SUIS here at their school porch



ND with Semisi and Sireli visit Navatu Secondary School (Vanua Levu) to launch their SUIS group. Below ND and Team with Principal and staff of Nabala High School in Vanua Levu



At Seaqqa Secondary School



AoG holds a whose school program with SU Fiji

The SU team of Suva based volunteers responded to the invitation of the Principal of Assemblies of God High School in Kinoya to lead the schools fellowship program at the school before the term one holidays. The Volunteers ministered through items, testimonies and challenged students with the Word of God. Despite the rainy weather, the whole school program was a great opportunity to minister and encourage students as they prepared for their one week school holidays. Scripture Union conducts these weekly school visits from funds blessed to the ministry by friends of the ministry. To support our schools ministry program, please contact us today. Your seed of faith, is someone's harvest of eternity. Blessings



Snippets of our work these past two months

Reflections on the work of Scripture Union in the west...

Acts 17:28 - For in Him (Jesus Christ) we (you & I) live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. I live because Jesus lives, I move and have my being because I find my true identity in Him alone.



That makes me who I am and not what other labels have been branded on me. Amen!! Indeed an honour and a blessing to be part of this Scripture Union in Schools (SUIS) family, for the past 16 years, where I have been groomed with the Word of God and to seek Him more in my life. I can say that I am a fruit of sowing by many leaders

who have come through SUIS. The seed which was and had been planted in my spiritual womb for the passion for Christ is still burning in me. No matter how many times the deceiver of the world tries to suppress the seed, the passion, and the vision, my spirit is triggered to stand, pray and fast and reach out more whether it is to a few young people or to an elderly woman, I am inspired to reach out more with the love and message of Jesus Christ. I believe God still moves and does wonders.

Leading the team here in the Western division is a privilege. Its not easy but with Gods Word and Promises "I can" do it, plus a bonus to me are the mighty teachers and prophets in the Word standing beside me. Without the SUIS western leaders, our mission and service would not be proactive and productive. I salute each and every individual leaders here in the West. Our area of service in the West stretches from Nasikawa Vision College in Sigatoka all the way to Ra High School. We organise weekly and/or fortnightly visits from the western leaders to these schools. We praise God for the leaders before us who have left a great legacy in schools through CF and which has made it easier for us to come into schools and minister to the students.

In Term one, we reached out to a total of 15 schools. And throughout the term these SUIS groups have been led by their teachers in charge and SUIS members. Our volunteers ensure that we are part of the weekly SUIS programs. Sometimes we are also invited to be part of the schools other activities and



programmes including prefects induction, leadership training, Easter Week etc. It is exciting to witness students stand on the promises of the Word and are passionate about their faith. Term two will be an exciting term as we plan other schools visitation and to share the Word of God. We are also planning for a term two camp and to equip young leaders in the Word. All in all, despite the natural disasters and happenings, "Every Praise is to our God. For surely He is mighty to save". Also I would like to thank our faithful Seed Partners who support our Western work so that the Word of God can delivered and to assist the volunteers who toil and passionately serve God in this calling.

They have been Blessed with the SUIS ministry and have seen the fruits of their investments. And the leaders are calling forth and declaring for visions to be established this year, new office, new equipment's, new uniforms etc. These are all part of our prayer strategy as we aim to strengthen the work of the Lord through Scripture Union in the West. As we truly stand to receive corporately the portions for this year in the West. Thanking God!! And His Kingdom be fulfilled on earth through the vessels available for Him. Praise be to God.

Western Coordinator: Sister Naomi Vakawaci



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Snippets of our work these past two months

Launching Scripture Union's Northern mission

On 6 May, National Director, Naca and volunteers Asena and Sireli joined SU Coordinator for the North, Semisi Navuda on a ferry ride to Vanua Levu to launch SU's northern work. The work of SU in the north has struggled for many years



Semisi, Sireli and Asena on the ferry to Vanua Levu

due to both resource constraints as well as not having dedicated personnel to commit to the work of schools ministry. The office recently ap-

pointed Semisi Navuda a young volunteer who used to serve in Suva but currently studies at USP's Labasa campus to coordinate our northern work. Semisi has accepted the challenge and together with a team of young leaders will be conducting schools ministry and other SU activities in this division. The challenges to move the work in the North continues but SU North was finally launched with much celebration and worship. National Director, shared that, *"The enemy knows we are growing and going so he's going to do whatever he can to sabotage or discredit what God wants to do in and through SU Fiji. But the devil is a liar and we are on fire. Having said that...SU North was officially launched tonight at a combined youth rally at Evangel Temple in Naodamu in Labasa. The rally was attended by students from FNU, USP, Sangam Nursing and a couple of other youth groups who ministered through song and dance then SU was given an opportunity to share on our work, our vision and plans for the north. Please continue to pray for our work in the north and to support our Northern work, please contact SU office.*



National Director and Northern Coordinator, Semisi Navuda pose with the Principal and SUIIS Coordinator Ms Vunivesi of Lekutu Secondary School



Mission team with the Principal of Armadiya Muslim Secondary School. Another door flung wide open for SUIIS reports the National Director



Volunteers Asena and Isireli at Dreketi College. Following this visit, Dreketi confirmed will be holding their first SUIIS fellowship



Pray for Semisi, Paul, Freddie, Buna, William, Manoa and Pon. Semisi has this group of dynamic young people beside him and with God, there's going to be fire in this parts...



ND and team at Saint Bedes in Labasa

"God did not make a mistake when He chose you to bear Christ's name at this hinge of history. He knew exactly whom He wanted to carry the light of the gospel in the twenty-first century. He wanted you."
 — David Shibley, *The Missions Addiction*

Snippets of our work these two months

YouthNited 2016; Giving life choices for young people at the Crossroads

With the theme **Crossroads**, YouthNited is one of SU's annual events that is organized and run by our volunteers. Held on the margins of the Coke Games which is dubbed the "biggest athletics completion of the Pacific", this year's YouthNited was hailed a success not just organizationally but in seeing young people making life choices to choose Jesus as Lord and Savior. In an atmosphere that is rival, alcohol and drugs free, the event is staged to provide students and families with an opportunity to fellowship and celebrate God as opposed to loitering and partying; often synonymous with the after-game functions. The theme *Crossroads* provided the opportunity to share with young people who are at the crossroads of their lives and who may be challenged and confronted with many choices to consider freedom and life in Christ. The Volunteers prayed, fasted and staged an extravaganza that brought many lives that were at the *Crossroad* to the foot of the cross for their freedom and salvation. It was a divine appointed program and for many that was saved that night, this is but the beginning of their testimonies while for the SU Team, it was a night of celebration.

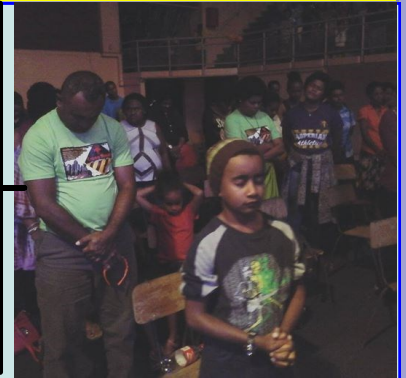


There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer. ~ A.T. Pierson

YouthNited: A night of celebration as people made their choices ...

It was a night of celebration as many young people made their choices to follow Jesus. Schools combined into their different zones (Central/Suva; Tailevu, Nausori, West and North) and ministered through items and action songs. The night of rivalry was replaced by the powerful sharing and ministering through the powerful action songs and the Word as young people ministered through the Hope they have in Christ. The presence of the Lord also touched many lives we celebrated His faithfulness and goodness at the *Crossroads*.

This was the highlight of my return to Suva..... my son Isaiah Jedidiah making a recommitment to Christ at the YouthNited program after the Coca Cola games. Praise the Lord!! Pst Pati Leqa



Responding to altar call



*"As long as you do things for God, you are a Hall of Famer in heaven's list."
— Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here for?*

YouthNited Behind the Scenes : the sacrifices, passion and commitment



While many people came and enjoyed a powerful night of ministry at the YouthNited 2016, there were committed and passionate volunteers who spent their free time, planning, fundraising and sacrificing to make the YouthNited the night it was for those in attendance. Most of the volunteers sacrificed their nights (some staying up all night cleaning and decorating the room), their time to watch the Coke Games and other personal commitments to practice, teach students in their zones items as well as plan the YouthNited. We are grateful to the Lord for the lives of our volunteers.

"If there is no passionate love for Christ at the centre of everything, we will only jingle and jangle our way across the world, merely making a noise as we go: William Wilberforce

A Word; by the National Director , Mr. Nacanieli Tikoduadua

Unmasking a Masked Generation

We are a generation that has mastered the art of faking and masking. Instead of fixing the root cause of our emptiness, insecurities and character flaws, we waste our time masking ourselves and covering up.



We eat sumptuously to mask our spiritual hunger.

We look successful on the outside, but internally drowning in the cesspool of spiritual failure.

We look happy externally, but stressed and depressed internally.

We wear fake smiles while our hearts are smouldering in real hate.

We have hundreds of friends on Facebook to mask our loneliness in real life.

We fly high externally, but drowning low internally.

We drive nice cars with expensive turn by turn navigation systems to cover up for the loss of our spiritual compass. We're spiritually immobile and directionless.

We wear designer labels in an attempt to cover up our spiritual nakedness.

We have fake hair, fake nails, fake profiles pictures but a real desperately wicked heart.

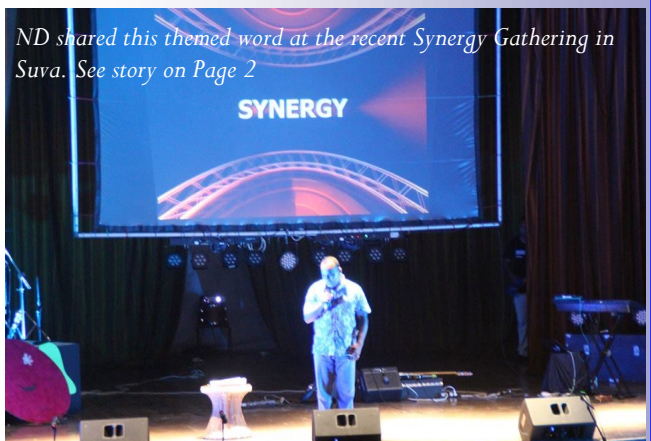
Do not be deceived. Designer labels cannot cover spiritual nakedness. Delicious meals cannot satisfy spiritual hunger. Expensive perfumes cannot cover up stinking attitudes. Jesus said...

"Woe to you, experts in the law and you Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like white-washed tombs that look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of the bones of the dead and of everything unclean." (Matthew 23:27) .

How long shall you fake and mask? If you're tired, Jesus says... "Come to me you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) .

Its time to unmask and it should start with us.

Today, right now, pray, "Lord, come into my heart and change me from within."



"If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose." T.D. Jakes

Following the news...Being His voice, hand and feet

Browsing through our traditional media can often be disheartening when we read of the daily crime stories or another death on the roads or loss through fire, natural disasters and the likes. And yet we also read of stories that inspire, encourage and bless our hearts. Our recent activities on YouthNited (Pages 7-9) was one of those stories that was captured by our two main newspapers Fiji Sun and Fiji Times. In following the news, we acknowledge that often these stories remind us that we are still the voices of hope and promises to a world that is often spiralling out of control around us. In a recent news piece, one of SU's volunteer Broderick Mervyn who was also in 2015, the Youth Prime Minister in a youth parliament hosted by the Speaker of Parliament and donors, was invited as a guest speaker at the recent 117th Principal's Conference held in Suva. Broderick delivered powerfully on the importance of critical thinking to the heads of school gathered at this meeting, *"For what it is worth, education can make a massive difference in the lives of people in Fiji. It offers families an opportunity to get a foot out of poverty for starters and ensures the remov-*

Critical thinking key to changing workforce

Losalini Bolatagici
Saturday, May 21, 2016

STUDENTS need critical thinking and problem-solving skills not just to solve the problems of their jobs but to meet the challenges of adapting to the constantly changing workforce.

Those were the views of University of the South Pacific student Broderick Mervyn who was one of the speakers at the 117th Fiji Principals Association conference speaking on the role of educators in the country.



Broderick Mervyn at the Principals' Conference

al of shackles that bind many families to a life of misery and misfortune" he emphasized. Broderick further reminded Principals that, "if today's students want to strive in this global society, they must be proficient communicators, they must be creators, critical thinkers, and collaborators – "the Four Cs". In his bold thesis, he further argues that, Global warming, immigration reform, pandemic diseases, and financial meltdowns are just a few of the issues today's students will be called upon to address. Broderick's presentation was reported by the Fiji Times in its Saturday May 21 edition. Scripture Union's mission is not just about equipping students and young leaders spiritually but empowering them to contribute to national conversations on issues that affect them and the national generally. Recently our young leaders have attended national focus issues including the Speakers debate on (violence against women etc.) and workshops on corruption and good governance and continue to confront social issues including teenage pregnancy, drugs and alcohol issues etc. in their own little groupings, In empowering our young leaders, building their confidence and harnessing their leadership skills, we recognize that they are conduits of change as they take these spaces and affirm their convictions. Broderick and his fellows leaders continue to engage in these spaces as they recognize that they are Christ voice, His hands and feet to a community that is otherwise lost without Him. We thank God for our young leaders like Broderick and continue to pray for them in their endeavors....SU continues to invest in the lives of our young leaders as they are positioned for such a time as this

Youthnited Promises To Be More Than Just Fun And Dance



Taking a photo break before resuming practice

April 29 12:57 2016

by Roneel Karthik, SUVA

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Organised by the Scripture Union Fiji. Youthnited is a platform where youths around the

Fiji Sun (April 29): <http://fijisun.com.fj/2016/04/29/youthnited-promises-to-be-more-than-just-fun-and-dance/>

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Drugs, alcohol, rivalry free night for youths

CHARLENE LANYON
Saturday, April 30, 2016

Update: 3:38PM YOUTHS from the Suva area will be able to be part of a night of fun, dance, song and fellowship at the Youthnited event at the FMF Gym tonight.

The annual event organised by the Scripture Union Fiji provides a platform where youths from around the country witness God's active movement in their lives. Scripture Union national director Nacanieli Tikoduadua said the event would be free from drugs, alcohol and rivalry between schools.

"Crossroads being the theme of this year will empower youths to choose what roads to take when they are faced with the eye catching bright lights and colourful temptations that they face in their everyday lives," he said.

"These years event hopes to awaken the young people, today's leaders of Fiji, to rise and follow Christ."

Fiji Times; April 30 <http://www.fjitemtimes.com/story.aspx?id=351918>

Churches Provide Options For Students



Youth Group performance at Scripture Union Fiji at FMF Gymnasium on Saturday Photo: Ashna Kumar

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Some youths preferred to attend a Christian event at the FMF National Gymnasium after

Fiji Sun (May 2) <http://fijisun.com.fj/2016/05/02/churches-provide-options-for-students/>

"We need to admit the mind into Christian Fellowship again. We need the mind disciplined in Christ, enlightened by faith, passionate for God and His creation, to be let loose in the world." J P Moreland

April and May in pictures



Taveuni SUIS group visits the **NYD** at the office



SWG Team at AOG High School Fellowship. Pg 4



Volunteers Olivia, John and Joe attend SUIS at SGS



Volunteers Olivia, Broderick and Talei chats with the Police Commissioner after attending the Speakers debate on Domestic Violence in Suva.



Volunteers unite and pray together before the YouthNited in Suva. See page for the story



North team Asena and Semisi with their week supplies during the North mission . See Pg. 6



Super Jack after the combine SUIS Fellowship between YSS and JNC. See pg 3 for more.



Volunteers with Fijian Parliamentary Speaker in Suva



SWG Volunteers celebrates God's faithfulness at the SU

"The family should be a closely knit group. The home should be a self-contained shelter of security; a kind of school where life's basic lessons are taught; and a kind of church where God is honoured; a place where wholesome recreation and simple pleasures are enjoyed." ~ **Billy Graham**

Where was God when Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston Hit Fiji

And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."... Mark 2:3-5

When Rev. Dr Jerusha Neal at Davuilevu Methodist Theological College in Nausori was teaching the week after the cyclone, she chose the above text. The students were angry. Why did the men destroy someone's house by making a hole in the roof? What about the dirt coming down on people below. Why didn't Jesus make way for the man to come? Where was Jesus when the roof was being ripped off? These frantic questions had an undercurrent of despair. Where was Jesus when STC Winston tore the guts out of Fiji villages? Well, just like in the Bible story – **Jesus was there**. He was right in the midst of the action. It is hard to take in the utter devastation that has been wrought by Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston reported to be the worst cyclone to ever make landfall in the Southern Hemisphere and the second most severe ever recorded. Whole villages are destroyed with not a single home left standing. About 50,000 people are still homeless. Residences, businesses, powerlines, farms, schools are destroyed and many beyond repair. While there is a mammoth effort underway to repair and rebuild, the damage is so extensive and widespread it is going take a long time. Fijian people are very resilient and they are also very spiritually aware. Many are interpreting these events as either judgement or trial. Those who recognise they have wandered away from the faith, returned to idol worship, or just forgotten the God who loves them are repentant, seeking to return to God, to rebuild their lives.



Some villages we visited 12 months ago for an evangelistic rally, at that time made a covenant to turn from their idols, burn their witchcraft items, and return to Jesus. Within one year they returned to their previous ways. Now they are asking: Where was God when the cyclone struck?...and answering their own question... we know He was here with us, and he allowed our village to be destroyed, but amazingly with very little loss of life. They are now very open to the Gospel – the good news of God's love, His forgiveness and grace. They have hearts ready to Praise the God who protected their families and who is bringing much needed help.



Debris from the Bayly Pri-

When we visited the area last year we stayed with Pastor Tomasi and his wife Sesarina about six kilometres from Rakiraki. He is the Manager of the Bayly Primary school and lives in a house nearby. The school and his home were destroyed in the cyclone and it was sad to see the place we had slept, with no roof and covered in mud. Thankfully a team of Volunteer Firemen from New Zealand are working hard to replace the roof on the primary school. Pastor Tomasi's home is being repaired by a team from Capenwray Bible School in New Zealand. Using funds generously donated by friends in Australia we have made three visits to Pastor Tomasi, with my car laden with food and hygiene supplies. Accompanied by Mstr Mika [Principal, Basden College] and our school chaplain, Rev Mereti, we travelled the three hours on both Saturday and Sunday, one week after the cyclone and then I returned the next Saturday with some Australian friends. Both Mstr Mika and I are on the Council of Scripture Union Fiji.

Pastor Tomasi is using the tent next to his home as a storage area from which he can take the donated goods to the surrounding area where there are many widows and single mums struggling with their subsistence farms destroyed. They have been missed by the relief agencies because they are on single farms. We are so happy to partner with Pastor Tomasi and Sesarina in this vital work. Thank you so much for your donations. We thank and Praise God for all He is doing to restore Fiji. Please keep us in your prayers, as we await another cyclone bearing down on the already flooded areas of Nadi and Rakiraki. Pray for us as we follow-up on opportunities to share God's love with those whose lives have been severely challenged by recent events. *By Teri Kempe; Council Secretary*

***There is never a moment when God is not in control.
Relax! He's got you covered. Mandy Hale***



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Prayer Wall

- Our Ministry in schools in 2016 especially with SUIS and SUPA club
- Volunteers and Leaders including Council Members, Trustees, SWGs and our work in schools in 2016
- SU movements regionally and globally.
- Pray for our teachers and students as they begin the new school year.
- SU Staffs for wisdom and leadership as we extend our ministries in 2016
- Finances for 2016 to support our ministry endeavours
- Pray for one another.

News Board

- We have now launched our work in the North this month.
- SU is in the process of amending its current constitution.
- First teachers rally for the Term will be held at ACS on Friday 27 May.
- SWG Bible Study held every Wednesday at 7pm at the SU office.
- SU is amending its Constitution and welcomes submissions from its stakeholders. A copy is available with our Legal Adviser, Ms Laurel Vaurasi.
- Schools ministry and visitations have continued.

Partner with Scripture Union Fiji's vision for schools and families

The work of Scripture Union is privately funded by those who prayerfully consider giving to support our work in student ministries. Unlike the church or organisations whose funding is from established sources, SU has to rely on the good will of friends to be able to meet its financial obligations such as paying rent, bills, programs such as rallies, camps, schools visitation and a range of activities to encourage our children in schools on a monthly basis. Every year the cost of student

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ministry increases and so are the challenges and struggles that young people are dealing with. The pressure to raise children who know God through the Bible is not complete without introducing young people to the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour. This is our work as Scripture Union and despite the many financial challenges over the years, we have held onto this important part of our work by going into schools to minister and inspire young people to make right choices about their lives.

"I believe that the few dollars I put into the work of SU may not be much, but I am inspired to know that this investment will change a life and that for me is an eternal investment worth making." To see lives change is a blessing. Scripture Union is in the forefront of impacting the next generation of young people for the Lord. By investing in our vision, you are investing into the next generation of Christian leaders, pastors, civil servants. We are raising the next generation of champions for Jesus Christ. SU is leading the Great Commission in schools and you can partner with us to keep this going. Our partners have a choice to give a one of sum, weekly, fortnightly or monthly. It all depends on them. A seed varies from a widow's mite of \$10 to a family's annual pledge of \$1000. We have about 30 pledge partners supporting SU's ministry in Fiji and we are grateful for their sacrifices and commitments allowing us to strengthen our outreach and missions to schools. Thank you for your partnership and for giving to the Lord through SU Fiji. Talk to us about being an SU partner today.

Selfishness is when we pursue gain at the expense of others. But God doesn't have a limited number of treasures to distribute. When you store up treasures for yourself in heaven, it doesn't reduce the treasures available to others. In fact, it is by serving God and others that we store up heavenly treasures. Everyone gains; no one loses. – Randy Alcorn