

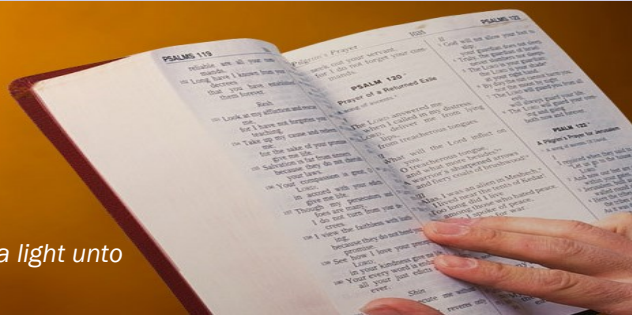
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Scripture Union's Partnership Update: OCTOBER 2015



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



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- 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.

October has come and gone and we are now into the first week of November. What a great month we have had at Scripture Union Fiji as we continue to witness the faithfulness of God in our ministry. We saw this month the launch of the Christian Teachers Fellowship at the office (see Pg. 3) as well as other ministry advances that reminds us of the importance of stepping out in faith and believing God for kingdom connections. At the end of this month, we will also be having our annual camp which has been the focus of many months of planning, faith raising and initiatives taken to make this year's camp a memorable and life changing one for the anticipated 500 young people. The Camp theme, *Break In, Break Thru and Break Out* will be the catalyst of amazing testimonies for many. Have a blessed November as you enjoy this read

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Annual Camp Poster with details.

The World Cup and the reminder of eternity

October was the Rugby World Cup month and the tournament started with the usual hypes, rhetoric and excitement as people took sides and cheered teams. We cheered our hearts out of course for our courageous flying Fijians whose own pool was termed the 'Pool of Death'. However as the

Some SU Volunteers dressed up in their team colours



dust has settled in Twickenham, the All Blacks has emerged the winner of the 2015 Rugby World cup rewriting the history books of world rugby as the only team to have won the cup three times and now in a row. Also as the dust settles, there have been the fair share of disappointments by the players and their fans, but the teams came in to play their

best and that was certainly what this world cup was about. Our own faith journey, is as intensive as an athlete vying for glory, as the preparation taken by the ruggers vying for World Cup glory. As saved people, we are called to run the race of faith and to win the prize (**1 Corinthians 9:24**). The prize is not the Webb Elis or others that can be lost, broken or stolen (**Matthew 6:20**) but one that speaks of eternity with our Lord. So keep running your Faith race with determination, perseverance, endurance and joy and note that you also have many cheering you on to the victor's finishing line (**Hebrew s12:1**). The victory celebration is more than the World Cups' and it lasts to eternity. Be blessed.

Our people serving with Scripture Union

SU Council continues to provide oversight and leadership over SU's directions

The SU Council remains diligent this past month as they met and discussed the directions of the Ministry and hear reports and testimonies of the work of SU. The Acting National Director, Sitiveni Kalou provided an update on ministry with great reports received from our activities in schools in the central/eastern division, western and northern division. While challenges were also identified including the difficulty of holding Christian Fellowship in some schools due to a variety of reasons, the Council also brainstormed and discussed strategies on building the spiritual life of our children especially on resourcing fellowships with Christian materials. Council was also briefed on the camp preparations and the faith of the volunteers as they raise funds and plan the details of the camp. 50 volunteers have been trained for the camp with more expected to be trained in the next few weeks. A few churches including the Methodist Church, CMF, CCC, AG etc have stepped forward and are planting a seed of faith towards the camp and also gifts from different people towards the camp continues to come in. The Council also heard of the progress of a new yearly devotional that is going through editorials. Once completed, the devotional will be made available for purchase. These great updates reminds us that as we trust His leading, God opens up doors of opportunity which becomes the platform of our testimonies. The Council meets monthly to discuss and pray over ministry issues.



October Council meeting in progress

Combined Mission at ACS



A group of volunteers joined the Salvation Army Church youths and a Youth Group from Nasinu to visit and minister to the boarders at Sawani. The whole school program saw many young girls make the decision to give their life to the Lord. The packed chapel was filled with ministering dances, music, testimonies and the Word as the ministering team shared and challenged the girls about the love of Jesus Christ. The decision to make Jesus Lord and King, was a huge one for many that night.

Volunteers take time out

Our SU Volunteers took a much deserved "us" time and spent their end of the month fellowship at the *My Suva Park* with a mini picnic, organised sports and just enjoy a relaxing time. The volunteers organise an end of the month fellowship where they share testimonies and encouragement and celebrate the month's birthdays. This end of the month fellowship was well attended and the volunteers were deep-



ly encouraged by the fellowship and just the opportunity to unwind.

Faith like Job Production DVD now on sale



If you missed the **Faith life Job** Production put together by the Scripture Union volunteers, don't despair. The team has also saved the whole production on DVD which is now available for purchase at \$5. The DVD contains the testimonies of God's faithfulness through the life and troubles of Job as recorded in the Book of Job. This was also on SU's first production captured in a DVD and manifests the creativity and talents of our young people being channelled for God's glory. So we invite you friends to call us at Scripture Union office (see details at back) and book your DVD copy today. You can even play it at your next family movie night. It will surely bless you as it has blessed us. Thank you for your purchase as you bless our mission work at Scripture Union.

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 this month

Historic Christian Teachers Fellowship begins with a rally

The first teachers Christian Fellowship gathering was held at the Scripture Union office on Saturday 24 October 2015. The seed of this gathering was first initiated by the late National Director, Sisa Teilai, who through his widow, Mrs Iva Teilai, was finally able to organize this historic gathering. Though a few teachers gathered for this first fellowship, it produced some great thinking and strategies on how to strengthen the work of SUIS. The teachers had a great fellowship time including a dynamic sharing of the Word from Master Peni Manulevu and getting to know each other and hear of the work of SUIS in their respective schools. Also supporting the Christian teachers in this gathering were some members of the SU Council. The strategies would be presented to the Council for further decisions and implementation. More fellowship will be planned in the near future and many more teachers are expected to attend the SU Annual camp at Navuso Methodist High School in the first week of December. We hope to see you there.



Mrs Mataitini presents a strategy

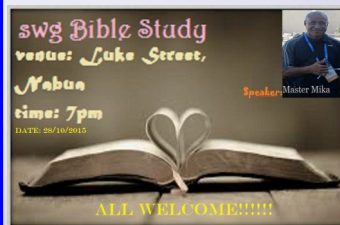


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Annual Camp preparations intensify

The Annual camp preparations continues to strengthen as our Camp Committee meet weekly to put finishing touches to the program and the logistics related to the camp. Sponsorship letters have gone out and people have been touched to give towards the Camp. It is expected to be a fun filled Spirit led camp as we move heaven with prayers, petitions and supplications for divine encounters. We are confident of one thing; God never disappoints, so we encourage parents and guardians, think about this eternal investment and send your children to Camp this year. Talk to one of our SU Team at the SU office on contact details at the back of this newsletter. It will be life changing for your child and a memorable investment for you. Contact us today.

Reading the Bible Together



Scripture Union promotes the diligent study of the Word of God and through a weekly Bible Study at the Scripture Union office in Nabua, this has been ongoing. The volunteers are experiencing a deeper knowledge of the Word and most are now stepping out in obedience to experience the Word in action in their lives. This newsletter but captures glimpses of their faith journey. So if you have nothing to do on a Wednesday, drop by at the office in Nabua, its free and its open to all. See you at our next Bible Study.

SU Prayer Breakfast; refreshing and timely sharing from the Word

Pastor Joe Lauvanua of Faith Clinic Ministry was the speaker at Scripture Union's prayer breakfast this month challenging the ministry and those in attendance with a dynamic Word. The prayer breakfast held on Fiji Day was also an opportune time to pray for the nation, the work of Scripture Union and ministry partners and friends. In sharing the Word, many were blessed with the timely reminder of God's faithfulness and goodness. The next



prayer breakfast will be advertised in SU's facebook pages.

"One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since he is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve him in our neighbour; which he receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us." – John Wesley

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Snippets of our work this month

Volunteers gaining valuable knowledge in various trainings

Suva based volunteers this month attended different workshops and trainings as they take initiatives to prepare for their own transition into the job market. The volunteers, all attending University have grabbed these opportunities to build their skills and knowledge in a range of areas. The **Job Seeking Skills workshop**, a collaborative initiative between Campus Life (Counseling Centre) and Student Learning Support at the University of the South Pacific was held from the 28th – 29th of October, 2015 and attended by 52 participants of which 10 were SU volunteers. The other workshop on electoral processes was organized by BRIDGE, an international organization that specializes on electoral system and processes, the UNDP and the Fijian Electoral Education Centre on the 29th of September to the 2nd of October. Broderick Mervyn, our volunteer was the youngest participant in this workshop. He acknowledged gaining and understanding the actual process of preparation and the election proper would help him relate to his friends, family, colleagues and community so that they have a better knowledge of the process. All volunteers were blessed by their experience and learning.



Above: Volunteers Keni and Ben at the life skills workshop and Unaisi with her certificate of attendance

Volunteer Broderick shares to participants at the BRIDGE



Training our trainers and leaders

About 15 School Working Group Volunteers were selected to attend a two day workshop held at the Transparency International (TI) Fiji Office in Suva from the 8th – 9th of October. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Joseph Veramu, a former SU Council member. The SU Team shared how relevant and timely the workshop contents was as



they learnt a range of skills including oral and communication skills, active participation in groups etc. The workshop was organized by TI, UNDP and the National Youth Council. The volunteers were able to share their faith to the participants of the workshop during presentations. Volunteer, Marica Tawake, shared how the workshop impacted her in terms of becoming a leader and also her own spiritual life. Marica also encouraged participants to seek the Lord and trust Him with their life and through God they will be successful in their endeavors.

Visited by "ravens": Testimonies of our Annual Camp preparations



SWG President Sonu with one of the packed boxes ready to be sent

The "ravens" are coming. Pastor Navara and his amazing family in the California have not only hosted and looked after our visiting missionar-

ies, but they have gone ahead and packed boxes of food and groceries to send to Fiji for our campers in December. Prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 17:4-6 was fed by the Lord through ravens and his experience is a reminder that God knows how to provide for His children. The blessings from the Navara family is a seed sown into many lives at this camp

which will produce much. In a thank you letter, SU Acting Chairman stressed to the Narava family that, *The work of SU is supported and blessed by people like you, whose obedience to the Lord becomes our testimony of His provisions and blessings.* We are testifying of the ravens with God's provision through his people for this camp.

"I may not know the measure of my love for GOD cause I will always fall short but the magnitude of HIS love for me is immeasurable!" Roy Dela Calzada

Journeying the western road for schools visitation: By Jack Wainiqolo

Cola Vina... A very warm greetings from the Western SUIS to you all. Visiting schools in the west has been a wonderful and eye opening experience. To begin with our visit to Lautoka schools which includes **Natabua High School, Ba Provincial High School, Lautoka Muslim High School and Jasper Williams High School**. It was



Volunteer Jack doing a pose before continuing with Schools visit

pleasing to find that despite the busy schedule of exam preparation in the above schools, each respective school administrations allowed us to visit and raise awareness regarding the SUIS Annual Camp and share to the students generally. With cooperation from the teachers coordinating Christian Fellowship, there was a mutual understanding that awareness would be done, however the final decision of attending the camp were in the hands of the students themselves and the parents.

In contrast to the afternoon visitation in Lautoka, our visitation to the schools in Ba, Tavua, Rakiraki saw us on the road by 6am early the next morning. It was exciting and rather amazing to see How God could speak even through the storms as we heard the testimony of Mr Naqia the school principal of **Nilsen College**. With such eagerness and joy, Mr Naqia shared on how wonderful and faithful God is. There has been a spectacular renovation in the school premises, and also they are awaiting the opening of the new computer labs for the students. He had only one principle to live by in school and in life: "PUT GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING". Excitingly he shared that gospel music had been played over the school intercom during breaks as it somewhat lifted the school atmosphere Early morning devotions are held in the staffroom with his staff. Mr Naqia's stand for God is translated with fellow Indian teachers requesting that devotion must carry on everyday. By putting God first in everything, there has been an improvement seen in students behaviour and disciplinary issues have reduced. Christian Fellowship has played a vital role in the lives of the students where most of the students have that boldness to come and share about their hardships they faced from their individuals families. It has been a medium of encouragement for them.



Mr. Naqia



"I know that God has specifically sent me to Nilsen College, and I will not leave until I accomplish what I was sent to do." Despite losing his dear wife early this year, Mr Naqia is happy knowing that the joy of the Lord is his strength.



Volunteer Jack and Betty with SHS president

From there, we journeyed to Tavua District and Tavua College. Despite the turnout of the students during CF, once awareness of the Annual Camp was done, majority showed interest in attending the camp, thus resulted in Tavua District coming out in numbers in the annual camp last year in Cawaci. We also visited schools in Rakiraki, these were **Balata High School, Vatukaloko Secondary School, Rakiraki Public School, Penang Sangam High, and Nakauvadra High School**. Through the impact of running SU Programs in school, a mutual relationship was established between students of Penang Sangam and their CF teacher Mrs Ligavatu. She shared that they had some indian students who joined CF, and were moved by testimonies being shared during CF. Most could confidently come and share their problems to their CF teacher, she is always willing to encourage them in whatever way possible. To conclude our experience during the school visitation, we would end on this note:

"Consider it pure JOY, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your Faith develops Perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything". James 1:2-4. May you be blessed always.

When God heals the broken heart; A testimony, by Teri Kempe

You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8: 31-32

Did you ever wonder what Jesus meant when he said: the truth will make you free? I wonder if you are in a prison of your own making. A prison of guilt, or shame, of embarrassment, of anxiety, of lack of self-worth or rejection.

I spent many years in this prison. Perhaps you are thinking 'prison' is too strong a word. During the time of my imprisonment, which lasted about seven years, I was bound by invisible chains. I sometimes felt everyone was watching me and knew my story. I rehearsed and imagined conversations in which I was unable to defend myself, where everything I said or thought was misunderstood and misinterpreted. So I gave up and retreated behind a huge wall of self-sufficiency. I wore a mask which gave the impression I was in control and all was fine. I dedicated myself to my work and became an expert. I cut myself off from any social interaction in case someone jumped my wall and came close. But all the time on the inside I was aching for love and understanding. I was so deeply imprisoned that when someone said something nice I doubted their sincerity; when they were kind I thought they had a bad motive.

Many like to quote John 8:32 –the truth will set free ...But the key is putting that verse in context – the verse before it says: "If you continue in My word, then you are truly my disciples;" .. Jesus said that we will be set free if [conditional] we continue to live in Him [His Word]; then we will be his disciples. In other words, if we stick close to Jesus, and immerse ourselves in the Bible, we will grow to know him better and He will live in us. What an astounding promise!

By God's divine grace my journey to freedom began when I met some other people who had also been in prison but had found their way out by the path of forgiveness, fellowship and grace. In a symbolic act they showed me how to carry the bricks from my wall, such as anger, guilt, unforgiveness, shame, and anxiety, and lay them at the foot of the cross. Oh the joy and release of giving those burdens to Jesus! I had to do it several times because the prison habit is hard to break and sometimes I would go and take back a brick or two, and I would have to return to the cross and lay it down again. But the healing had begun and with it came unexpected joy. This is not hollow and shallow happiness, but the joy of acceptance, of recognising I am God's child; of receiving his Shalom [peace which is also wholeness] and his unconditional love.

Then Jesus called me in my brokenness and said: Come and live in Fiji where you will fulfil my purpose for you; where I will take your brokenness and use it in the healing of others; where I will take your hurt and pain and replace it with joy and fullness of life. This is freedom! Knowing I can trust Jesus with every aspect of my life; knowing that he loves me and will never leave me; being absolutely certain of his goodness and mercy. My deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all those who have lifted me up, strengthened me and walked this journey with me. Your reward will be great in heaven, for "He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3



Teri and her team arrive in Jerusalem last month



Receiving a container of blessings for Basden College



Teri with Basden Principal and Chaplain receiving a container for Basden College

"Don't hide your scars, wear them as a proof that God heals"...Anonymous

An Adventure of Trust: Volunteer Taniela Seruvatu shares his testimony of Trust, Faith and walking with God through it all



Thank you for allowing me to share my Christian walk in this column. I would be lying if I say that accepting Jesus as my savior would mean that my travel would be spending time grazing in the green field where the lion and the sheep laid side creating a food chain chaos or meditating on a roaring waterfall proudly pouring the upper rivers gifts to the lower river. My Christian walks have had little green field dwelling but a riskier mountain climbing, stormy seas sailing, and dwelling in the pit of loneliness.

After giving my life to the Lord, the overwhelming peace of God embraced me and held my hand very tightly as if to say “I will hold you tightly...Your walk will not be an easy one” Sure enough, few months after my mountainous experience with the Lord, my mom died in her sleep shaking my whole world. Okay! What happened to Jeremiah 29:11. If God’s

plan for me was to prosper, is this part of that plan?

After giving my best in my studies, lack of sleep, spending time in prayer, being a lamp on a hillside at school, making my father proud for receiving a leadership trophy, I failed my favorite paper Biology. I thought that that was the paper that would get me an A+.

I became a teacher, helping my father raised my younger siblings before God called me to the mission field. Like most Fijian Christians who feels the urge to go and be part of a cross-cultural mission team, the biggest battle was to ask share our callings to our parents. How should I do that? Concerned parents in Fiji sacrificed their savings to see their children to make it to school and be better than them (more qualified). Why? This is their investment for the future when they retired they have children who would be there to help them. Anyhow, I did pick up enough courage that seems to be scattered all over the place to finally stand up before my dad and shared my callings with him waiting for dark clouds to gather and thunder storm to spit her piercing words of lightning at me. Praise the Lord! There was no gathering of the storm, nor lightning, but a very welcoming rain of reply. My dad was expecting me to share this calling with him. Cutting the long story short, He threw a farewell feast and spoke his words of blessing for my mission work.



I went to the mission field excited about the next chapter of my Christian walk. I am going there by faith. There would be people supporting me, praying for me and at least contact me via email. Three months in the mission field, I received only thirty Fijian dollars of support and hardly any news. I wasn’t worried about that. My desire to serve the Lord was saturated enough to drown away the portion of sad experiences. These mountainous experience came crashing down during our Field conference after our Field Leaders in Chad Elike and Lavenia Drodrolagi broke a news to me. “Dan, we received a news from Fiji, your dad is in a comma”

Tidal waves of conflicting emotions and guilt and whatever names you may call it started building up inside me. I couldn’t help containing the tears that has filled up the container of my eyes. Going back to my room was a struggle as I tried to hide my tears from everyone. When I finally made a short walk to my room which seemed like a mile to me, I knelt down weeping with brokenness, prayed for miracles. Two days later, the answer to my prayer arrived.

“My dad has passed away”...

Cont’d overleaf

“One of the main reasons that we lose our enthusiasm in life is because we become ungrateful. We let what was once a miracle become common to us. We get so accustomed to his goodness it becomes a routine..”

— Joel Osteen, *Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential*

Cont'd with Taniela's testimony

Jeremiah 29:11 was dancing in front of me...Jeremiah 33:33 beating in my ears and all the verses that I have memorized queued themselves into the chamber of my heart with messages of assurance. I closed the door of my heart and locked myself in my room for three days feeling sorry for myself and very angry with my loving Father. After the third day of crying over spilled milk, I decided to open my Bible with tear swollen eyes to finally encourage my broken down cyclone flattened spirit. "Speak to me Father!" "Speak!"

The unbearable silence of my room was finally filled with the angry flipping of my Bible pages as I reluctantly try to seek an answer from my Bible. Lightning did strike that morning. Isaiah 55:8-9 lit my darkness of my heart melting the iron gates of pride that was trying to block God's Words from penetrating my bleeding broken down heart.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

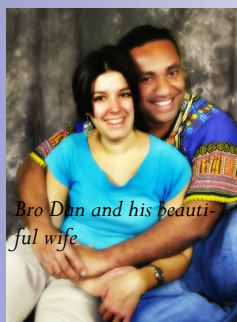
The whole morning was filled with confessions asking God to forgive me for not trusting Him when life threw me into the valley of darkest uncertainties. Isaiah 55:8-9 was not meant to crush my pride. Reading on to Verse 10- 12 reassured me about my favorite Jeremiah 29:11 verse, " *As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*"

If Karl Marx, the German philosopher who wrote the Communist Manifesto was standing next to me. He would have been extremely angry with me. If you have not heard of him, he is the person whose statement about religion fills up the mind of atheists..."Religion is the Opium of the Society"

"The first requisite of the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion"

The kind of encouragement I get would qualify for the above statement. I mean, how could the world understand the logic behind my trusting God in time of darkness and stormy weather? No wonder Karl Marx said that we act like someone who might be high on drugs. Anyhow, aren't you glad that Christianity is not a religion? Yes! Christianity is Relationship with God. Religion is an organized institution caught up with a humanistic framework of reasoning where logic forms the basis of discussion and knowledge is restricted to empirical measurement and senses. Christianity goes beyond the senses to the realm of the "NON -SENSES" I don't understand the mind of God, but I trust that He knows what he is doing.

Does this mean a smooth journey for me? No! It means a continued assurance that Jesus Christ, is with us because He is Immanuel God is with us. I met my Swiss wife in Chad. We now have three lovely kids. Marriage life has been another battle where God took me to another dimension of learning to serve him as a couple and not as a single. Am I disappointed in God? No! I am not! I have only learned that being a Christian is a walk of Trust that



Bro Dnn and his beautiful wife

God is in Control in all circumstances. Although we are not of this world, we are still human beings, doing human activities, having human feelings and we must accept our humanness and all the shortcomings that it carries to allow us to acknowledge our needs to trust God. May God continue to guide you and me in every step we take as we tread with trust into the world, with His Words as a lamp unto our feet and the light unto our path.



Seruvatu family

"God doesn't bless us just to make us happy; He blesses us to make us a blessing."

— Warren W. Wiersbe

October in pictures



Left: Volunteers at the Transparency International Training of Trainers. Above: A packed ACS altar as students make their life changing decision. Right: Volunteers at the My Suva Park and our missionaries in the US



Left: Mst Mika blowing the shofar at the Prayer Breakfast (PB) and below volunteers at PB. Right: Teachers at Nuku Secondary and Betty on schools visit in the West



Sony and Semisi after their baptism at the Jordan river in Israel



Volunteers at the TI Training of Trainers



Volunteers enjoying their end of the month fellowship in Suva

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**



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Scripture Union 50th Anniversary
SWG Central Tukutuku; SUIS Campers
SUIS Lautoka SWG; Western Fiji SUIS

Prayer Wall

- SUIS groups present in 62 high schools. And pray that all schools will be open to SUIS.
- Volunteers and Leaders including Council and Trustees of SU and our work in schools
- SU movements regionally and globally.
- The new National Director for Scripture Union Fiji.
- Scripture Union's Ministry in Term 3 including finances to support our ministry
- SU Office for wisdom and leadership as we extend our ministries
- Annual Camp

News Board

- Annual Camp will be held at the end of this school year at Navuso Secondary School in Nausori. Annual Camp Committee meets every Monday at the SU office
- Let us know if you wish to join our volunteers team
- SWG Bible Study held every Wednesday at 7pm at the SU office
- For any school visitations or any news update of SU, contact the SU office in Suva or follow us on Facebook.

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 ministry increases and so are the challenges and struggles that young people are dealing

SU is in the fore front of impacting the next generation of young people for the Lord.

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. This is where your faith seed will go into amongst others. It is about investing in the life of our children so that they can know Christ and make Him known. We know that our financial investment in this regard is secured in eternity.

In considering whether to partner with Scripture Union one of our current partners stated that,

"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 Scripture Union's work, we are investing into the next generation of Christian leaders, pastors, civil servants, NGO workers and the nation as a whole as we challenge and raise up the next generation of champions for Jesus Christ. This investment is probably the best one can make as we partner together in this Great Commission in schools and especially so in our nation. Our partners have a choice to give a one of sum, give weekly, fortnightly or monthly. A seed varies from a widow's mite of \$10 to a family's annual pledge of \$1000. To date there are about 30 pledge partners supporting SU's ministry in Fiji and we are grateful for the sacrifices and commitments made, allowing us to strengthen our outreach and missions to schools. Thank you for your partnership and for giving to the Lord through SU Fiji.

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