

FAITH SEED NEWSLETTER

Scripture Union's Partnership Update: JANUARY 2015



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



Editorial: Know God, Pursue God and Do Exploits



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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

At our new year's church service, we were encouraged by the divine message that this will be a year of "Open Doors". I remember feeling excited because somehow before the message was shared from the pulpit a few minutes before midnight on new year's morning, I had already been receiving a similar Word in my Spirit that week. I find the link between Open Doors and the Ministry theme and vision for this year as mutually reinforcing. Here are two dynamic themes that speaks of Greatness



when we step into the doors, God opens for us. For Scripture Union this is certainly an exciting time of Ministry as we see an increase in faith, passion and commitment especially from the people who volunteer to serve with us in this Great Commission in schools. We have been blessed with our service to the Lord in 2014 and yet we see there are many more opportunities to share the Lord Jesus Christ with this year. In 2014, we witnessed brokenness, lost and hopelessness in many of our young people and at the same time we saw freedom, salvation and joy as they came in contact with the Savior King. I don't know yet what our Open Doors as a Ministry will be this year, but I am excited to know that God is on our side and His Words and Promises are Yes and Amen. We shall do Exploits

Be our Ministry Partner this year

2015 is envisioned to be a year of miracles as much as it is a year of open doors. We are envisaging also a great year of ministry with spiritually uplifting programs, Back to the Bible studies and empowering a young generation to be dynamic and influential in the Kingdom of God. There are over 100 secondary school in Fiji and thousands of students in these schools. Many are Christians and many others have yet to hear of the Gospel and that is why we can partner together in sharing about the Good News to these young people this year. SU Fiji is self funded and each seed is an investment in eternity for a young soul. In this work, we see the need for churches and all Christians to partner together as we are given a Great Commission

especially in schools and for our young people. The statistics of increasing teenage crimes, underage drunkenness and drug abuse, increasing sexual activities amongst young people, abuse and depression and suicide are but some of the lived reality of today's Joshua generation and that is why we cannot sit idly by or enjoy the comforts of a church pew without being desperate in reaching out to a young person with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is why we need you to partner with us, who knows, those few dollars might raise up the next godly Prime Minister, the next globe impact evangelist or senior pastor or simply an Influencer in the Kingdom of God. Talk to us today on sufijiartnership@gmail.com

Our people serving with Scripture Union

Suva Volunteers elect their leaders



The Suva School working Group elected their leaders on 7 January 2015. These young leaders all whom attend tertiary institutions serve as volunteers and assist the SU office in planning activities such as rallies, camps and other programs to encourage and inspire students in secondary schools in their walk with the Lord. For most of them the journey through the SU Ministry started as SUIIS students where through the ministry and programs of Scripture Union, they made their decisions to give their hearts to the Lord. Since then they have been inspired to serve. Despite their tertiary commitment, they also coordinate a weekly Bible study for their peers to encourage them in reading, understanding and applying the Word of God in their lives. At their elections, these leaders took on the challenge of Christian servant-hood as they prepared to serve students in high school this year. With a planning retreat they organised on 17 January, they are now eager to get the school year rolling so that they could take the ministry challenge of “Doing Exploits” for and with God this year. Most of the SWG members will also be graduating this year while others are into their second last year of tertiary studies. Their passion and commitment to the Lord is clearly visible as they come together to plan, pray and fellowship envisaging greater things are yet to come. SWG President is now serving his second term as leader of the Suva Working Group.

Bill Cavuilagi, a volunteer and a worshipper at heart

Viliame Israel Cavuilagi known as Bill to many hails from Vanua Levu and a student at FNU. He is a worshipper at heart and is a committed member of the SWG Suva team. His motive in serving as an SWG is because he wants



to see God move in his life and impart that on to students. He sees the ministry of SU as impacting the young people through SUIIS programs in schools and its various programs, now planned for 2015 in-

cluding camps, rallies, Bible studies etc. In sharing the work of SWG, Bill says that, “my plan in contributing to SWG in 2015 is to tell others about our work and to invite them to our programs including Bible study etc.

A Principal vision



Master Mika Mudreilagi wears many hats when it comes to Christian ministry. Paramount of these are that of a Christian, a husband and a father. But he is also a SU Council member and currently the Principal at Basden College in Kinoya. Through his visionary leadership, Master Mika is transforming this An-

glican College from a small school in the corner of Kinoya to one of national profile through its container classrooms and other significant changes he has introduced. His transformative leadership style is seen in him weaving his faith into his teachings and being a role model to the many young people who look to him as a spiritual mentor, a

father, a principal, teacher and counsellor. In SU, he is a sounding board to many of our programs and activities in the Ministry and his leadership is one of conviction and passion. Master Mika is also the Chairman of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) and a lay preacher of the Methodist Church. His principal vision is God, fuelling his passion.

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



Term 1 (above) and Term 2 (below) rallies in 2014



We have a full year of Ministry planned for 2015. With camps, rallies, sports fellowships, SUIs and a range of activities planned, it is going to be a wonderful time to bring our students and young people together to strengthen their relationships with Jesus Christ. Further to the programs, we are praying for divine appointments and opportunities during these events. In 2014 these events saw thousands of young people come together for Christian fellowship, sharing of the Word of God and encouraging and empowering sessions from dynamic speakers. Many young people came to the Lord as the result. As the school year commences, we are anticipating a lot more open doors in schools and also to increase our schools visitation this year. We are also welcoming young people to join the SWG team as we partner together in our schools program for the year. Our annual prayer calendar of activities will be released soon on our website; scriptureunionfiji.weebly.com

SU Council holds its first meeting

The Scripture Union council met this month to discuss the Ministry year and plan on how to strengthen our ministry in schools. A lot of strategies were devised and prayed over. We are believing that the vision of SU in **“Know God, Pursue God and Do Exploits”** will bring about a different experience in Ministry this year. There were also great discussions around finances, strengthening opportunities to raise funds for our mission activities as well as identifying areas of weakness and challenges in our 2014 ministry year. The current Council members are *Romulo Nayacalevu, Petero Cakau, Teri Kempe, Vanessa Quai-Hoi, Mele Marafono, Emi Rabukawaqa, Mst Mika Mudreilagi, Laurel Vaurasi, Tusake Tuivanuvou, Nancy Tikoisuva and Sisa Teilai*.

Volunteers Plan Projects for 2015



The Suva volunteers organised their first fundraising event, a basket tea fellowship at the SU office with the intention of raising funds to meet various projects for the ministry. The volunteers plan on buying a sound system to

assist them in Ministry. The \$3000 project started with this tea fellowship that saw them bake and use their talents to the delight of those that attended the event. The scrumptious menu certainly tingled the taste buds and provoked those following us on Facebook to come and sample the delights. George Young said this project was the volunteers way of aligning to the bigger vision of SU in strengthening ministry.

Annual Camp Reunion

About 100 campers reunited at the beautiful Cuvu Beach in Nadroga for a time of catch up, fellowship and just to enjoy some quality time. As part of SU’s annual camping experiences, the re-

union is organised to bring campers together to share about their holiday experiences since the camp and maybe encourage each other for the remaining holidays while praying for those returning to secondary schools. It is also an opportunity to welcome the new volunteers to SU. See photos at page 5



“Leave your mark on the world by leaving behind a child who grows up to love and serve the Lord.”
— Elizabeth George

Acts 2:7 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions"...

SUIS Camper joins the mission field this year



Scripture Union family praying for Abby at the recent SU Campers reunion picnic at Cuvu Beach in Nadroga.

Abigail Nainoca is a young woman, full of life and who is not afraid to be herself. In 2014, Abby was part of the many students who attended the Scripture Union "Know God, Pursue God and Do Exploit's Annual Camp" in Levukla. Without knowing much about Abby it is easy to assume that she is a quite and peculiar young



Sis Sera McLaren shares her heart encouraging Abby (far right) standing with her family (who themselves were missionaries in Chad) at the SU Picnic this month

woman but the real Abby is certainly a young woman on a mission. Despite her own story (*Abby has promised to share her testimony soon*) she has found her purpose in life in this season is best served in the mission field and so finishing off high school this year, and after much prayer, advise and support from her family, she is now in Kansas, the USA attending her missionary training with WYAM. In her first newsletter, Abby writes a bit about her journey. *"I am pleased to say that I have been officially accepted to do a Discipleship Training School with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Kansas City. My school begins on January 9—2015. YWAM is a Christian missionary organisation that is committed to "Knowing God and making Him known."*

Abigail's journey into YWAM and mission was probably something she was anticipating as her parents (Geoff and Miri Nainoca) also heard God's calling for them, wrapped up their

professional calling and service and headed off to Chad to serve in the mission field. Their family experiences

had in the mission field had a profound impact on Abigail and continues the legacies and tradition of the Nainoca family in serving in the mission field. Uncle Mesu Nainoca, Abigail's grandfather was a spiritual giant in Scripture Union and he had a heart for the mission field especially on people he came in contact with. Mrs Joy Tonawai, his daughter and aunt to Abigail shared that at home the family had a prayer wall and Uncle Mesu would add names every day to the wall especially of people he met that day. Such was his passion for people and his commitment in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people he comes in contact with.

Christ is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all.

Hudson Taylor, 1832-1905—
Founder of China Inland Mission
who served in China for 51 years

Missionaries will tell us that the mission field is often a difficult environment, especially in environments that are hostile to Christianity and since the first missionaries were commissioned by Christ to go into the world, countless more have lost their lives for the cause of Jesus Christ. For young people like Abigail venturing into the unknown of the mission field, she is definitely carrying on an aged old tradition of sharing her faith and passion with the lost after counting the cost for her personally. As she recently shared on her Facebook, *"Just wanting to make things clear now Im a Lover of Jesus and if your going to mail me or ask me about going drinking and all or remind me about my past than best be you don't mail me I love you my friends, but I love Jesus more and it says in Luke 9:62 But Jesus said to him " No one , having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" I'm not being holy, just being real, so be accountable for me.* Abigail's SWG family have prayed and released her into her calling as they also strengthen their missions in the schools. The Great Commission in schools is equally important and as a ministry serving this field, we continue to send our young missionaries into this field that is ready for a harvest.

The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.

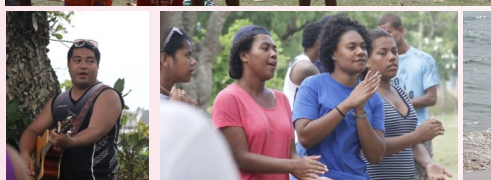
Hudson Taylor

Pictorial Testimony of Camp Reunion

The Pose



The Fellowship



The Fun



Serving in the “Killing Fields” of Cambodia

Cambodia is a country reeling from the genocide that took place in that country between 1975-1979. During this period, between 1.7 to 2.5 Cambodians were brutally murdered by the Communist *Khmer Rouge* regime in their attempt to



Skulls of those murdered at the Killing Fields .

force their policies on the people. Since then Cambodia has been a country on the mend. The cries of the millions of people who were massacred by their government still echo the streets and for 2 of our missionaries in Cambodia this experience has been life-changing. Known as the “Killing Fields” where the millions were killed, today the Killing Fields is fast becoming the *Mission Field*. Apenisa Ciwa and Meli Tui, two of our key volunteers in the West left for the Mission Field of Cambodia in 2014. They were recently visited by Pst Apenisa Ralulu, one of their mentors and our Western Coordinator for SU. Pst Ralulu shared how it all began, *“I was burdened with Cambodia and Petero Cakau also shared the need to send boys whom were faithful to their church and also have been a pillar in the western volunteer. We shared with three ladies from different churches but was a big support for SUIs... in February 2014 we managed to send them.”* The two young missionaries have thrived in Cambodia and are today being used as vessels of healing and hope for the many people that are still reeling from the trauma of their yester years

which gives a different twist to the mission in Cambodia. *“As a missionary in the field we understand that every nation that we go to does not share the same struggle...some it's finance some is just spiritual poverty, Cambodia it was so different due to the 1975, the days of the genocides and most that were killed was because they were educated. Because of this the Cambodians have always lived in fear and*



are afraid to live a better life because they think it will happen again. As I walked through the sites where they were killed I felt the pain and the trauma they'd gone through. It was a challenge to uplift them and change their mentality and how they live their daily lives, encouraging them again that it is ok to prosper...My experience of poverty here was beyond my expectations and experience. Corruption is also rife. But I believe that only God can make a difference in Cambodia” Pst Ralulu adds. Cambodia’s mission field attracts missionaries from around the world bringing the healing, love and hope of Jesus Christ into the lives of Cambodians who are rebuilding from the ashes of the genocide. For Pst Ralulu this experience with the missionaries in Cambodia is exciting him towards his role as SU Western Coordinator including the mission opportunities in Western schools. *I'm very excited with what's ahead for the west. I've never taken such position but i love challenges and I'm willing to squeeze all of what God has placed in me for the young people of Fiji. So much that I have planned out but God's will prevail. I'm looking forward to the west also to the team in every divisions. ..God will do it again”* Pst Ralulu shared.



Pst Ralulu with Meli Tui and Apenisa Ciwa in Cambodia



Sharing the Word at a Home Fellowship



Pst Ralulu sharing at a fellowship to Cambodians about the power of God

“We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it.”
— P.F. Bresee

Christian Story and Inspiration Corner

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff.

In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

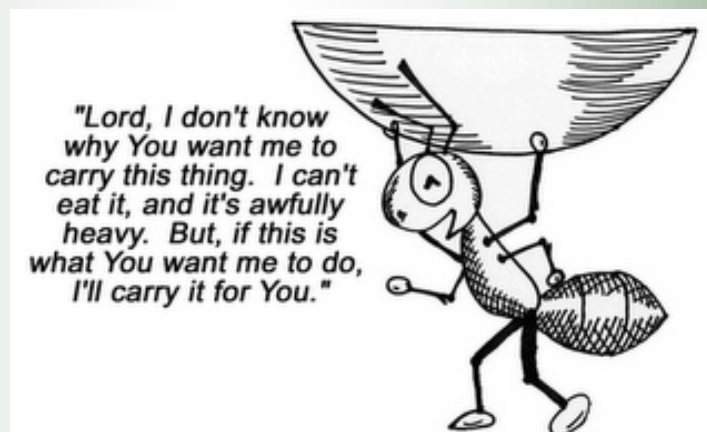
When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lost a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But if you want me to carry it, I will." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

-Author Unknown



Being too busy too walk with God is like poking a hole in your gas tank—you're journey will be MUCH shorter for certain! Gary Schmidt

Scripture Union's January in pictures



Volunteers in praise and worship at their first Bible Study for the Year. They shared on being Fishers of Men from Luke 5. The attendees then had time to align themselves t God's purposes for them



Western Coordinator, Pst Apenisa Ralulu leads a time of prayer and intercession with Cambodians. Pst Ralulu is visiting two of our committed western volunteers now serving in that mission field. See story on page 6.



Members of the SWG at the Elections of their leaders; Jan 2015



SWG Volunteers at their Planning Retreat earlier this month. The SWG have strategized on how to coordinate their schools visitation program, planned their projects for this year as well as discussed spiritually encouraging programs also for them this year.



Campers continued their fellowships in December with a hike and a fellowship time at the Colo I Suva forest park.



John, Bill and Jone leading worship at the SWG Suva's first Bible Study



SUIS Campers continued their fellowship to the Syngery Fellowship in Suva



Volunteers took time out to pray for one another and their new leaders for 2015



Ad Hoc fellowship and farewell prayer for volunteer Mesu who studies in Canberra



Guests at the Basket Tea fellowship

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him"
— John Piper



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JESUS CHRIST

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jesus is God spelling Himself out in a language that men can understand. - S.D. Gordon

The dearest friend on earth is a mere shadow compared to Jesus Christ. - Oswald Chambers

I have one passion. It is He, only He. - Billy Graham

He's the greatest phenomenon that has crossed the horizon. - S.M. Lockridge

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! - John the Baptist

I am trusting Christ's death for me to take me to heaven. - Micky Mads

I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history. - H.G. Wells

I never drafted an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stand down and surrender without a shot fired. - Unknown

After I set out to refute Christianity to the conclusion the Bible was true and Jesus Christ was God's Son. - Paul McClellan

I never practiced psychology, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near. - Unknown

He led captivity captive. He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined. - Unknown

Surely this man was the Son of God. - The Centurion

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. - John 3:16

Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. - The Angel

He changed sunset into sunrise. - Clement of Alexandria

I have seen the Lord! - Mary Magdalene

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him. - Unknown

He is the image of the invisible God. - Paul

Jesus Christ was an extremist for love, truth and goodness. - Martin Luther King Jr.

Had the doctrines of Jesus been preached always as pure as they came from His lips, the whole civilized world would now have been Christian. - Thomas Jefferson

Jesus says, "I love you just the way you are. And I love you too much to let you stay the way you are." - Chris Lyons

...And they shall call His name Immanuel, which means, "God with us." - An Angel

I was blind but now I see. - The Blind Man

When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man? - Unknown

God poured His love on the cross. When Christ hung, red blood and died, it was God saying to the world, "I love you."

He's made both upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, paid by death, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires, but what foundations did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force, Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.

Men who neglect Christ, and try to win heaven through mortification, are some at the bottom and some at the top.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

You have the words of eternal life. - Simon Peter

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I am trusting Christ's death for me to take me to heaven. - Micky Mads

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I am the greatest phenomenon that has crossed the horizon. - S.M. Lockridge

Who is able from the wind and the waves obey Him.

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 the work of 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 do the challenges and struggles that young people are confronted with.

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

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 the work of Scripture Union in schools 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 to young people about making right choices in 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 se-

cured 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 to the sacrifices and commitments to allow us to go into schools. Thank you for your partnership and for giving to the Lord through Scripture Union Fiji. May you be blessed.

"I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him." — William Carey, Baptist missionary to India