



Faith Seed Newsletter

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

2014: A Year of Miracles and Breakthroughs

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Special points of interest:

- The SU Office has resumed operations for 2014. Feel free to drop by for a visit or encouragement.
- To volunteer with SU through one of its programs, don't hesitate to talk to us.
- To be a Partner, see back page

A year of miracles. That was what 2013 is in summary for Scripture Union. Financially, our tables are slowly turning and from negative, we are now seeing positive bank balances, and that is a testimony that God is not done with Scripture Union. In 2012, we celebrated our Diamond Anniversary and we knew then and as we always do, that it is God who is our source. Yes, we have had our famines, yes, many tears and nerves as we looked at our bank balance, but in the end, God always comes through for Scripture Union. That is how we know that this Ministry has been purposed to remain relevant and be a channel that God will use to bless lives. That is another miracle of 2013. So many lives especially students were impacted and touched by our ministry in schools. The SUIS programs continue and many young people surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. We saw people whose passion was for God come and serve as volunteers for the ministry. They were not paid a cent, yet their faithfulness saw them week in week out pray for bus-fares and stepping out in faith to take the Gospel to schools around Fiji. They are our unsung heroes of the Faith and God notes their labor of love and passion for His Cause. At the end of a year and the beginning of a new one, we are looking forward with optimism at where God is taking Scripture Union Fiji. We are expecting miracles and breakthroughs in 2014.

The beautiful thing about being a faith ministry, is we don't know where our next income is coming from, we don't really know if we can keep meeting our rental and bill payments, our staff allowance and money for school visitations, but we are comforted to know that when God calls, He provides. His work is not about figuring Him out first. It is about being obedient enough to know that God never leaves us nor forsakes us when we avail ourselves to Him. So 2014 is looking like a year of promises. We continue to serve God at Scripture Union and we hold on to His promises that sorrow may last for the night, but joy always comes in the morning.

A Successful 2013 Scripture Union Annual Camp



CHAMPS before leaving Jasper Williams High School

It was a camp with a difference, as hundreds of students converged at Jasper Williams High School, Lautoka for the Annual Scripture Union Camp. Most came expecting, some were there because they wanted to experience a camp and the rest, let's just say it was out of curiosity, but the amazing part about camp was that our campers left Lautoka, refreshed, energized and deeply touched by the Word, friendships and little nuggets of discovery about themselves through the Word of God. The messages focused on the

camp theme which is Activate Freedom in Christ and dissected the theme to come to the conclusion that it was time for the Champs in Christ to arise and take their place in the faith. The Annual Camp provided the opportunity for the students to connect with God in a deep and personal way and for many it was also a time of healing and restoration. Students learnt the importance of Quiet Time for their own spiritual growth, empowered through the Word of God and recognized their value and worth not just as young people but as Believers. New friendships were forged and many were on track to experiencing fullness of life in Christ as Champions. Activate Freedom in Christ, an appropriate theme



Irene Drauna Returns Home and to Scripture Union

She is an anointed worship leader and when she takes the microphone and starts to worship, it is enough to touch heaven and change earth even for the sceptics. She was a SUIS camper and knows the impact of the SU ministry through her own life. She then moved on to the United States and has since spent time writing some of the most powerful and anointed songs sung and danced to during action songs in most of our churches, like "Totoka". Irene Drauna has the talents and the voice to worship God and that is her passio. During a brief discussion with Irene earlier this month, she told me that she felt in her spirit, that God was calling her back home. Her season in the US was



over and she felt that she needed to respond to this leading of the Lord in her life. Unsure of what to do or where to go, she blindly obeyed. This is often one of the most challenging aspect in the life of any Christian, where they are called to let go of the familiars and step into an unfamiliar and often uncharted

territory. For Irene, this step of faith has seen her return home and right at home at Scripture Union. The excitement and joy in the faces of our SU children as Irene played and sang her heart to the Lord was magical both at fellowships at Shalom House and at our recent reunion at Natadalo Beach.

Irene commands an audience because she has chosen to live her life as a song unto the Lord and young people are looking for such heroes of the faith. Her song is one of obedience, one of commitment and passion for the Cause of Jesus Christ and most certainly we will be hearing more of Irene Drauna as she expands the kingdom of God in Fiji in this season with her passion for worship and her life of worship.



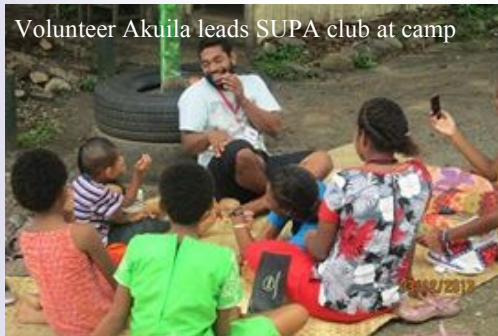
Hello, My name is Henry Suli. I am 7 years old. I attend Ahmadiyya

Primary School.

I came to camp with my sister and I love it. I like the food, sports and especially the SUPA Club.

I have met a lot of friends. God is good.

Raising a younger generation of Champs at SUPA Club



Volunteer Akuila leads SUPA club at camp

Scripture Union in Primary Age, is our ministry arm reaching out to primary school students. As SUI is focussed on high school students, SUPA club tries to include primary school students into Christian Fellowship activities. Whilst we are still trying to strengthen the SUPA club ministry, we find that there is a need to keep the ministry open as many of our primary school children seek to join us in our programs

especially at camps. At the Annual Camp in 2013, we again saw a generation of SUPA clubbers coming to be part of the program and thoroughly immersed and engaged with it. Seeing them love and know God at their tender age is such a blessings and we know that they will be dynamic in His Kingdom in their later years. SUPA club is part of our ministry in 2014.



Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 3:36

2013 Camp Moments



The People who serve at Scripture Union

Scripture Union's "Nau"

Many Scripture Union campers know her as Nau and she certainly is. A mother whose heart is filled with love and compassion and in every SU event, Nau is not one to be in front organising, but behind the scenes serving. Mother to SUIS Office staff, Luisa Tokalauvere, Nau, is mother to SU's children. At Annual Camps, she often volunteers as the cook for campers. When they sleep, she is busy with her helpers, preparing ei-

ther breakfast meals or cleaning the kitchen. She has never complained about the chores or the heavy responsibilities of ensuring that campers are fed with a healthy meals daily, instead she serves with grace. Children love her cooking and whether it is rourou meal or curry chicken or baigani, plates are always clean as the campers tucked into the delicious spread. Nau has assured the campers, that should the Lord tarry, she will be at the next camp venue, doing what she loves doing, serving campers at our

Annual camp and seeing the smiles on their face as they scoop the delicious spread before them. That is Nau, a woman who gives her time and skills to raise up the next generation of Christian Champs and SU is so appreciative of heroes as Nau whose making an impact in her life of service. God bless you Nau.



Continuing Fellowships and Encouragement at Shalom House

Some of us may have not heard of Shalom House. Located at Beddoes Street in Samabula, Shalom House is home to Aunty Fine Ditoka, Josh and Esther. It is ably termed Shalom to mean peace and this has been the fellowship headquarters if you may for the many young people who come to Shalom House for much needed sharing from the Word, Quite Time or just the occasional fellowships. Throughout the school holidays, Aunty Fine has opened her home to the many Campers that have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get together and learn from one another, read the Bible together, fellowship and pray. These priceless moments have not only motivated a lot of these young people but encouraged them in their walk with the Lord. Fine Ditoka and her children



Fine Ditoka and SUIS campers at Shalom

share their heart and their lives with these so many people who now consider the Ditoka's as family. It was Fine's testimony that when together with her late husband, they bought Shalom House, the purposes was always that the house will be used for the glory or God. I can find no other apt description of this property at Beddoes then Shalom House, seeing how the Ditoka's have taken their home and opened it to

countless young men and women so they can find not only a home but relationship with God as they step into the warmth and peace of Shalom House and the precious family that welcomes everyone home. It is a common tag on social network signs today to see the usual, "bula, shall we meet at Beddoes", or "Anyone at Shalom" and once you get this message, you know, the next fellowship is about to begin at Shalom House. Fine Ditoka is also the Secretary of the Scripture Union Council. Shalom House, a house of peace and fellowships.

Keni Baro and Peni Dovi volunteers with SWG



Keni Baro and Peni Dovi are two of our committed SWG members. They are young, passionate and wild for King Jesus. At a time when young men their age are finding pleasures in life, these two young men are committed to the cause of our Lord through their University Christian Fellowship at the Medical school and especially at Scripture Union. Keni and Peni are both students at the medical school in Suva, Keni is studying public health and Peni, medicine and surgery. Peni is also the medical school CF President. It is said that to know the quality of a person, see what they spend their time on. Apart from the occasional rugby and computer games, these two gentlemen delight in spending time with God whether it is just in Christian worship music, reading the Word, and the occasional sharing and encouragement. Their love for God is unquestionable and this is evident in them giving their time and life to volunteer as members of the SWG, our volunteer arm in schools.



Fellowship at Beddoes

"Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God."

Rick Warren

2013 Scripture Union Annual Camp Specials: Reflections

Bula!!! My name is Gabby Bulivou. I am 17 years old and I attend Marist Brothers High School. For me I wasn't planning to come to this camp. But I do not regret the decision i had made to join SUIS Annual Camp here in Lautoka at JWHS. I am really inspired by Christian Fellowship president especially for sponsoring for my camp fee. I had learnt:



- (1) A lot of things in "Activ8 my freedom in Christ" John 8:30 especially that only through Christ I am a champion.
- (2) not to take advantage of what I have.
- (3) Now I understand issues concerning relationship as it was clearly addressed.

Hello my name is Asinate Tuivakano. I am 12 years old of age and i go to Suva Primary School. I attended this camp to learn more about God. Also i heard that it was going to be fun and i will be meeting a lot of new young people.



This is my first time attending the SUIS camp. So far going on my 5th day of camping:

- (1) I've learnt to be a Champion
- (2) That our enemies often can be our best-friend.
- (3) Learnt more about God
- (4) Felt God in a more personal and intimate way.

Bula my name is Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu. I am 17 years old and I attend Queen Victoria School.



For me my motive for coming to this camp is to find out what changed my friends who had attended SUIS camp. Also I wanted to get away from home because of stuff at home. What I have learnt and experienced after 5 days of camping is :

- (1) He can break you, but get up and keep moving.
- (2) I had never before seen God move so powerfully.
- (3) Felt God for the first time, like God spoke to me reminding me that everything is going to be okay and to let go of the hurts and bad things that I have held on to.
- (4) At last I am having the right side up after all this time of being on the wrong side up.
- (5) I realised that despite the hurt I experienced, God is still faithful and loving.



Cola vina duh!!!

Bula I am Epeli Misimisi am 18 years of age from Nakauvadra High School. For me my main focus in attending this camp is to deepen my intimate relationship with God. I am glad that I had not missed any of the SUIS camp in 2013. Working on elevating my walk with the Lord

especially understanding that through "Activ8 -freedom in Christ"- John8:30. I had identified my identity as a champion that will enable me to be a Christlike leader and to become a pastor, because becoming a champion starts from Christ forming in you through the Holy Spirit .And this is the foundation. Some other things I have learnt:

- i) how to handle peer pressure
- ii) when prioritising my relationship with God, He will provide the right one for me.



Hie!!! Bula!!! God is good !!! yeah all the time its getting better!!! My name is Sherlyn Vafo'ou. I am 18 years of age and I attend Lelean Memorial School. I just like to testify about my experience in this camp. For me I was just here for experience the camp and to come and have fun. Indeed I had an awesome time in Activating my freedom in Christ. I had also come to identify that:

- (1) I am a champion, being a woman is not by birth but by choice
- (2) Activate my freedom in Christ is only through having a covenant with Christ. And abiding by it.
- (3) I have learnt to identify myself in Christ. I have no regret attending this camp, though I came for fun, I felt that I had turned a new chapter in my life, and my faith has been elevated to a new level.
- (4) I am the youngest in my family and often I blamed people I love for the wrong things, like being left alone, but through this camp I felt hope in Christ.



Annual Camp 2013 Reunion



Following the Annual Camp, campers returned home to put into practice all that they have learnt at camp, then they have the opportunity to meet for a reunion of campers. This year, over 100 students converged at Natadola Beach, Nadroga for the reunion with a rekindling of fellowship and friendship and to just enjoy a day out. For most campers, this would be the opportune time to catch up on how their walk as been since the camp. It was also an opportunity to wish those soon to return to schools the very best. Sharing at the reunion, both Pastor Ralulu and Past Jacob Masiyaka, challenged our young people to arise and be victorious in Christ Jesus this year. Both messages were shared with passion and enthusiasm and reflected the speaker's own commitment to raising up a generation of young Christian leaders who are not only passionate about serving God in whatever His calling is in their lives but also open to be used by the Lord outside of their comfort zones. The day was spent feasting, swimming, worshipping and just having a great time. At a time when young people are finding church life boring, events like this reminds us that Christianity is not at all boring, rather a fun lifestyle where likeminded people enjoy life's simplicities and blessings and know that their life has a purpose and plan in Christ. We are Champs.



Campers scale Mount Korobaba and plants a prayer for the nation



In their zeal for God, some of our Champs campers scaled Mt. Korobaba, not just to experience the thrill of climbing one of Suva's highest mountain, but also to pray over the city of Suva. On top of the mountain, these youngsters also used the opportunity to just commit personal prayers to the Lord. Mele Ditoka who was part of the group reflected on her experience with the Lord during this climb and said, *"going to Mt. Korobaba was definitely not a mistake, for me personally. That was the message I got from God when we were on*

Top of the Mt Korobaba



top of the mountain, but yeah...I was looking all around me, looking at His creation, stoked that the same God that created heaven and earth, is the same God that welcomes me back in His arms each time I run back to Him and we'll never understand His love and grace but all we can do is just say thank you "

Fellowship at Colo-I-Suva

It was the day after Christmas, and adventure was brewing. As the campers returned home after the camp, the one thing that kept them together was



constant fellowships, whether it was bible study at Sukuna Park, evening fellowships at Shalom House, or attending a church service at Butt Street, CMF, ANCF and the likes. Most were enjoying the benefits of Quite Time and being the young and energetic persons they were, decided to turn their fellowships into an adventure. So the group of campers had a fellowship day at Colo-i-Suva with prayers, fun, food and filling the quiet Colo I Suva forest with their songs of praise and worship. Back with bruises, sore bodies and pain from hiking the forest and a day at the pools, was overtaken by the excitement of these adventurers, united in Christ love and grace.

"Nature is God's first missionary. Where there is no Bible there are sparkling stars. Where there are not preachers there are spring times... If a person has nothing but nature, then nature is enough to reveal something about God." Max Lucado

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Testimonies

Mele Ditoka, a personal encounter with God

Growing up in a Christian home, attending a private Christian school, going to church every Sunday with fairly strict parents was how I looked at my life--a plain, Christian girl, who's going to excel academically, marry in the church and never experience the parties and galas my friends will all be attending. As I grew older, my mind started questioning things I've been taught over the years, for example, I used to wonder why Christians never had as much fun as those who go out drinking and partying. As my mind started to wander, the desire of a taste of this world became stronger and stronger to the point where I let my guard down. I picture God standing and waiting for me on the narrow road as I run backwards to explore the world. And after those few times (six to be exact) *I've gone out partying and clubbing, I walk back towards God with nothing achieved and dissatisfaction, with my clothes all raggedy and dirty and feet worn out. God's standing there, not condemning me or scolding me saying, "I told you so!" but He's standing there with His arms wide open, calling me back to Him. Without a delay I run back into His arms.* Then He brought these amazing people into my life, the Champs from the SUIS camp 2013. After I met them, I yearned for the same fire that was burning in their souls. I was hungry and thirsty again for more of God and more of His



Word. We fellowshiped and shared, had Bible studies and on the 4th of January, (which was a Saturday) we climbed Mount Korobaba, which for me, personally, was the day I recommitted my life to the Lord. As we reached the top, Akuila gave us some personal time to reflect and to listen to what God is trying to tell us. As I was looking around at His creation, I felt so refreshed and renewed. I was looking around in total awe of His amazing work and Psalm 8:4 came into mind, "...what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" But then He answers me with a another verse, Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." There's no sin too big that our God can't forgive, His grace is sufficient for all. He also taught me through the Mount Korobaba experience that you've got to have the right company on your journey on the narrow road. You need people who will lift you up and encourage you in the Lord. Only then you will be able to grow more in His Word. As I conclude, to all you CHAMPS, keep shining and burning for God, for we were born for such a time as this! God is crying to man, "Awake, awake...O Zion" (Isaiah 52:1) Don't dim your lights and do not conform to the ways of this world, keep your fire burning for God.

Unity at the Annual Camp despite a personal loss



Usa with Camp sisters after the night of prayer

Usaia Turaga, was a 7th former at QVS in 2013 and was excited about attending his second SU Camp at Lautoka. However this excitement was shaken when during the day after the camp started, Usaia's father passed away in Suva. In his time of grief and loss, Usaia was surrounded by his SUIS family at the camp who offered him encouragement and companionship that kept him together during his loss. Campers offered the necessary support and encouragement for him as well as offered a combined prayer for Usa and his family. Then they made an offering and gave what little they had to Usa as a token of their sharing in his grief. Being the only child and heading off to his dad's burial, a day before the camp break-up, Usa was at peace assured and comforted with the knowledge that there is hope beyond the grave to them that sleep in Christ.

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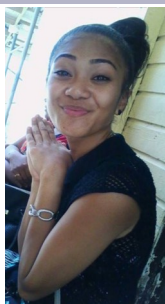
Hello my name is Grace Tudreu, I am 15 years old and I attend Natabua High School.

My motive of coming to this camp was to improve in socialising, to be alone and also i wanted to open up. After my 4 days of camping some of the things i have understood is:

- (1)each one of us are unique and we are all God's masterpiece .
- (2) I always look down at myself but I've learnt that I am awesomely and amazingly made. (3)Thru this camp God has spoken to me that He loves me.

MARICA Shines at FSLC and finds the secret in Christ.

1 Corinthians 2 : 9 " No eye has seen, No ear has heard and No mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him." 2013 was a very challenging year for me, not because the odds were against me, but because I made it a difficult year for myself. I admit, my



priorities wasn't right throughout the year but I thank God for His Grace & Faithfulness. The Fiji School Leaving Certificate Examination was pretty big for me because it was the first time for me to be sitting an external exam in high school and being in a new school didn't help that much. Despite all the obstacles I faced last year, I thank God that His favour was upon me in the end. I doubted myself and never imagined myself getting the mark I had achieved but John 14 : 1 says "Don't let your hearts be troubled,

trust God." I know that I am destined for greatness and the Lord I serve will never leave me nor forsake me. All that I have achieved is because of the Lord who took care of me, even when I let Him down. A thousand thank you's would not make up for how the Lord has picked me up and made me the woman I am today. I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for me this year and to experience more of Him. Returning all the Glory, Honor and Praise that rightfully belongs to Him. God bless

"But I think my mistakes became the chemistry for my miracles. I think that my tests became my testimonies." T. D. Jakes

Scripture Union's Ministry in Pictures in 2013: A Year in Review



2012 Campers Reunion: Jan 2013 (1-2)



West, 1st Term Camp, Nadarivatu



QVS 1st Term Rally, March 2013 (Photo 5-6)



1st Term Western Camp, Nadarivatu



RKS 2nd Term Rally, July 2013 (Photo 7-8)



Western Term 2 Camp, Nilsen



SU Awareness Dinner, October 2013



SU Leaders Retreat, October 2013



Nadroga Schools Rally, Aug. 13



Lautoka Schools, Rally, August 2013



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*"Here's the paradox. We can fully embrace God's love only when we recognize how completely unworthy of it we are."
 Ann Tatlock, The Returning*



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Scripture Union News

- ◆ The SU Office re-opened for 2014 on 14 January. We look forward to welcoming all friends and family to Luke Street.
- ◆ SU congratulates all Form 6 and 7 students respectively (especially those who are members of SUIS) who have received and passed their exams.
- ◆ In 2013, SU launched a small evangelism material on Finding Life in Christ. This is part of the Publications Project of Council. For information, please do not hesitate to contact the office
- ◆ The Scripture Union Council is scheduled to have its first meeting on 21 January 2014. Council holds a bi-monthly meeting.
- ◆ SWG Suva elections for new office bearers were held on 18 January 2014. The new office bearers will be responsible for planning SU Central SUIS activities.
President: George Young,
Vice President: Keni Baro
Secretary: Esther Ditoka
Assistant Secretary: Peni Dovi
Treasurer: Seru Colanavanua
Assistant Treasurer: Ilisono

Why Volunteer: School Working Group (SWG)

To know a person's passion, see what they spend their time on. For most of our SWG members, they have to balance their time volunteering with Scripture Union with their studies at Universities around the country and for others with work. However SU recognizes the tremendous work that these dynamic young people do as they organize and carry out fun



filled spiritual activities throughout the year. Many times, they have to organize these events without money, so their faith is tested as much as their patience and commitment. In the end, the final result is always filled with celebrations as lives connect with Christ as Savior. Since the camp, many secondary school leavers have indicated wishing to join SWG because they see the impact that the young leaders have done in their school. So SU welcomes the new enthusiastic and excited group of young leaders joining the ranks of our SWG team this year.

Why Partner with Scripture Union Fiji?

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. 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 His known. We know that our financial investment in this regard is secured in eternity.

Contact Partnership Coordinator:

Romulo Nayacalevu for any enquiries on how you can be a partner today;

Email: rnayacalevu@gmail.com

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 our schools. With Scripture Union, your financial seed goes to changing a child, a student, and tomorrow's leaders today. Just to hear the testimonies of people saved because someone cared enough to partner with us and us visiting them in schools makes these investments worthwhile. Thank you for being our source of blessings through your partnership and together we will advance the Great Commission in our schools.