

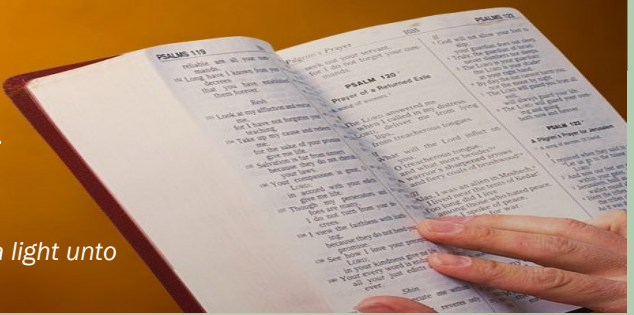
FAITH SEED NEWSLETTER

Scripture Union's Partnership Update: NOV – DEC 2014



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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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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

The Annual Camp has come and gone. That means our ministry for the year is wrapping up. My my my, what a year of miracles, challenges, and achievements. If anything there were many exploits. The theme for the Annual Camp above will also be part of SU's strategic vision for 2015. We are believing and looking forward to a greater harvest and throughout this year, we have seen various sprinkles of divine breakthroughs. As students enjoy the holidays, our dedicated and hard-working team remain available by encouraging and counselling young people whether it is via social media or ad-hoc fellowships in town through movies, touch rugby or just the occasional catch up. A week of Bible Study also

continues; the fellowship has not ended since the camp. While the holiday programs are now parent's responsibilities, we remain blessed to be facilitators of God's graces through encouraging a culture of friendship amongst our young people. These past two months has been hectic with camp plans, a thanksgiving dinner, SUIIS and a range of ministry activities. However we continue to testify of God's resounding goodness manifested in many ways through our ministry at SU. All praises and glory for this great year goes back to the Almighty God who has entrusted us with a ministry so pivotal and important in our nation at this time. Many young people are crying out, looking for hope and salvation and our ministry is that bridge for them to cross over to Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering with us.

Be a financial partner in 2015

Scripture Union's *Financial Partnership program* (see back page) continues to grow steadily. There are currently about 35 committed partners who support us in our mission work. While the funding challenge remains, we have also seen a lot of breakthrough in our finances as partners give to support our work. Per month, SU spends about **\$2,500** (rent+ allowance + bills) on administration. Cost for schools visit is about (**\$250** on average). This means that Scripture Union needs about **\$31,000** annually to sustain the ministry. The only consistent income is from Pledge Partnership bringing about **\$1,500** in pledges per month. SU then does different fundraising activities to off-set expenses. Through commitment and dedication

of our team of volunteers, we have managed to raise needed income for this year and as we wrap up the year, we are financially stable. However we continue to seek Partnership from friends and families of the Ministry especially to be able to support our ministry endeavors in 2015. No amount of money is too small and each seed undoubtedly bears a hundred fold harvest and I am referring to the many people that come to the Lord through our various programs in the year. We ask that you prayerfully partner with us in 2015. This newsletter gives you just a glimpse of what we are doing. If you feel a conviction to be a Financial Partner in 2015, please send us an email on sufijiartnership@gmail.com. Merry Christmas

Our people serving with Scripture Union

Volunteers Graduate

3 committed and passionate members of our SWG team graduated earlier this month in their respective disciplines. Despite a hectic student life dominated by a commitment to volunteering through Scripture Union's mission in schools amongst others, these volunteers are a testimony that with God, all things are possible. Standing on the promises of seeking God first and all is righteousness and everything else shall be added unto us, our volunteers remind us that academic success is part of God's blessings as they continue to inspire and challenge young people and students through their own life journey with Jesus Christ. SU congratulates



Peni with SWG family



Peni Dovi (Public Health), **Meme Cabemaiwai** (Civil Engineering) and **Apakuki Kurusiga** (Aircraft Engineering) for their recent graduation. Apart from their families that attended, a team of our volunteers were present to cheer and congratulate the graduands for their excellent achievement.

Western SUIS Coordinator is appointed

Pastor Apenisa Ralulu is one of our key volunteers serving the Western Division. As a Pastor of the ANCF in Nadi, he has the support of his leadership team to support SU in the West and throughout this year he has been instru-



mental in nurturing, counselling many young people and speaking at different schools, churches and public gatherings about the love and grace of Jesus Christ. He also empowers many young people

with his passion and teachings. As our new Coordinator for the Western Division, Pst Tululu will strengthen our ministry for Western schools. We are looking forward to another year of harvest in the Western schools.

Pastor Leqa and Radini Leqa moving to Suva



Pastor Pati and Radini Lusi Leqa serve with

the Salvation Army in Fiji and are currently based in Lautoka. In that role they also volunteer their time and service to SU as

our coordinator for Lautoka. Pst Pati also took students from Lautoka to the recent camp. SU Suva is looking forward to working with them in strengthening our work in Suva. They

have identified a replacement coordinator for Lautoka and we are looking forward to making that announcement soon. Through their ministry and experiences, many young people have been tremendously blessed.

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

Annual Camp; Levuka, Ovalau; 29 Nov—5 December.



With the theme, *Know God, Pursue God, Do Exploits*, over 300 SU Annual Campers received dynamic revelations of the theme from the RKS School Chaplain and Speaker Rev Wilfred. Rev Wilfred challenged campers on their relationship with Jesus Christ and from the first day of the camp, the altar was full of young people making a decision to receive Christ as Savior and still many more recommitting their lives to the Lord. As the Speaker flowed with an anointing, there was clearly a tangible manifestation of the presence of the Lord as students came broken and open before the Lord. There are a lot of brokenness and deep wounds that many young people carry and it is in the presence of the Lord that they come undone. The SU camp continues to provide that Divine opportunity of salvation for many, healing from brokenness, forgiveness and empowerment seeing most of them leave with heavenly smiles, attesting to being set free in Jesus name. We were witnessing exploits unveiling before us at the Camp.

Our Big December Bible Study

We are getting glimpses of revival as our Bible Studies are now spilling over into the Bible Society grounds. Held at the SU office, the Bible study attendance is now too small for the office and for these past two weeks many of the students now on holidays are flocking into our Bible Study program to be empowered with the Word.



Our SUPA Generation

Our SUPA (*Scripture Union in Primary Age*) held their mini-camp at the margins of the Annual Camp. With our primary students attending, it was also their opportunity to minister to the older children in attendance and also to study the Bible and be encouraged. An elated mother of one of the SUPA club said,



"We are so proud of our son, he was reluctant to attend SUIIS camp at Saint Johns Cawaci but has certainly returned a changed and more mature young man and appreciative of what he has. To God be the Glory... May your harvest be without measure!!!"

Thanksgiving Dinner and the year of blessings

For the first time, SU organised a thanksgiving dinner and awarded certificates of appreciation to its many tireless volunteers who passionately and unselfishly served alongside the ministry this year. These young

people organised numerous activities like rallies, YouthNighted, Bible Study and other activities with SUIIS groups throughout this year. Most of them had to dig deep into their own pockets so they can take the gospel of Jesus Christ to where it is needed. The dinner also paid tribute to the partners and many others who support us in our vision and

mission. It has been a year of blessings in so many ways for which we are truly thankful for.



Some of our volunteer ladies posing before the thanksgiving dinner

"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"...

Planning for 2015 with exploits on our mind

The Scripture Union Ministry met a day after the Annual Camp in Levuka to strategically plan for 2015. The retreat was an opportunity for the ministry to sit down and look at strengths and weakness in 2014 and see how we can improve our service to the Great Commission in schools. It was an opportunity for attendees to hear about the new policies of SU and the strategic direction we hope to follow in 2015 which includes strengthening our human resources, fundraising, and ministry in schools. We explored opportunities to increase our ministry impacts, networking and working in partnership with churches, strengthening schools ministry and work-



Pst Tululu makes a point at the retreat



Mr. Sitiveni Kalota shares his heart at the retreat



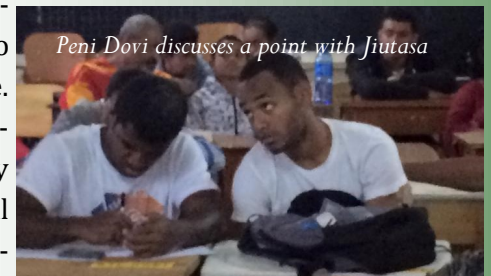
Ms. Teri takes on a point

ing with our vision. Taken from the Annual Camp vision, "Know God, Pursue God and Do Exploits", the ministry agreed that this was a powerful vision for us as we embark on a new season with God. The vision is premised on the fact that Scripture Union will need to strengthen its schools ministry, build on its existing programs and expand into new areas as the Spirit leads us forward. It is also about encouraging our young people and families on the importance of pursuing that intimate relationship with God and in that process begin to step out into exploits with God. The retreat was an opportunity to explore some of our challenges which includes financing the ministry so we can visit more schools and organise more programs. Further we heard of the need to strengthen our counselling program as we receive many young people who

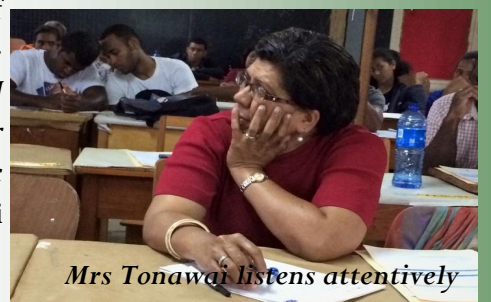
Praise God for the fruitful discussions at the SU Planning Retreat. Looking forward to the SU Team doing mighty exploits for the Kingdom of God in 2015.

Ms Fine Ditoka

are in need of encouragement, inspiration and direction in their life. Good Christian counselling is important as we confront new age challenges that many young people struggle with. In strengthening ministry in 2015, SU Council has already endorsed two key policies (Financial Policy and Confidentiality Policy) and in the new year will look at adopting the Child Protection Policy, Human Resource Policy and a range of initiatives to strengthen ministry in 2015. Chairman of SU, Romulo Nacalevu notes that, "the planning retreat is the opportunity for the SU family to come together and strategically map a vision and direction for the new year. Any organisation is good as its people and we have dynamic people in SU who unselfishly give their life in service of the King." Su Fiji is anticipating a year of closer relationship with Jesus and exploits.



Peni Dovi discusses a point with Jiutasa



Mrs Tonawai listens attentively

All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him.- John MacArthur

Testimony: through Camp Memoirs

Meal Times



Group Bible Reflection



Praying for others and items



Camping Testimonies: What our campers said

Words can not begin to express how I feel ... About the SUIS camp at Levuka ... There's like a bubbling feeling that is attached with the mention of the camp ...

My experience was so deep .. And my revelations from each day of the camp .. I was sharing with a friend during lights off period .. That i was so surprised that it started on the first day i arrived ...

I believe that it was the my birthplace of realization of my passion for children .. For the youths of Fiji..

Some things I learnt personally:

1. **Each person has a story**, no matter how young.. We can not begin to imagine how different each persons life is ...

2. **How we treat a person is very important** .. Treat everybody like the king and queen that they truly are ... Sometimes we realize it more than they do ... So our job may be to convince them of their value in God .. Sometimes a kind word and listening ear is all they need..

3. **God will always meet an expectant heart** ... After realizing that my friends were not coming to camp ..i knew that it would be for me .. And I expected a transformation by the time i returned, it feels that way now.

4. .. **I think my word for the season is Maintenance** ... We need to maintain the link with our Abba father.. The more time we spend with him .. The better the quality of our relationship.. Someone else's revelation is theirs.. Strive for our own by praying and reading the bible and meditating .. Also maintaining by cleaning up .. Some things take up too much of our time and our space ... Its time to clean up and go .. now there is so much space for God... Yay .. So happy about that decision .. No matter its mode of delivery ...

5. **Sometimes it may have to go against every Established thought processes of our lives** ...e.g. medicine is evidence based ... Faith is no evidence, fire ga through God... It may have to be against our family upbringing .. But if God said it ..than its worth it .. Noah building a boat on the mountain .. Hilarious .. I would have been the one laughing my head if i was there .. But he did it without hesitation ...

Anyway .. That's it for now .. So many more ..feel like I can write a book on Levuka experiences... Just want to thank everybody for the pre camp fasting and praying .. I'm a believer now ... **Akesa Funaki**

You know the feeling of hatred that you have for sum1, its just so strong that you want to do something bad to them....but thank God it just disappeared...i don't know about you guys but the camp really transformed me...i just don't hate anybody....those whom i once hate i hate there no more!! its just gone!! Giving God the GLORY and PRAISES and EVERYTHING TO BE HIS ALONE!!
Salaciel Vakanavue



Amen! I can't stop reliving camp! It was a new experience for me. A touching one, just to see kids cry out to God in praise and worship! Now I wish camp was everyday.. I don't care about the environment we have to sleep in anymore. **Vanessa Jim**

awwwwww had such a GREAT time with all of u at Levuka really miss the ISRAEL-EGYPT combine session yesterday, such a blessing spending time with all of u and sooo amazing how we worked together under 2 hours, to portray that powerful message just simply amazing.

Marie-Jose Mausio



SUIS camp was great experience.

Banuve Isimeli

I thank the lord for all da testimonies and I couldn't believe I cried but who said boys cant cry. When the children of God cry before him He commands his blessing. God is good.

Guz Q Kvt

"No one has ever become poor by giving." — Anne Frank, Jewish Dutch diarist during Nazi occupation

Camping Photos—ranging from school to 80's themes and worship, we captured some of these camp moments



Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"-- Ecclesiastes 12:1

Camping Testimonies: What our campers said

The memories we have shared in this camp will always be instilled in our hearts forever!! Broderick Mervyn



Had an awesome time at camp. Missing everyone. Etuate Tuivanuvou

So blessed to have been a part of suis camp this year I miss everyone . Akosita Nayacalevu

I wud like to thank all campers who shared thea testimony coz most of it made me cry and also for those who chose to change in camp god bless u!! Jone Marayawa

What better way to spend the first week of hols then to spend it with young people sold out for God. :) Eunice Rainima

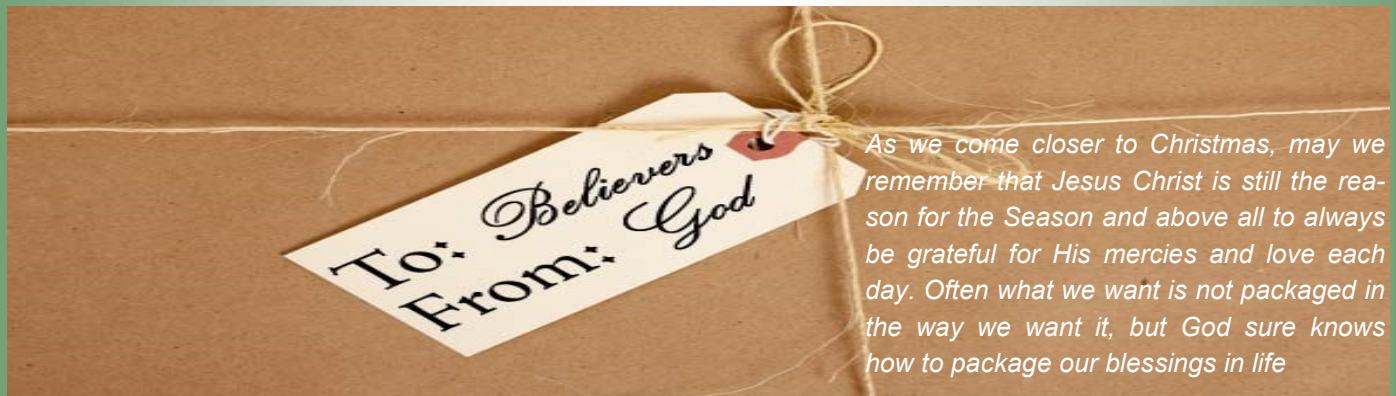
What an amazing time we had @ the camp..... We just needed to be reminded of his unfailing love... This God is just amazing. Charlotte Naquto

Seeing all the photos and posts about camp honestly is bringing me to tears. I'm so blessed to know that everyone enjoyed camp & I'm so bummed that I missed out on such a wonderful experience. My brother is yet to update me about camp, he's still recovering from an amazing week & all I could get out of him so far before he got some rest was "Camp was Awesome" - God is sooo good! I look forward to more encouraging stories to be posted up, and it is my prayer that God will use each and every one of you as instruments for the extension of His Kingdom. The friends you made last week are friends for a life time because God planned your friendship waaay before you even got on that boat to go to Levuka I hope to make friends with all the new faces & look forward to the reunion until then, Know God, Pursue God & DO EXPLOITS Blessings, Marica Tonawai



My son Inoke Atama and my nephew Joseph Atama and my niece Alanieta Atama truly enjoyed the Levuka SUIS camp, learnt so much, encouraged greatly! and they all realised how much they individually are important to the bigger picture of Scripture Union Fiji in the future. Cuvu Atama; Mother of 2 campers, Esther and Inoke

Christian Story and Inspiration Corner



A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He then stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family, but realizing his father was very old, he thought perhaps he should go to see him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make the arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. As he was reading, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... "PAID IN FULL".

How many times do we miss blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.—Author Unknown

Scripture Union's November/December in pictures



Campers praying at the Deed of Session Stone at Ovalau. The site commemorates Fiji's succession to Great Britain in 1874. It was a prophetic gesture from our young people as they commit our nation to God.



Left: Volunteers, "from Suva to Parramatta" our volunteers in Sydney attending mission with the Penrith School students. (Right) - Volunteer Jack Wainiqolo attended the tertiary CF conference in Canberra and caught up with volunteer Mesu Dolokoto, a student at the University of Canberra. Both groups return in January/Feb 2015.



A team praying together at the recent Annual Camp in Levuka,



Our SWG Volunteers organised a sports day and relaxing day at My Suva Park. It was an extension of their fellowship time as they completed or was in the process of preparing for their exams and camp respectively



Royalty in their genes :) Campers dressed up in the theme "Royalty" for the camp. It was an amazing to see their creativity.



Members of the volunteers and SUI members after church service at CMF in Kinoya.



Pst Pati Leqa speaks to the Gospel Ex Students Association. The fellowship invited Scripture Union to come and share to the ex students about our work in schools and how they can support us in our work in 2015.



The SU office getting smaller for the Volunteers weekly bible study.

ND with Pst George in Sydney, Dec 14



SWG
breakup

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



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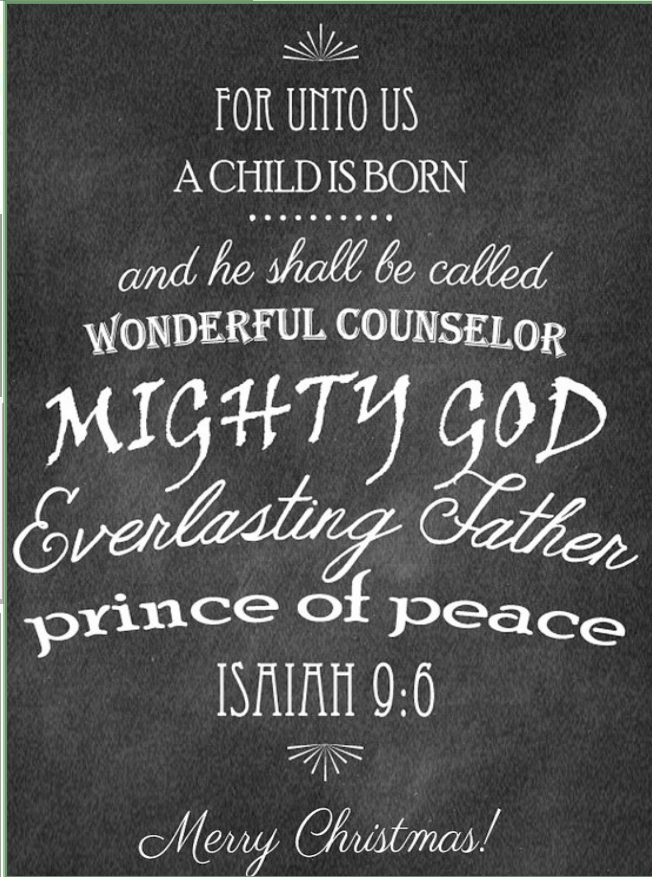
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Scripture Union 50th Anniversary

SWG Central Tukutuku; SUIS Campers

SUIS Lautoka SWG; Western Fiji SUIS



A blessed Christmas and an Amazing New Year to all SU Family and Friends. May His Grace and Peace fill your homes and heart this season.

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