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my path

# Editorial: Joy to the World



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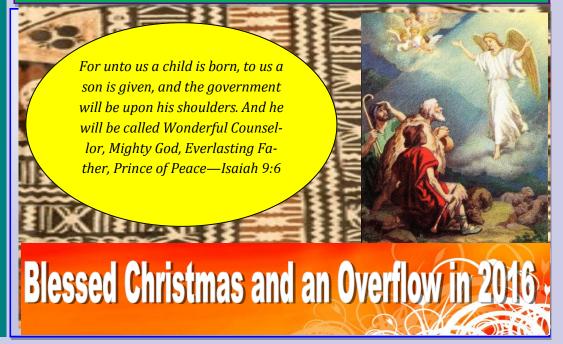
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I write this newsletter on the week of Christmas and my mind races, trying to fathom the year of Blessings this has been to Scripture Union. True to His Word, God is faithful and we see that in the many achievements and breakthroughs we have accomplished this year. In fact, we are still receiving reports of breakthroughs happening to the 350 or so young people that attended the Annual Camp at Navuso. I am seeing it in my own home with a nephew and nieces that attended the camp. From shy, obscure young people, to bold and passionate JESUS students of the Bible. Eagerly participating in fami-

ly devotion. In fact, my nephew accompanied me twice to church, the first ever and he has boldly grabbed the microphone on both occasions to testify of what God has done in his life. I say Praise the Lord. His is part of the many other Breakthroughs and testimonies we will try and capture in this edition. Indeed He who began the good work for us in 2015 has seen us to the end. While we lost our National Director in June, the Council formalised the appointment of the new National Director this past week, our finances are slowly turning, attendees to our Bible Studies increasing, our young leaders increasing their passion for King Jesus and our ministry outreach in 2015 far reaching. So from your partnership team, I wish all our dear partners a Merry Christmas and thank you for planting a prayer or financial seed to support Scripture Union this year. Your seeds are blossoming to eternity. Enjoy your holidays with your families and loved ones and see you all in 2016. To God be the Glory, Great things He is doing. This is after all our seasons of Joy.

# From the Trustees and Council Members of Scripture Union



# Scripture Unions' New National Director appointed

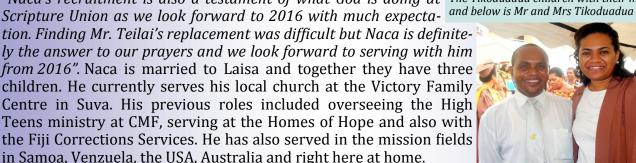
Nacanieli Tikoduadua is Scripture Union's new National Director.

So who is Naca Tikoduadua? One thing for sure is that he is not a stranger to Scripture Union. Naca has been a speaker in events like the Annual Camp, rallies and other Scripture Union gatherings in the past. His witty style of teaching and preaching coupled with sincerity, honesty and provocative styles of-

ten leaves many young people challenged and inspired by the Word of God.

A passionate youth pastor, Naca brings with him years of ministry, commitment and

passion since his SUIS days at high school. Naca gave his life to the Lord in 1993, his final year at high school. In endorsing his appointment, Acting Chairman, Romulo Nayacalevu acknowledged that the recruitment process included months of prayers and sorting out the administrative issues for the appointment. "Naca's recruitment is also a testament of what God is doing at The Tikoduadua children with their mother







Until recently, Naca, lived in Melbourne, Australia where he supported Laisa who was pursuing her Masters degree. Since his return, he picked up again his mission activities including serving as a Youth pastor in his local church. Naca's appointment is an exciting one for Scripture Union as we look forward to how the Lord will use Naca for the extension of Scripture Union's mission from 2016. Naca brings with him a vision for Scripture Union and we are excited with what God will continue to do in Scripture Union in 2016 and beyond. Congratulatory messages for his appointment has come from around the world including from other Scripture Union movements around the world.. Janet Morgan of SU International said, "many congratulations, Brother Nacanieli, and be assured of our support and prayers as you take up your leadership role." Wayne Fraser of SU NZ welcomed Naca to the role. The Nabete family in NZ and Australia said, "God's best and blessings for your new appointment. When he appoints, He anoints, where He anoints, He leads. He leads where He guides and where he guides, He provides." Chris Battistuzzi of our sister movement at SU South Australia said, "I look forward to meeting Naca sometime soon. Congratulations from SUSA and Glen Simpkins from SU Northern Territory said, "I look forward to you meeting you. May God bless you richly". Justin Simpson of SU Victoria said, "We pray that God enables you with His grace for your leadership of SU Fiji. Other well wishing included Anne Bruce who said," Praise God! A man in love with the Lord whose life reflects the Scriptures and is a shining light of the Gospel. Congrats Naca and all will be blessed to have you serving in this position."

The National Council announced that Naca will resume office on January 4, 2016 and fills the vacuum created by the passing of Brother Sisa Teilai who served the Lord faithfully in this ministry for over 30 years. While Sisa has left a legacy and an impression in his service to the Lord, this passing of the baton will continue to build from the work of Mr. Teilai and the other faithfuls that have served the Lord faithfully through some of Scripture Unions most difficult and challenging times.



# Our people serving with Scripture Union

#### Broderick Mervyn is the Youth Prime Minister

SWG volunteer and first year USP student was last month 'elected' to the Youth Parliament in this leadership initiative by the Fiji Legislature and the UNDP. Sharing his testimony at a recent Bible Study, Broderick acknowledges the hand of God in this role. He testifies that when God is on your side, nothing is impossi-

ble and this was clearly manifested as he argued his positions in his role as the Youth Prime Minister. Sitting in the seat of power at the Fiji Parliament House, this young man kept the house on attention as he passionately advocated for youth issues. Broderick also acknowledged God and shared with the Youth Parliament about the camp that was taking place at Navuso High School during



the same week. He was also able to mingle with some of Fiji's leaders including the Speaker of the House, Dr Luveni, the Opposition leader, Hon Ro Teimumu Kepa and other members of the legislature. Broderick has attended a few years of SU's Annual camp and faithfully serves at SU Fiji.

#### SWG on mission in the USA

Western SU Coordinator, Pst Tululu and Suva



based SWG volunteers, Ilisoni and Semisi continue their mission in the USA. Being used in the Fijian communities in California. the trio continue to

speak at a range of gatherings and minister the love of Jesus especially to young people in Sacramento. Pst Tululu was also the guest speaker at a Woman at the well Conference in Sacramento. The trio will be returning to Fiji soon.

#### Volunteer graduates Dr. Akesa



Akesa Funaki, a volunteer with Scripture Union both in Suva and the west graduated with her MBBS at the recent FNU graduation at the FMF dome this month. Dr. Akesa is the older sister of Pa funaki (see tes-

timony at page 9). All of the SWG are university students pursuing chosen career paths in medicine, health, law, accounting, teaching and a range of disciplines and every year many graduate, and yet to see them passionately serving Christ whilst juggling studies is a testimony that with God all things are possible. Congratulations Dr. Akesa and God's blessing be on you always.

# Student PM , Jone Tawake of Basden College is also his school's dux

Ione Tawake was the student Prime Minister in a national students' parliament held earlier in the year. The SUIS Vice President at Basden College in Kinoya also became the school's dux at their annual prize giving in November. The journey for this young man reaching the pinnacle of his high school accolade was sweet as he reflected on the many challenges, hardships and mountains he had to overcome in his academic journey. Jone's testimony will challenge many people as he reflects on what God can do in the life of a person that trusts in Him given that he had to leave school because of difficulties in meeting academic costs and missed opportunities. Many SUIS members received awards at their recent prize giving as schools closed for the 2015 academic year at the end of November.





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

### SWG Leaders attends leadership conference and mission in Australia



Volunteers Keni Baro, John Tuivanuakula, Palu, Asena Ratukadreu and Seveci cut short their annual camp as they were part of the leadership team from the Pacific Students for Christ (PSFC) the sister ministry of SU, but serves Christian Fellowship in tertiary institutions in Fiji. The team attended a weeklong leadership and bible conference in Can-

berra, before spending a

weeklong mission in Sydney. The group who are also part of their Christian Fellowship groups at both USP and FNU were thrilled to be part of this leadership and mission experience. Keni Baro who was the CF president at the medical school CF this year, shared that, "God was the provider for my trip. Being tested as to how much I really trusted God was just soooo much of a learning experience. I would say I have been blessed to be part of this event. Overall its been a blessing and learning experience. God is awesome and just faithful.



#### Mission to the homeless in the west

A team of Western SWG leaders took to the streets for evangelism and ministry to the homeless and beggars. Volunteer Iosh Hezekiah said thev were 'so blessed to take the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to the poor and homeless." This was an initiative of our Western leaders and we are blessed to hear their exciting reports.



#### Online evangelism, Sharing Christ

Our young people are using social media to share the Good news of Jesus Christ. We record our Facebook and Instagram accounts having peaked with followers and sharing to encourage one another. In a recent post on the movie War Room, we were able to reach 9813 people and 1.6k views recorded. A great way to share the Gospel





as you sit from home and evangelise the world.

### SU Volunteers; part of weeklong outreach at Lomanikoro, Rewa

Opposition faithfulness to the Rewa Com- being inspired and blessed.

As many young people enjoy munity Ruth Mudreilagi shared their school holidays, a group of that she was 'grateful to have SU volunteers spend a week in been given the opportunity to Lomanikoro, Rewa, the tradi- outreach to the Rewa community tional home of the Leader of the and that the work of God in the Paramount lives of the youth and leaders will Chief of Burebasaga, Hon Ro continue.' The leaders would Teimumu Kepa. These young meet in the afternoons to pray people ministered in action together before heading off to songs and testimonies as they the outreach and come back on shared God's goodness and the boat ride late into the night





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# Snippets of our work this month

# SWG Leaders organize a thanksgiving and awards dinner

Volunteering is the backbone of Scripture Union's ministry and many young people join the volunteers group because they acknowledge the ministry of Scripture Union in their own lives. These volunteers who mostly are enrolled students at Universities (FNU, USP, UoF) were saved at their high school days through SUIS and return to serve in schools ministry as a testament of God's faithfulness in their lives. This first SWG Volunteers' dinner was their opportunity to put their hair down, glamorize and enjoy their night out together. Not only did they come looking fantastic, but it was a great joy to see these young men and women sold out for King Jesus. This has been a great year of serving our children in schools and mostly by these young SWG volunteers who rock for King Jesus.



### Council members visit the west to discuss ministry projects

Council members visited Nadi to discuss ministry projects. This project has been dormant for many years and the attempts to revive it though meeting some challenges is but a breakthrough in itself as our leaders discuss ways of moving this

This month, a team of Council Members, Mst Mika, Laurel Vaurasi, Mrs Rabukawaqa project forward in and West agent, Bro Eddit with SWG Volunteers, landowners 2016. Please be for praving our ministry projects.



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# Scripture Union Council calls it a wrap for 2015

If serving at SU was a play, it would be difficult to shift through the list of the stars amongst us; the many who tirelessly give their time, resources, and skills to God's work at Scripture Union. One of these group are the Council of SU, who comprise a diverse groups of professional and committed believers who love God and serve Him faithfully in this calling. The SU Council meets monthly and they discuss strategic intervention and the Lord's work in the ministry for the month. As ministry wraps up 2015, the Council confirmed the appointment of Brother Naca as National Director, passed a new Grievance Policy, the Ministry Work-



plan and Financial Workplan for 2016 as well as the new employment contracts for our staff. The meeting also saw the handover of Council chairmanship from Romulo Nayacalevu back to Sitiveni Kalou who has been the acting National Director since the passing of Mr. Teilai. The Council acknowledged the many blessings of God in ministry in 2015 and offered a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord anticipating the new year with God's leading and provision. The role of the SU Council is to provide policy, ministry and spiritual guidance and director to the work of Scripture Union in Fiji.

# Bible Studies are overflowing as young people desire to know God more

The Campers have not only returned from camp fired up but they are also hungry for more of the Word of God. These past two weeks, the Wednesday Bible studies have witnessed over 100 young people spending time in the open air at the SU office eager to be encouraged and inspired by the Word. Though the Bible Study, an initiative of campers following the Annual Camp at Jasper two years ago was meant for Volunteers only,



we now see parents dropping of their children at the SU office for the Wednesday Bible studies. The young people are not only re-discovering the Word, but finding their identity in Christ and being encouraged by His Word.

# Scripture Union Thanksgiving Dinner a success

The Annual Scripture Union dinner held at the Vineyard in Suva was hailed a success by the organizers. Council member Nancy Tikoisuva said the purpose of the dinner was for Scripture Union to come together and reflect and thank God for the year of ministry. "I was proud of the leadership of our vol-

unteers in running the program that night" Nancy stressed. Speaker for the night, Mrs Iva Teilai acknowledged God's hand and blessings despite their loss this year. The Ministry was reminded to keep on trusting God's direction and leadership in 2016. The SU Council recognizes this dinner as a



### The SU Break In, Break Through and Break Out Annual Camp

The Annual Camp at Navuso Methodist High School in Nausori attracted over 350 young people learning, sharing and being challenged with the camp theme of Break In, Break Through, Break Out. The Camp Speaker, Master Mikaele Mudreilagi is the school Principal at Basden College in Kinoya, a member of the SU Council and a lay preacher of the Methodist Church took the campers through a time of discovering God through His Word. The sessions saw students come broken before God as the Word of God "penetrated even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" -Hebrews 4:15. Master Mika likened the Word of God as the surgeon's knife and the Holy Spirit being the surgeon who will use the Word to clean and cut through a person's life. Each day provided the speaker an opportunity to share on the theme from the Word. Day

One was Break in and it was about the campers searching within and allowing God to deal with them internally.

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They were reminded that God will forgive them and cleanse them of failures their and sins if they allow Him too. As the Word was ministered. many young people made themselves right before the

Lord. There were repentances and healing taking place throughout the week. One young man shared that the first Sunday of the camp was his first Sunday also in church this year and trol himself as he wept berepentance. Often camp delayed as God moved camp and brought many surrender at the foot of the ence for many. Please be





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These boys from the SUIS camp ready to hand out tracks in town with our CMF youth in Nadi...so encouraging to see them eager and enthusiastic for Jesus!!!!

#### Varanisese Bola ► SUIS **CAMPERS**

Yesterday at 5:53 PM . I

Thank you SUIS committees for a powerful camp week ..God is faithful..our 3 children came back with so many powerful testimonies..and yes it was a breakthrough in their spiritual life's..they were more confident..and bold to testify on what God did during the one week camp in navuso..there is power in the name of Jesus..amen..blessed Christmas to all of you..amen.

### Rovereto Nayacalevu 7 hrs · \*

So thankful and blessed to see the fire of the Spirit in my kids this morning when I picked them up from Navuso......Tukana, Lati, Soko and Nate you guys rock mahn.....We will Continue to ask the holy Spirit to keep the fire burning in your lives as you continue this Spiritual journey With our Lord and may the blood of the lamb keep you strong and focused.....As I said this morning you will go through both stormy and calm waters during your journey with the Holy Spirit. ....keep in he word and pray...let your deeds be the lanifestation of Jesus in your Lives...With u in prayers....to him be the alory....luv you

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## Annual Camp Pictorials: Praying for Suva, Praying for Fiji

The words of our National Anthem, a prayer declaring, "Blessings Grant o God of Nations, on the isle of Fiji" was the basis for our young people praying and declaring blessings into the nation during the day outreach at Suva city. It was an amazing time of intercession and prayers for the nation.



Campers spend a day of evangelism and praying at the Ratu Sukuna Park in Suva during the camp. They prayed revival into the land and danced for King Jesus at this public park.



"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

### Annual Camp Testimonies from some campers (Part 1)

Our Camp Team took to asking a few campers to share their testimonies of camp, their relationship with God and their experiences generally. Below are some of their testimonies.



Lindy Teilai is 15 years old and a SUIS member of Yat Sen Secondary School shared that Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ, not a religion or philosophy. Its bonding with Jesus Christ. Ultimately it is a lifestyle. 'My

journey with Christ started at a young age when I first started going to SUIS camps at the age of 3 with my late dad'. Lindy grew up with SU and acknowledged her solid upbringing to the influences around her growing up in the Teilai household. SUIS at Yat Sen Secondary included biblical games. Outreach, bible study and fellowship. Through these activities she has leant about the importance of being united in Christ. Lindy loves camp as it brings together people of different backgrounds who come united in the presence of God. Her favourite Bible Verse is Hebrews 4:12



Jolame Nakacia, 17 years old describes Grace as a gift from God. Its his unmerited favour which we don't really deserve but he gives abundantly anyway. Jolame is still in awe of God's grace upon himself and is a form 6 student.

He is an active member of his SUIS group since he was in form 3. He acknowledges that his SUIS experiences has helped him in building an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and though this is his first SU Camp, it has been life changing for him. He also recommitted his life to Christ and has boosted his self confidence in God from the sessions at camp. He encourages young people to pursue a relationship with God and for them to know that God loves them unconditionally. It was his breakthru.







#### Maikeli Utoni

The head boy of Suva Grammar School is 18 years old and shares that God loves us despite our past. 'This is a statement that is close to his heart' and his love

for God is what enabled him this year to share the Gospel to fellow students. The Grammar SUIS group meets every Wednesday during recess and despite the students having to give up their recess time, he knows it's for a worthy cause. This being his second SUIS camp, Maikeli shared that he enjoyed every minute of it. He acknowledges that through the Word, he is able to break through from the shackles of his past and for him, the Gospel gets sweeter by the day. He encourages young people to have faith in God and that God loves us despite our past.



Pasemaca Funaki, 19 years old is a student at Dudley High School. Attending her second camp this year with her personal motto that God is the solution to every problem, Pa as she is known shares that while the path to heaven is narrow and going through that path is hard, it is defi-

nitely worth it. She is an active member of her SUIS group at school. Their CF activities includes bible studies, watching motivational videos. She is a firm believer that with God all things are possible and her favourite Bible verse is from Romans 12:2. Pa's challenge is that in a world where values are being distorted, all believers should live their lives according to God's standards and not the worlds'.

### Annual Camp Testimonies from some campers (Part 2)

Here is the continuation of testimonies from some of our campers at Navuso as they shared their passion and heart on this journey of faith they are taking. Please keep them in your prayers



Apakuki Masibalavu, 17 of QVS shares that, 'when you are born again, you come under a higher law that overcomes sin and death. The moment the Holy Spirit comes into you, you are immediately liberated and released from the bondage of sin.' For Apakuki, the sole reason

for coming to SUIS camp was to commit his life to Christ. He first joined SUIS in form 4 and this was his second SUIS camp. He shares that he has deepened his knowledge of God through His Word. "As believers we will go through trials and tribulations that will test our faith. I encourage young people not to take heed of people's opinions about your new found journey and experience with Christ, but only take seriously God's Word concerning you."



Caroline Doughty, 17 of Ba Methodist High School attended her first camp this year. Though she was not planning to attend, once she was at Navuso, the camp turned out to be a blessings for her. Caroline is grateful

to God for this opportunity to attend the camp. Caroline joined her SUIS group when she was in Form 4 and this was where she learnt about Christ and his love for humanity. Her revelation at camp was that before she wanted to go out and change others, she needed to change herself first and that is what she has done since attending camp. She is stepping out of her comfort zone also as she shares the love of Christ to her family and loved ones. Her message to young people is for them to seek God with their all. 'Many are the plans in a man's heart, but the Lord's plans prevail,' she reminds herself.







Many great memories come unexpectedly but its part of a divine plan for your life. And this is how Ulamila Taka of ACS saw her experiences at the SUIS Camp. Ulamila had not planned on attending the camp but she is glad she did. "During the camp, I learnt a



lot of life lessons which has greatly impacted my life. From the sessions to the group discussions, I have learnt the importance of standing on the Word of God and declaring that in my life..." Going to town with her group for the evangelism program at the camp was a new and challenging experience for her but she believed that it took her out of her comfort zone and that her experiences has taught her to rely on God's Word as the compass she needs to navigate through life's challenges.



Ken Vocea is a 16 year old and a student at RKS. He also joined his SUIS group this year. In giving his testimony, Ken shares in 2 Timothy 1:7, the Bible says that God has not given us the spirit of fear and timidity but of

power, love and self-discipline. He adds that he was not expecting anything by coming to the camp at Navuso but that journey changed for Him as he believed he had an encounter with God. In fact as he shared his testimony, he stated that he is still in awe of God because God met him at the camp. His divine encounter with God has also enabled him to change his perspectives of life and especially of God, given his personal experiences. He enjoyed the camp and loved the evangelism program and he is keen to share the Gospel to his peers. He encourages them to read and live the Word.

# Annual Camp Pictorials, the poses, the tears, the fun and the awesomeness



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

— Warren W. Wiersbe

# November —December months in pictures





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### 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, SWGs and our work in schools in 2016
- SU movements regionally and globally.
- The new National Director Bro Naca
- Pray for our campers, teachers and students on their holidays
- SU Office for wisdom and leadership as we extend our ministries in 2016
- Finances for 2016

#### News Board

- SU Announces the appointment of Naca Tikoduadua as ND.
- Let us know if you wish to join our volunteers SWG team especially for school Congratulaleaves. tions to all our Form 4, 6 and 7s for their pass.
- 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 In considering whether to partner with Scripture Union 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.

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.