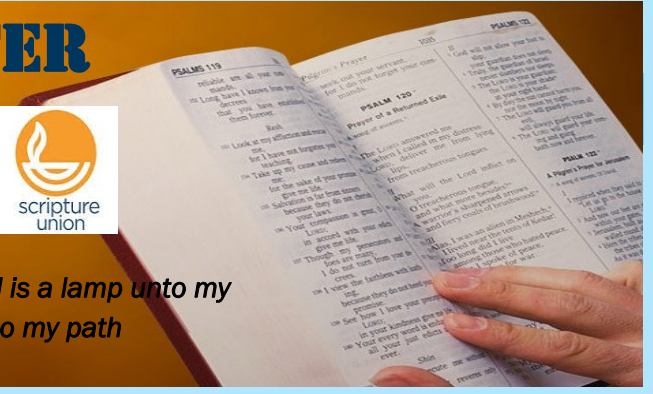


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Scripture Union Fiji's Testimonials

Scripture Union's Partnership Update: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2016: SPECIAL ANNUAL CAMP EDITION



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



Scripture Union's Annual Camp is the place to be...



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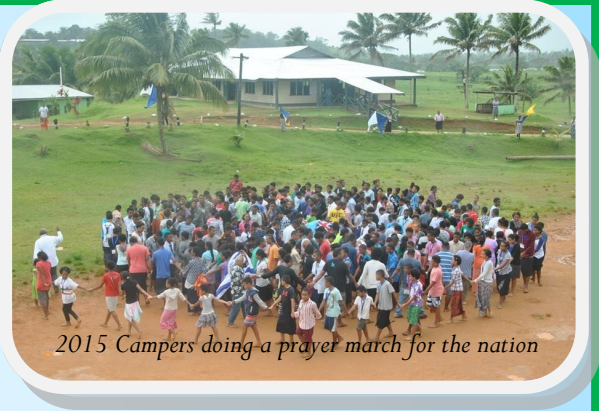
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This is an Annual Camp edition, released a few days into the 2016 Annual Camp of Scripture Union ministry. SU's camping ministry in Fiji dates back to the early 1980's when some of today's household names within the Christian circles were students and attended their SU camps. Each camp has its stories of friendship, companionship and especially so the catalyst of personal and intimate relationship with the Lord for many. Ask any of SU's campers and they can share with you with fond memories their camping experiences, whether it is from the 80's, the 90's, the 2000's or even the Navuso Secondary School camp in 2015. But camping is more than just spending a week or so in a camp venue; for



2015 Campers doing a prayer march for the nation



many it has been a place of solace where they meet Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their life. Its almost 20 years since my last SUIs camp as a high school student, but the memories of that camp and its impact lingers on as if it was only yesterday when we left the camp venue. Each person at camp has a different experience, but they were certainly profound memories that have lingered on years after the various camping experiences. As we prepare for this camp, we are reminded that we are fast approaching the end of the year. Wow...what a year 2016 has been for all of us. It certainly was a fleeting one and our many achievements along the way, reminds us of the significance of our Holy calling in Christ Jesus. Our very first school ministry activity for the year, the term one term rally for Suva schools was held at ACS and it's prophetic that we also end of our schools' ministry year at ACS with the Annual Camp. The theme Delve 1-2-1 is based on the principle of one deepening their relationship with God on a one to one level. Further, campers will also go through elective sessions where they will confront topical and social issues such as human trafficking, human rights, social media amongst other issues. This is a great opportunity not to be missed. As Moses and Hezekiah below are saying...

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



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Annual Camp Special Edition



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Kings Road
 10am - Shirley Park
 11am - Ba Bus stand
 12:30pm - Tavua Bus stand
 2pm - Rakiraki Bus Stand
 Students who wish to be picked up along Kings Rd from Rakiraki to confirm with me.
Mereoni 9330586
 Bui 7210096
Western Campers

Queens Road
 10:30am - Aerotown (Votualevu Roundabout)
 11am - Nadi Bus Stand
 12:30pm Sigatoka busstand
 Students who wish to be picked up along Queens Rd to confirm with Jack 8692337 **Akvila 881526 8**

26th November SUIS CAMP



please contact your division coordinator mentioned below

Suva Pick Up details...Boarding at RSMS from 1pm.
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 - Mr. Taniela Seruvatu (Lautoka): 8644814
- Northern Division:**
- Mr. Semisi Navuda : 7225265

Western campers pick up details

Find us on  Search for "Youthnited Fiji" or SU FIJI CAMPS

With two dynamic speakers and a range of elective topics and fun activities, SU CAMP 2016 will leave lasting memories in the lives of the young people that will attend. At a time when young people are seeking answers, solutions, or questioning life, the best response is in DELVING in the Word and at this camp, we will be expounding a bit more on this including speaking to young people a seasoned message about life, love and intimacy with God. It's time we raise the standard and we start with D.E.L.V.E 2016

Annual Camp Special Edition

Annual Camp 2016— Its now in Adi Cakobau School, Sawani

In our last newsletter, we had announced that the Annual Camp 2016 will be held in Savusavu. However in the past month and with the change of school management, it became untenable for the school to host the Annual Camp. With the requests made to the Education Ministry, Adi Cakobau School was approved to host the Annual Camp this year and so to Sawani we go. With much excitement, the Annual Camp Team of volunteers at SU, have dedicated their Monday evenings to plan the details of the camp and trust the Lord with the theme of the camp being Delve 1 2 1. Delve deeper in a one to one relationship with God is premised around the need to not just emphasis the importance of a personal relationship with the Lord but for young people to keep digging deeper in the Word as they seek to strengthen their personal walk with the Lord. Our camp team have been planning and praying for this event for over a few months now, including school visits (right). Scripture Union camps are interdenominational and are worthwhile investment in eternity for any parent and young person.

SCHOOL VISITS TAILEVU AND NAITASIRI SCHOOLS



Meet Camp Speaker: Pst Manasa

Pst Manasa Kolivuso is a gifted and anointed speaker and currently is the Director of Every Home International. A former high school teacher, Pastor Manasa is now in full time ministry and serves as a Pastor of the Christian Mission Fellowship. An avid mentor to young people, Pst Manasa speaks a gospel that is practical and real for young people. His passion for the Word is translated in his life and testimonies which he weaves into his teachings which impacts many people who hear him teach, Pst Manasa, has also spoken at previous SU events challenging young people to live lives that are set apart from the world and pursue holiness and purity through Christ Jesus. We are anticipating a fire charged message at ACS. DELVE certainly is his speciality



Manasa Kolivuso
EHC Regional Director Asia

Meet camp speaker: Pst Joe

Pastor Joe Lauvanua serves with the Faith Ministry and is engaged in teaching the body of Christ with the Word of God. His exposition and revelation of the Word, allows him to minister the Word of God in its simplicity and power which will definite challenge and inspire the young campers at camp this year to understand the theme of Delve 1-2-1. Pst Jo studied land management and development at USP and had also served as a service program provider with the Fiji Corrections services. He was ordained a Pastor in 1995 and enjoys serving the Lord in this vocation. Pst Jo is also passionate about ministering to young people and as one of the camp speaker's his sessions will definitely ignite and inspire our campers. Come expecting.



Camp Preparations: Spreading the Word on the Camp

Christian students meet at ACS

TALEBULA KATE
Monday, November 21, 2016

Update: 7:52PM Christian students from secondary schools around the country will converge at Adi Cakobau School in Sawani next week for the annual Scripture Union in Schools (SUIS) camp.

According to Nacanieli Tikoduadua the National Director of Scripture Union Fiji, Adi Cakobau School was selected by all Scripture Union Fiji members and stakeholders to be the venue for the end of the year camp.

"Because of its strategic location, facilities and accessibility to essential services, we believe ACS will be the ideal location to bring in students from different ethnicity and background to s
Tikoduadua said <http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=3793>

There has been various strategies designed by the Camp Committee to raise awareness and share about the upcoming camp. Social media has been flooded with information on the camp and lately the mainstream media has

also provided coverage to the SU Camp. Teams from the SU office have also been dispatched to various schools to discuss about the camp to school principals. Some of these activities are captured on our SU Fiji Facebook Pg.

SUIS CAMP 2016 DELVE 1-2-1
Posted by Scripture Union Fiji
810 Views



Some of our past camp photos that speak a million words

BMS Camp 2011



Jasper Williams High School 2013



Saint Johns Cawaci Camp 2014



Navuso High School 2015

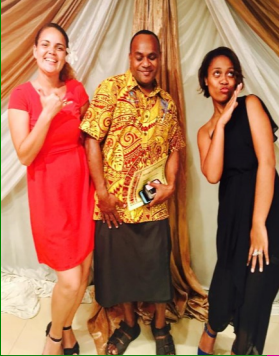


Nasikawa Vision College 2009



God created me—and you—to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion—namely, a passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life.” — John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*

A tribute to our Volunteers at Scripture Union Fiji



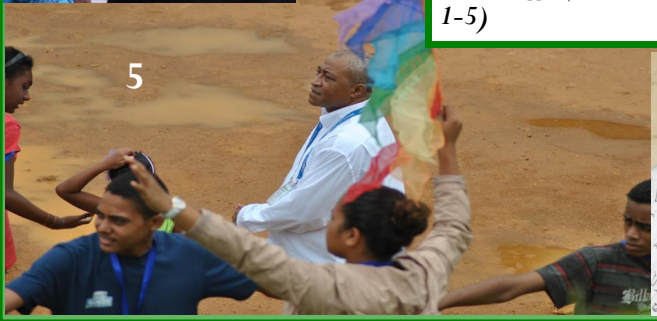
1. Scripture Union volunteers includes tertiary students and our Council members and trustees. Volunteers are the heart of our ministry and this is evident in the selfless service of Scripture Union volunteers in the various areas they serve in. These include schools ministries, where volunteers dedicate their time and resources to visit Christian Fellowship groups in various schools in the West, North and central eastern divisions. The Suva SWG held a thanksgiving dinner (Photos A-D) this month to appreciate the work of the volunteers for their services in 2016



2. Scripture Union volunteers in the form of the SU Council and trustees have also this year worked hard to ensure that SU through his office ministry and programs remains relevant and divinely inspired to keep making an impact in the lives of our young people. This year, Council continued to strengthen the financial position of the ministry through our partnership projects and also published its first locally produced Daily Challenge which is now on sale at the SU office. Other commitments include pursuing our land project, monthly meetings to discuss ministry progress and related ministry support to SU activities. Bigger and better in 2017.



Council Members and Staff (Photos 1-5)



Scripture Union Fiji releases our first home written devotional



Mrs Rabukawaqa

Mrs. Emi Rabukawaqa and her Publications Team of the SU Council and friends, laboured tirelessly to complete this titanic project which required months of writing and seeking the Lord for inspired words to pen into this devotional. After all, this was the first ever locally produced devotional written by Scripture Union in Fiji as a Bible study tool or aid for young people and families. This was a huge project as Mrs Rabukawaqa's team sought devotional writers, went through an editing process and the negotiations with very little or almost no funds to take the document into produc-

tion. Yet with Faith as a currency, we now have this “*first locally produced authored SU Bible reading guide and we give thanks, glory and honour to God for His love and mercy in answering prayer and for gracing His people with humility and patience to endure and bring to completion that which was seemingly out of reach*”, Mrs Rabukawaqa wrote. She further added that, “*we appreciate and praise God for the lives of the men and women who wrote the devotions in the Daily Challenge. They made sacrifices of time in prayer and in studying the Word and in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be able to compose such timely Word from God's heart.*”

The devotional combines sharing on the Word as well as some personal reflections from some of Scripture Union's volunteers. This is a great Quite Time tool and contains key Bible verses for the day, a reflection of the verse and a prayer guide. Further the devotional is written to be relevant to perpetuity and for a seeker, it will also enable them to read the Bible in on year. The daily revelations will undoubtedly provide the much needed boast for any Christian ready to starting their day or together as a family at evening prayers. The Daily Challenge is also one of the cheapest devotionals in

our market today in Fiji and to invest in a copy is not just to invest in your spiritual life, but it is also planting a seed to the work of Scripture Union that will continue to allow us to design and deliver relevant ministry tools to assist us in our mission with young people and families in our nation. As Council member Romulo Nayacalevu said, “*the devotionals were written with one thing in mind and that is to let God speak through the pages so that the reader will not just be inspired for the day, but hear God especially as they go through life with Him. It will bless, inspire and encourage, that's for sure*”. While the devotionals are available for purchase, we also are praying for opportunities where we can bless those that may not be able to afford a copy. This includes seeking sponsorship of mass copies which we then distribute to children in remote areas and other disadvantaged children, after all, the more we make the Word accessible, the more we expose our children to life-giving revelations and truth...so friends, get your copy today or bless someone with the Word; this is a great Christmas gift idea.

"Daily Challenge" is here



Scripture Union in Fiji's first locally produced YEARLY devotional is now available from the SU Office or through its officials.

Written by local authors for every day of the year: 2017 beyond

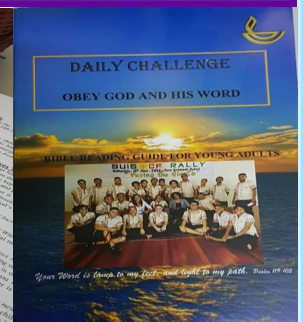
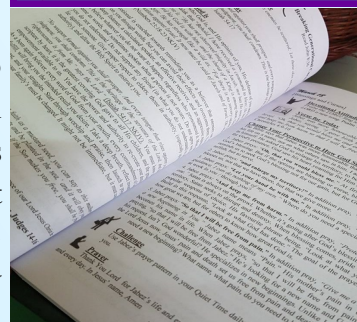
This is a great GIFT idea, maybe a Christmas present; a graduation gift, a Birthday or well wishing gesture for a family member, a loved one, a good friend or even a stranger.

- \$20 for ALL
- \$15 for young adults
- \$10 for High schoolers



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Plant a Seed today and support Scripture Union in Fiji's mission in school as you give the GIFT of the Word to someone today. All income raised, goes to supporting Scripture Union's mission amongst young people. Thank you for your seed



Testimonials: Keni Baro dances at the Annual Feast of Tabernacles

When Keni Baro heard testimonies of those that return from Jerusalem attending the Feast of Tabernacles, it began to stir within him a desire to travel to the Holy Land, if anything, just to trode on the path that Jesus walked. So that desire turned to reality when Keni Baro was told that he was going to be one of the first Fijians to dance at the Annual Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. Keni's daring dream and relentless faith finally saw him dance at the Feast of Tabernacles last month and walk the streets that Jesus walked in Jerusalem and surrounding towns including Capernaum, Galilee etc. Here's his reflection titled; **Living a legacy**



"Legacy is not leaving something for people, its leaving something in people" In a devotion one morning at the Yitzhak Rabin Hostel, our dance coordinator Chloe Gonzalez shared about "Living a legacy of a farmer in Gods kingdom." As farmers, we plant seeds and wait for it to grow and later bear its fruits. As volunteers at the feast, she encouraged us to be farmers that will plant seeds of faith, peace, hope and love to people as we serve them in different roles and responsibilities we are in. To plant seeds that will help the nations that have come to grow spiritually and bear fruits of the spirit. This encouraged me as a first time dancer to the feast to sow seeds in peoples lives from all over the world on behalf of the nation of Fiji. Coming to Israel was an exciting and challenging experience for me as it was my first time travelling alone to 2 foreign countries, Korea and Israel. It really challenged my relationship of trust with God and I am thankful that in all the challenges i faced, God kept assuring his presence and company all throughout the journey. I was reminded that at times God separates us from what we are use to and wants time alone with us. God is always speaking, tune out doubt, unbelief and distractions so you can tune in and hear his voice. Another exciting experience was joining the Feast of the Tabernacle dance company which was really amazing and so much fun.

Although the dance choreographies were a whole lot different, I thank God for the lives of the dance directors and team members for the team bonding and help that made it easier for me to learn. There was a lot to learn during rehearsals but at the same time a whole lot of fun and great friendship built-in. One of the amazing experience ever in this trip to Israel was dancing in front of approximately 5000 plus people from different nations at the Pais Arena and declaring Gods sovereignty, power and blessing over them and their nations. It was such a great opportunity and blessing to witness God move in peoples lives through healing, blessing and anointing and transformation. Such a great joy to have the opportunity to minister through dance to people and i thank God for such a season as this. "Living a legacy of sowing seeds of blessing." Please think about your legacy because you're writing it today.

Legacy is not what's left tomorrow when you're gone, its what you give, create, impact and contribute today while you're here that then happens to live on. People say, "Living a Christian legacy is hard" but i tell you its a process of building you up to be a better man or woman of God. Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion, it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ. Before I conclude I would like to thank God for my family, friends and colleagues for their financial support and prayers in this trip to Israel. It is my prayer that the Lord will bless you all abundantly and will continue to make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you all in Jesus mighty name. Amen To God be all glory and power.

National Director's Corner

LET THE LORD BUILD by

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"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep."

~King David - Psalms 127:1-2~

What does it mean for the Lord to build the house? It almost seems a contradiction when we consider that we might be the builders in this passage. God wants us to allow Him to build the house. He explains further:

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep to those He loves" (Psalm 127:1-2).

God is telling us there is a way of working without striving. There is a way to conduct business without sweating and toiling for outcome. His warning to each of us is to avoid thinking that outcome is based on our sweat and toil. Outcome is based on obedience. That outcome is sometimes more than we deserve. Sometimes it is less than we hoped for. His desire for each of us is to see Him working in our daily work life. He wants us to avoid looking to our own effort to gain an outcome.

One day Jesus called out to Peter from the shore of the

lake and suggested he throw his net on the other side of the boat. It was this simple act of obedience that yielded a tremendous catch that he would not have received unless he obeyed.

We are called to work; He is called to bring forth the fruit. He is the vine. We are the branches. Fruit comes forth naturally from a healthy tree.

If we are not connected to (living in obedience) to the tree, we will pay the price for it. Several reasons why it is important for us to allow Him to build whatever it is we are aiming for are:

- If HE builds it, we will rest...
- If HE builds it, we won't have to defend it...
- If HE builds it, HE will provide for it...
- If HE builds it, HE will complete it...

When the Lord builds the house, He gets the glory because the labourers give him the glory. They know they couldn't have done it without HIM. All they did was obey and tag along and God most certainly knows how to orchestrate and bring the resources to aid us in the building of the house.

It is to the detriment and doom of men to take the glory for himself and to say in his heart, "We did this. Me and mine built this. By our strength, by our wisdom and resources. After all, isn't the world and everything in it already God's anyway (Psalms 24)

The day we find ourselves in that situation/position, we've just announced to the world that we built the house. And that is a dangerous place to be...



Happy Thanksgiving Day—There's a lot to be thankful for

It's a bonus that this Special Edition of the Newsletter comes out on Thanksgiving Day for there is truly a lot to be thankful to the Lord for as we see His presence in our lives this year. The fact is that if you are reading this, that means, you have many more opportunities to trust God through your season and to keep believing that your season of breakthrough is coming. While some may have experienced disappointments and loss, the best assurance is that as long as you are alive, than God is not done with you yet and there is still an opportunity then to be thankful..for life, for family, for friends and for the opportunity to see another day. The Psalmists sums it up well in **Psalm 95:1-6** – *O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods, In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

Stand still" – keep the posture of an upright man, ready for action, expecting further orders, cheerfully and patiently awaiting the directing voice; and it will not be long before God shall say to you, as distinctly as Moses said it to the people of Israel, "Go forward." – Charles Spurgeon

Scripture Union volunteers' corner in pictures



ND with volunteer Jo discussing with Madam Principal of ACS the finer logistics of the SU Camp and below right with Daiana delivering camp infos



Visiting Japanese team participated in one of our weekly Bible Studies at the Scripture Union Office



Volunteer Livai conducts leadership training for western leaders preparing for the Annual camp in Lautoka earlier this month.

Volunteers support Jiutasa, a fellow volunteer who graduated from the Police academy this month. Our new recruit is now on assignment at his posting in Suva.



A tribute by the SU Volunteers (far right)

The SU Family recently visited and stood in support with volunteer, Una Colaivalu who lost her beloved father this month. In standing with Una, we reminded her she is not alone in this journey of life and especially that there is hope in Christ for a reunion on the resurrection morning. Rest well Mr. Colaivalu and God's shalom on the Colaivalu family

Deuteronomy 15:10—Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.



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Prayer Wall

- ◆ SUIs groups present in 70 or so schools. And pray that all schools will be open to SUIs.
- ◆ Volunteers, the Council and Trustees of SU and our work in schools
- ◆ SU movements regionally and globally.
- ◆ Pray for the Scripture Union land, that supernatural doors will open.
- ◆ Scripture Union's Ministry 2017
- ◆ SU Office for wisdom and leadership as we expand our ministry
- ◆ Annual Camp at ACS
- ◆ For the work of the Lord through SU and all young people of Fiji.

News Board

- The Annual Camp commences this Saturday 26 Nov—3 December at ACS. Camp fees is \$60 per child.
- SU is selling its Daily Challenge devotional at the SU office in Suva or Methodist Bookshop.
- We thank the Lord for those that have sponsored the camp in cash and kind. That will assist us greatly in reducing the camping costs.
- Best wishes to all our students completing their exams this month
- School holidays begins this Friday and runs for 7 weeks to the next school year in 2017.

Partner with Scripture Union Fiji's vision for schools and families

The work of Scripture Union is privately funded by those who prayerfully consider giving to support our work in student ministries. Unlike the church or organisations whose funding is from established sources, SU has to rely on the good will of friends to be able to meet its financial obligations such as paying rent, bills, programs such as rallies, camps, schools visitation and a range of activities to encourage our children in schools on a monthly basis. Every year the cost of student ministry increases and so are the challenges and struggles that young people are dealing

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

with. The pressure to raise children who know God through the Bible is not complete without introducing young people to the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour. This is our work as Scripture Union and despite the many financial challenges over the years, we have held onto this important part of our work by going into schools to minister and inspire young people to make right choices about their lives. This is where your faith seed will go into amongst others. It is about investing in the life of our children so that they can know Christ and make Him known. We know that our financial investment in this regard is secured in eternity.

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

"I believe that the few dollars I put into the work of SU may not be much, but I am inspired to know that this investment will change a life and that for me is an eternal investment worth making." To see lives change is a blessing. Scripture Union is in the forefront of impacting the next generation of young people for the Lord. By investing in Scripture Union's work, we are investing into the next generation of Christian leaders, pastors, civil servants, NGO workers and the nation as a whole as we challenge and raise up the next generation of champions for Jesus Christ. This investment is probably the best one can make as we partner together in this Great Commission in schools and especially so in our nation. Our partners have a choice to give a one of sum, give weekly, fortnightly or monthly. A seed varies from a widow's mite of \$10 to a family's annual pledge of \$1000. To date there are about 30 pledge partners supporting SU's ministry in Fiji and we are grateful for the sacrifices and commitments made, allowing us to strengthen our outreach and missions to schools. Thank you for your partnership and for giving to the Lord through SU Fiji.

"As base a thing as money often is, yet it can be transmuted into everlasting treasure. It can be converted into food for the hungry and clothing for the poor. It can keep a missionary actively winning lost men to the light of the gospel and thus transmute itself into heavenly values. Any temporal possession can be turned into everlasting wealth. Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality." A Tozzer