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- To volunteer with SU through one of its programs, don't hesitate to talk to us.
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When God is more than enough

During a recent Bible Study of School Working Group leaders in Suva, attendees focused on this big topic of "When God is more than enough". It is a timely reminder that when you

Bibles aren't allowed in schools anymore but are encouraged in prison. If kids were allowed to read it at school, they may not end up in prison.



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be drawn towards an Almighty, All sufficient God whose very name is "I AM." At SU, the work of sharing the Word of God continues and many lives are impacted and changed

and to see that transformation in their lives makes us celebrate the honor of being His Hands, and Feet and Voice to the many young people that are otherwise in need of God's purposes for them. *Justice Fellowship* captured the importance of the Word rather powerfully in the picture above as it reminds us all, the importance of God's Word in shaping the values, morals and decisions of any young person. The field is ready and our harvesters are marching on with the Word of God in their hearts and as one browses through its pages, one cannot feel but

knowing that He is more than enough.

Scripture Union's Online evangelism...

This has been a year of firsts for Scripture Union. Last month we held our historical flash mob and this month we record our online evangelism and outreach through Facebook as well as our SU online page. The fact is that we are in an electronic revolution with a generation that is techno driven. Whether it is in the latest smart phone, the iPhone or iPad or other glitz, young people are increasingly connected and consequently become remotely isolated. The hours children spend on gadgets means, they are hours away from any real and often meaningful human contact with people. To speak in the language of our audience, we need to realize the value of the new media. When the SU online page was created, the main idea was to raise the profile of the work we are doing as well as connect our many friends and family across geography and distance. In fact, within a week of creating our SU page on Facebook, over 300 people had "liked" the page and within 3 months of creating our online page (left), well over 1000 has read our contents. This powerful evangelism tool is enabling SU to reach out to young people in the comforts of their homes as well as provide needed encouragements through messages or just responding to some of the issues or questions posed in these forums. This is our revolution.

SCRIPTURE UNION IN FIJI

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Hi, we take welcome and Cheers Greetings to you all! Welcome to this Scripture Union in Fiji page! Scripture Union remains in the forefront of Christian ministry to young people in our beautiful islands of Fiji.

Through the Word of God, we see young lives changing from hopelessness to Hope, from shame to happiness, from fear to confidence, from sad to being heard in their hearts. That is our delight and through this page, we hope to capture some of these amazing stories, testimonies, encouragements and challenges or prayers to remind us that in this work of faith, we are not alone.

These testimonies are reminders that God is He who is in us, then He that is in the world (John 14:19). Young People are our nation's future, and equipping them today with the Word of God will ensure that we reach the next generation to love God and serve Him in their respective settings. Together we strive and Serve the King and together we advance the cause of the Lord through the Ministry of Scripture Union.

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The People who serve at Scripture Union

Akuila Nau doing a flag

SU's New Legal Advisor



Ms Laurel Vaurasi is no stranger to student ministry having been a faithful supporter of both Scripture Union and PSFC's programs. When our former legal advisor Mr. Vosarogo resigned from the SU Council to pursue his other plans, the vacancy in Council prompted the need to fill this position.

Ms Vaurasi requested time to discuss this with her husband and pray about this important decision. Within one day, she agreed to join the SU Council. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge of the law and especially a faith that has been tested and tried. Her life changing testimonies are a constant reminder for her, her family and friends of the power of God's redemptive grace and how God has today inspired her to live her life and use her talents to glorify and exalt Him. Running her law firm in Suva under the style of *Shekinah Law*, the firm's vision is to honour God in the practice of the law. *Shekinah* is a Hebrew word that means, the

"Glory of God" and the firm stands on these principles as they shine their faith into the legal profession and into the community and nation as a whole. Their testimony in that is varied and continues today. Ms Vaurasi is married to Samson and together they have 3 children and a fourth one on the way. Her wealth of experience and many years as a lawyer, has also seen her play key leadership roles in the Fiji Law Society, as its one time Vice President, as an executive member of both the Fiji Young Lawyers, Fiji Women Lawyers Association and now, coordinating the monthly Fiji Legal Christian Fellowship. Apart from these varied roles her driving and motivating factor to serve is because of her love for the Lord. Since embarking on her faith journey Laurel Vaurasi is on a mission and that is to share with many the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Her passion in inspiring people with her faith will fit in well with our work at SU Fiji. Being at Scripture Union will allow her to be part of our leadership and mission team in schools. For the many young people in need of role models in our community, Laurel Vaurasi is one of them and she will definitely inspire. SU Fiji welcomes Laurel and her family into its leadership Council. Laurel has an LLB from Bond University and an LLM from QUT in Australia.

Volunteering Rocks: The life of a Scripture Union Volunteer

They are young, they are energetic, they are dynamic and they are the Scripture Union volunteers. If anything is to



SYG with Chairman and Speaker Pst Mahasa after Synergy

go by, they are passionately in love with King Jesus with a lifestyle to show for it. These group of young mobs, are changing the face of Scripture Union ministry. They are running into schools, revolutionising Christian dances and inspiring those around them through their enthusiasm for Jesus Christ. They are also impacting the lives of many of their peers with their radical faiths. When they gather, it is evident that the barriers come crashing down. They are not just strangers united for a common cause, but are brothers and sisters in faith and their closeness and love for each other is evident in their relationship. They are a dynamic group posing a threat to the devil through their passionate faith and commitment to the Lord. They love Jesus and if it was up to them, they would spend everyday in fellowships rather than anything else. Its like a scene from the Psalms where David exhorted that, "one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" when these young people gather and together they are making Christ known.



Volunteers strike a pose at Synergy in Suva

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SNIPPETS OF OUR MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH

And SUPA Club starts at Rt Iliesa

The second school term has commenced and so are Christian Fellowships and for the first time also at the Ratu Iliesa Memorial Primary School in Nadroga. Vol-



unteer, Adi Cuvu in a recent Facebook update stated that the 21st of May was the first time for a team of Scripture Union volunteers to be invited into the school and to share fellowship with its 105 students. *"Praise report is that this will now be a regular time for this primary school of 105 students every Wednesday at 11am . . .the children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed today's first session . . .God is faithful"* she adds. Scripture Union at Primary Age (SUPA club) is our arm of ministry serving in primary school while SUIS—Scripture Union in Schools serve with High Schools.

Scripture Union Prayer Breakfast Challenges and Inspires



Breakfast spread

The Scripture Union Council held a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 17 May in downtown Suva. The fellowship drew a crowd of SU family and friends to pray, fellowship and enjoy a scrumptious spread while listening to testimonies and stories of our work in schools. The prayer breakfast also allowed attendees

to see the unity that comes through the name of King Jesus as our young volunteers and former SUIS members performed powerful and uplifting actions songs as well as the sharing of testimonies. An attendee shared that it was a "powerful time" of fellowship and that she was blessed to have witnessed the unity displayed by the SU team and just hearing the great work happening in schools and through the young people. The breakfast spread was really the added bonus.

Meeting SU South Australia our Partner and Sister Movement

Each Pacific SU is connected to an Australian SU movement for the purposes of partnership and support. SU Fiji has the dynamic team from SU South Australia as its sister movement and over the years this relationship remains strong and intact. At the recent SU Pacific Conference in Sydney, National Director, Sisa Teilai and Vice Chairman, Romulo Nayacalevu had an opportunity to meet SU SA's leaders and discuss SU' Fiji future property plans. The meeting was productive and inspired our partnerships to keep bettering our general administrative and financial resources so as to strengthen the work of SU Fiji. With exciting plans ahead for SU Fiji,



this partnership cannot come at a better time and we look forward to building, strengthening and encouraging one another through testimonies and our shared passion of serving Christ through Scripture Union. More of SU SA, can be found on <http://www.sa.su.org.au/index.html>

SWG Volunteers Movie night a hit



The SWG Volunteers organises a bible study for its members on Wednesdays. The event is about studying the Bible together with the opportunities to encourage on another through testimonies and by the Word. However on Wednesday the 21st, a movie night at the SU office attracted a crowd despite the rainy weather that day. George Young, the President of the volunteers was impressed with the turn out that night and the Christian flick, "Facing our Giants" provided powerful insights of the Christian faith journey. George acknowledged that the movie night fellowship was a success and all for "the glory of God" he added. Through such programs, we continue to see God growing their fellowship as we minister to our young people.

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Testimonies

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Young Professional acknowledges, it's God

Naibuka Saune, is a young professional whose journey of faith is matched by his own personal commitment to Christ. For someone who has experienced the impacts of student ministry, he acknowledges the value of the work we do in schools. His own faith was strengthened by the resolve of God fearing parents and particularly so by his own personal journey as a student. He acknowledges that his journey to success is meaningless without Christ. So what is peculiar about this brother of mine. Despite his protests; a reflection of his own humility really, I coerced him for this testimony because in his life and achievements, I see how Our powerful and all sufficient God remains a driving force in his life. My friendship with Naibuka started in 2008 when we were on a pilgrimage to Israel. At the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, this young man was laying his life before the Lord and committing his academic journey to Him. Fast forward and this last month, Naibuka graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Accounting from Australia. His aim was to achieve this academic feat before he turned 30 and this young man has not only fulfilled this but today testifies to the goodness and faithfulness of God through his academic and life generally as a young man. In sharing His faith and love for God with us, Naibuka's testimony is a reminder of the Mighty things God is doing in lives that are sold out to Him. It is not hard to see the handiwork of God in Naibuka's life and for someone as young and passionate for God as he is, it is timely reminder to "not get caught up in the details" but live a life that Honours God and watch Him move in those areas that are surrendered to him. His successes are but a reminder, that we serve a God of Excellence. SU Fiji is proud of his achievements and wishes Naibuka well in His endeavours especially so as Christ's ambassador to the young and old alike.



Dr. Naibuka Saune receiving his testimonial at his graduation

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How do you see your faith in God?

My Faith in God is my only HOPE. That being said, my walk with the Lord If I am honest is characterized by one of ups and down, probably more of the later rather than the former. I am very thankful that HE is always true to HIS Word in that He will never leave me nor forsake me. His endless love and forgiveness for a sinner like me gives me hope and His promises is not a "wish" or a vain "I hope so" but is firm and secure. I am also very fortunate and blessed to have supportive family (my parents, sister and aunty- who continually "stand in the gap" for me in prayer), Friends (who act as accountable partners and armor bearers), and ministries like PSFC, SUIS (for the continuous encouragement and edification but more so by providing a channel where we can partner with to be a blessing to young people). One thing I have learned is that one's level of faith in God matters to God. In fact, God is most honored through ones living, active, death-defying, out-of-the-box faith. That being the case, he's committed to growing it — BIG

As a young man, what is your advise to other young people on this journey of life?

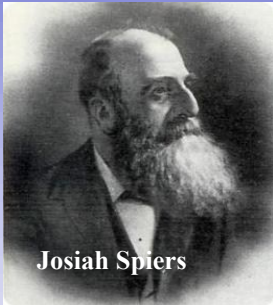
First and foremost, to build yourself a steady foundation by having Jesus as your "Rock" (Rom. 9:33; 1 Cor 10:2-4) and your "Cornerstone" (Is. 28:16, 1 Pet. 2:6). Surround yourselves with positive and value adding people. People you associate with will have a huge impact and influence on the choices you make. This life is for the taking. What you sow you shall reap. If you want to see or reap a desired outcome/harvest then sow the seed appropriate for the harvest you seek. Finally, don't get too engrossed in the details of life that you forget to live and enjoy the wonderful gift of Life that God has given you. Make use of opportunities that come your way and HAVE FUN

What are the secrets of your academic success?

Honestly, I don't know. I cannot put my finger on a specific variable so as to speak, but combination of variables. These factors are not novel or new but just old verbs, ranging from hard work, commitment, being disciplined with one's time, tenacity /persistence. But one thing I am certain about, albeit unfathomable, is the unmerited favor of God. I could say that this has been the x-factor in my life and all glory and honor is rightfully due to HIM ALONE. HIS favor propels you in to places and situations which leave you in awe. I am always reminded of the truth in Ephesians 3.20 "God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Scripture Union Regional Conference: Sydney, Australia (from 23rd May)

Winter is here and so are delegates from Pacific Island countries and within Australia as we converge into beautiful Sydney for the SU Regional Conference. This is an important gathering as Pacific leaders discuss the exciting changes ahead for Scripture Union's global movement. You see as Pacific Islanders or national movements, our missions are largely focussed on the local and that is not a bad thing, however this week, we are reminded that Scripture Union is a global movement with global and especially national impacts. Our history began in June 1867 when Josiah Spiers, a young British youth worker from London spoke to a group of 15 children in a drawing room in Islington, London about Christ. This began a pioneering vision of sharing Christ with children and from that one meeting, it grew rapidly and that gathering birthed the Children's Special Service Mission (CSSM) later to become Scripture Union. Spier's legacy remains of SU being a driving force for Scriptural studies for young people and families.



Josiah Spiers

Today the movement has its presence in 130 countries with Pacific movements in Australia NZ, Fiji, Tonga, PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The impact of SU through the lives of many remains profound. The Conference provided an opportunity for delegates to consider the expected changes for Scripture Union International and to prepare the Pacific region in this transitional phase as SU moves to strengthen its global mission while working closer together as the SU Movements. It was a time of encouragement, edification and appreciation as we reminded each other the value of our work, the power of our mission and the honour of our calling. The delegates acknowledged the invaluable work of our Pacific Islands Regional Director Lloyd Carter, who after years of valuable service at SU is now taking his much deserved retirement. Lloyd is one of SU's modern hero who has stirred the regional leadership of SU through some of our most troubling seasons. He now rides into the sunset but keeping his options open for pastoral callings and wherever the Lord will lead him and his wife Jenny into. We also acknowledged the good leadership of our Pacific team led by Wayne Fraser of New Zealand SU and our Pacific Coordinator Sam Emery (insert) fondly known as Papa Sam in the Solomon Islands. SU International Director, Janet Morgan (insert) reminded the Pacific delegates of the incredible leadership that God has raised up in this region. "This regional has released people to work with us on this amazing journey" she adds. While the transitional phase of SU is continuing and at the moment it is unclear until the International Council meeting in September what the new governance structure of SU International will look like, there is "hopeful certainty because we are clear about our calling and we know that our calling is from God" Janet adds. At the end of the consultation, delegates expressed their "parting words" which were filled with apprehension, excitement, caution and optimism of SU's journey ahead. Wayne Fraser (SU NZ Director) was re-elected as SU's Pacific Council Director and our National Director, Sisa Teilai was re-elected into the Pacific Council. Sam Emery also remains part of the Pacific Council.



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SU Pacific Leaders at the Meeting

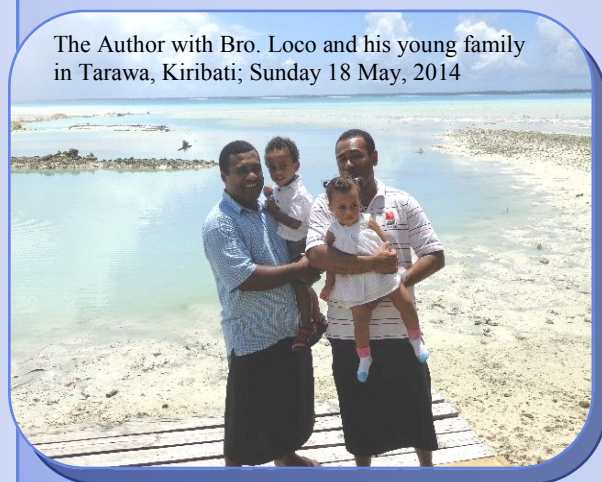


Passion for the Lord continues— the impact of Scripture Union's ministry, many years on

Ratu Amini Loco and his young family currently live in the coral atolls of the Republic of Kiribati. Home to about 100,000 people, the Loco family has lived on this beautiful island for about two years now. Amini as he is fondly known is a hydrologist by trade, working with the SPC SOPAC division based in Tarawa. Together with his wife, Salome and young children, a son, Ratu Ovini and a daughter, Katarina, the Loco family has served amongst the communities of Kiribati in mapping and finding suitable drinking water for the remote islands as well as within the mainland of Kiribati under a EU funded project. However my association with this brother of mine, dates back to High School where we both served in the school's SUIS group. He was not only my CF President but also my brother in the faith and our journey in boarding school is characterised by passion and love for the Lord. As our CF leader, he was not only committed to ensuring a united SUIS group, but ensuring that our members were growing in our faith through our involvement in the WORD and in our weekly fellowships. We both left High School in 1998 to attend USP Foundation but by then our spiritual foundation in Christ was well laid out and the journey we took from there was one filled with blessings, grace and purpose in Christ. Our SUIS days strengthened our own resolve in Christ and through Bible Study, Saturday Night SUIS, morning prayer meetings, action song practice as we prepared for Sunday church service, strengthened our mutual interest in building our spiritual walk. Our life's journey is filled with testimonies of our personal encounters with God and a lot of that is because of the spiritual nurturing during our SUIS days. Today, the Loco family remain connected with Scripture Union by supporting our programs. Responding to the pleas for financial assistance from the ministry, the distance from Kiribati has not prevented his family from investing into the work of Scripture Union in Schools (SUIS) and as they listen to the update and the work of the Ministry in Fiji, his response is one filled with praises and admiration for the many people who remain steadfast and committed to the vision of Scripture Union. His is a life that was greatly impacted by the ministry of Scripture Union and if anything is to go by from that experience, it was his relationship with God, developed through the study of His Word and the joy of being in a fellowship environment through the ministry of SUIS that has shaped and moulded Amini to be the man of faith that he is today. Together with his beautiful wife, Salome, this young couple rejoice in serving the Lord even when it can be difficult in their current environment. As I spent time with them in Kiribati, I realised that the years have not changed their perspective for God, in fact it is through their experiences, especially with the Scripture Union in Schools ministry that have made their dependency on God stronger. The Loco family as a Partner of Scripture Union supports us in the Great Commission in schools and through our partnerships, we are seeing lives changed for the King. SU invites friends to partner with us in this work (see back page)



The beautiful couple at their home in Tarawa



The Author with Bro. Loco and his young family in Tarawa, Kiribati; Sunday 18 May, 2014



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Scripture Union's life in pictures for May

At the City Wide Youth Christian Games



Coz I'm cool and I know it

Above: Volunteers at Synergy- Sat 24 May 2014



This is how we rock it; after a night of fellowship at Suva city



SU Chair with Volunteers at their Bible Study

Treasurer; Soni warmed up



Volunteer Betty, studies for exams



SWG Volunteers at the SU Council Prayer Breakfast on 18 May



Park Fellowship: Volunteers at Sukuna Park

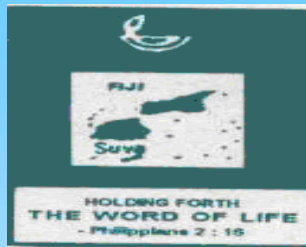


Food Fellowship



Sleep Fellowship

*We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it.
- P.F. Bresee, founder of the Church of the Nazarene*



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Planning for the Annual Camp

This year's annual SUIS camp will be held at Saint Johns College, Cawaci, Levuka. Many ex SUIS members reflect with fond memories their Annual Camp moments as for many, that journey to a personal and intimate relationship with Christ began during the annual camp. It is difficult to articulate the power of fellowship, the beauty of shared vision and aspirations as young people from all over the country converge at the Annual Camp venue.

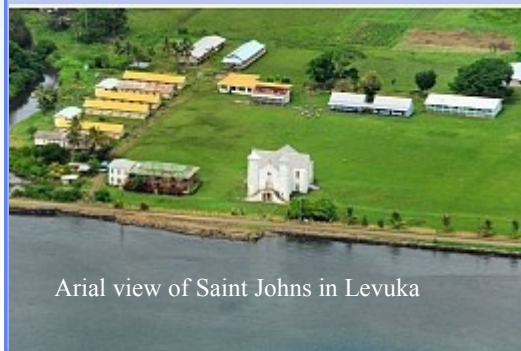
Last year, the Annual Camp was hosted at Jasper Williams High School in Lautoka and the many students that attended left that camp, inspired, challenged and empowered to arise and be the Champions that they are. The Suva SUIS members for example returned and committed to fellowships, bible studies at the Park and in other places they could meet for fellowship in. That impact is still seen today in the lives of many as they continue to serve Christ with a passion.

Their contagious faith has seen others who did not attend the camp to come and be part of the now spiritually charged group called , "Champs".

The Camping Fees for this year's camp has been released by the SU Council and include bus and boat costs to Levuka. So mark your calendars and start saving or call the SU Office for more details;

Venue: Saint Johns College
Date: 29th Nov-4th Dec 2014.

Fees:
 Students in the Central Division: \$80.
 Adults=\$100,
 Western Campers: \$120,
 Northern Campers: \$110



Arial view of Saint Johns in Levuka

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

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 oth-

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ers. 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. Contact us today.