

### EDITORIAL :

The school holidays are upon us again and most of our children deserve a much needed break from the heavy school load in Term 2. So do the teachers and the caregivers who have sacrificed so much for their children in this past term. Our work in schools have also exploded especially in the West as our teams visit schools, organize rallies and in the week past, the Term 2 camp for Western Schools. Scripture Union service brings out the passion in many of our volunteers and teachers. One cannot do this work half-heartedly if they genuinely want to see changes in students lives. It takes patience, passion and commitment to go into schools and spend time with a student.

Not many people are aware that in our schools are heartbreaking stories of young people who are silently scream-

form for these children to find love and a sense of belonging. And so we at SU serve and through our passionate and committed volunteers are going to schools to share with students about the love of Jesus Christ and the freedom they can receive in Christ. This term has been an encouraging one for us as we see various breakthroughs in our schools ministry. We have also increased our financial partners to 12 (see pg 5) since we started the project 2 months ago. With the new school term starting soon, we look forward to another opportunity to serve Jesus Christ in schools and with our children. We continue to thank God for his mercies and for this special calling we have in Scripture Union.

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ing out for attention. Some have suffered various forms of abuse, others neglect and still others loneliness and bully. Too often we see in our activities like camps, these precious children using these opportunities to reach out. Most would not be confident to share their troubles at home, in school or even in church and often through our programs we provide this very plat-

### All things work together for the good of them that love the Lord; turning a tragedy into a focus on eternity



The burnt senior house dorm



Hundreds respond to the altar call



Dr Turagava SUIS President and Headboy

On Monday August 5, a senior dormitory at QVS burnt to the ground. With over 55 senior students being accommodated in the school losing all their possessions, study notes and personal belongings, the fire brought untold pain and destruction. It reminded me of the verse in John 10:9—the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy...and sure enough this fire is but a manifestation of the destructive nature of evil (fire). For the students, the trauma of the event may remain for a long time, for parents the anxiety and the worry of hearing the news was filled with relief as reports confirm of no casualties and for old scholars, the pain of knowing that a lifetime of history burnt that day. This was home also for the many SUIS members that came through the QVS SUIS program. So it was only befitting that on Saturday 10 August, Old scholars and former SUIS members visited the school for a time of encouragement, reconciliation and prayers with the boys. The message was about focusing on ETERNITY and reemphasized the fact that our lives have value and that all that we work towards on this earth must also be about preparing us for eternity. Old scholars also testified of the impact of God in their lives through Scripture Union. With old scholars from the 80s, 90s, and 2000's, their one common testimony was that God is their source and that they are where they are, through God's grace and favor. Former Head boy and dux, and now a surgeon, Dr. Josese Turagava, shared about one of his roles as a junior student whilst in school. It was to clean the toilet and often, one of the filthiest toilet in the school. However as he shared, he was faithful in that role, and from that humble beginning, one of his main roles as a surgeon today is not only cleaning the delicate organs and parts of the body, but ensuring that sickness and disease are removed through the skills of surgery and medicine; the key is believing that despite humble beginnings, God elevates us with positions of responsibilities when we trust in Him. QVS SUIS has strong support from the school chaplain who gave his life to Jesus through SUIS whilst a form 5 student of the school and acknowledged the valuable role of the schools SUIS program in encouraging students to look to Jesus as the author and finisher of their faith. School Principal, Mr. Lewanavanua also an old scholar acknowledged the importance of students grounding their life in Jesus Christ and was very supportive of this visit by the old scholars to challenge, pray for and inspire the students. Through items, worship, testimonies and praise, the tragedy of the burnt dormitory was forgotten as students and the Victorian family met the King of kings on the road to destiny that night. SUIS groups form an integral part of any school system as they provide an opportunity for students to realize that despite the pressures of schooling life, they can find themselves in Christ.



# Volunteers Corner: The People who serve at Scripture Union and the work that they do

## Scripture Union's new Chairman



Late last month, Mr Ravatu, the Principal of Suva Grammar stepped down from his role as Chairman of SU due to pressing work and personal commitments. Replacing him as Chair was the Vice Chairman, Mr. Sitiveni Kalou who is no stranger to the role. Mr. Kalou's engagement with SU started with his involvement with the QVS SUIS in 1992. Mr. Kalou's passion for Jesus Christ is

matched only by his personal commitment to the vision and work of SU and the impact it has had in the countless lives of young people who have given their heart to Jesus Christ. Mr. Kalou leads a team of enthusiastic and passionate volunteers in the form of Council Members and a range of volunteers in the ministry. This is an important time for SU as it works on crucial issues affecting the ministry and strengthening its current role in schools. When approached to take on the role, Mr. Kalou accepted it willingly and despite his own schedules and commitment knows that this calling is one that supersedes any other and the joy in seeing students surrender their hearts to Jesus Christ makes his role all the more worthwhile.

## Jesus my first love: Hibiscus contestant reveals

Meet Cindy Waqanokononko, one of our Suva based volunteers. Cindy a graduate of USP was a contestant in the recent Miss Hibiscus Festival and was awarded 3rd runner up. Cindy's real passion is serving God and as she shared to the Fiji Times at her 21st birthday celebrations 2 years ago that, "today is the beginning of a new journey for me as a young adult. I look back at the 20 years of my life...and I would not have reached this age without the grace of God." Standing on this pillar, Cindy continues to inspire. At the Hibiscus, her support included her many fans, family and of course the SU family who were there for her float procession during the closing day. Cindy was head girl at Gospel Primary and High School and also its SUIS President when she was in Form 7 and attests that "God has been my pillar of strength." In recognizing the impact that God has made in her life, Cindy now wants to help young people see the real change that comes in knowing God and having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



Fiji Times captured Cindy's passion in the following summary, "Cindy wants to be an example to her schoolmates, friends and relatives, especially young girls aspiring to be something in life. "I would like to encourage all young people and children who have been victims of a broken home, not to turn to alcohol, drugs and sex, etc., for comfort but to turn to God who is willing to listen to them if they just call out to him." And she is an example with her declaration on her Facebook page that "JESUS IS MY FIRST LOVE".

## Despite chilly temperatures, Nadarivatu High School SUIS is warming up with the Gospel



Missing their transport to the rugged terrains of Nadarivatu where the temperatures can fall to a chilling low, SUIS volunteers DiCuvu and Lucy Joy, braved a 2 hour carrier ride to share the WORD of God to expectant students of NHS. The excitement by both our volunteers and the NHS SUIS was prevalent as they soaked into a two hour worship service and within the cool of the day, the manifest presence of the Lord descended on this very humble gathering. Over 60 students were at the fellowship as the Spirit moved mightily in their midst. DiCuvu reported that, "truly God is setting up an international stage for these amazing students that have such hunger for God. They surely have been prepared, hidden, but God is ready to take them places with their beautiful hearts of worship that is beautifully expressed through their singing." In her sharing, volunteer Lucy Joy shared her passion, and how God had



and continues to radically change her life with affirmations from Di Cuvu through her own life experiences as well as with pictorials and testimonies. The central message being that all of these students had a purpose for their life from the Lord. These message reinforce a vital part of our work and that is empowering our children to know their purpose and identity in Christ Jesus. The warmth of the presence made them forget their chilly and cold surrounding at NHS.



**We are running: Western SUIS burns in the burning West** . Through our work in schools, we see a generation that is not cruising to the Lord. They are running to Jesus as the message of hope and deliverance is shared by our schools missionaries. So much so, that breakthroughs are happening, students getting saved and the Lord moving marvellously in the schools. And so continues also the stories of young men and women faithfully and with much passion and commitment going to inspire schools SUIS groups. Western SUIS records our SUIS programs in schools on Tuesdays as follows;

Maharishi Santan College	8:10am	Volunteer Meli Tui
Korovuto College, Nadi	12:45pm	Bro. Apenisa Ciwa
Nadi College	3:30pm	Bro Meli and Apenisa
Lomawai Secondary School	12:40pm	Pst Apenisa and Yadon
Cuvu College, Nadroga	3:30pm	Pst Apenisa and YAdon

Their powerful sharing is making an impact as they share in schools and we see students running to Jesus as Lord and Saviour. These are exciting times indeed.

## Yadon's passion for Nadroga Schools.

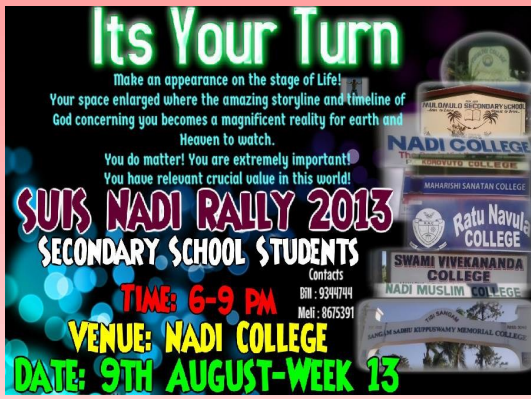


As a young man, his passion for the Lord is evident in his commitment to the Nadroga schools of which he volunteers. Yadon affirms that, I am humbled to be used in the Nadroga Navosa areas in the secondary schools. It is as if I see myself in all

the students lives in the schools that I visit. I identify with them, I feel what they feel and at times I feel as if I am still not offering enough." This young man is opting to forego his own time and resources simply so he can make an impact for the Lord in schools. And as God uses him mightily, Yadon acknowledges his appreciation to the Lord with the words, "thank you Jesus for using me, all glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ." And like Paul, Yadon is sacrificing for the gospel knowing that Christ does change lives and many changes are happening in the Nadroga Schools. Yadon is assigned by SU to our Nadroga schools, a role he takes passionately.



## Nadi School's Rally Update: Its YOUR Turn



Held at Nadi College, the Nadi SUIs Rally for Nadi schools was a night of blessings and inspiration as school students packed the Nadi College hall for a night of fellowship. With the theme of "Its your turn" by motivational speaker

Pastor Ralulu, the students learnt from Deuteronomy 1:7 and Esther 2: These Scripture based on theme is a reminder of how God prepares people especially as young people for a life of victory ahead. Nadi Coordinator Bill Siqila with the team of Nadi Volunteers put together a program that spoke into the lives of students in the Nadi schools. One of the students attending the rally posted on Facebook the next day that, "SU rally yesterday was one of the greatest, thank you SU for making it happen." To read of these remarks demonstrates the impact of the rally and how the messages are touching the student's lives. Pst Ralulu's teaching was one that filled the Nadi rally with power and participants could feel the atmosphere changing as students were on an encounter with the King. True change comes when we desire it and we make a commitment through God's Spirit to change and that change means rising up to our God given destinies of greatness. *It's your turn* is an apt theme focussing on the importance of understanding one's identity and purpose in God. This allows us to step out of our comfort zones, out of the familiarity and stepping into God's ordained plans for our life. SU is grateful for the life of Pst Ralulu, Bill Siqila and Di Cuvu, the other SU team in Nadi and their families for being available so that these activities can happen and the blessings of seeing lives change.

### The Facebook Revolution: Spreading the message digitally.

Depends on who you are talking to, the internet can be both a good and bad thing. While we are not able to stop the digital revolution from infiltrating into our homes and importantly lives, we must be able to still deal with it. Otherwise we find like movies and music, they will totally dominate our lives and can often take the place of fellowship and service for God. At SU we have found the importance of Facebook primarily as an evangelism tool. It is also a platform to keep us connected and strengthen the Scripture Union Family worldwide often sharing on our pages our activities and events. **Scripture Union Fiji's** Facebook page was created during the commemoration of SU's 50th Anniversary. To-date it has **2805** friends, **Western SUIs** has **523** and **SWG Central Tukutuku** has **107** friends. Facebook is keeping us connected and occasionally we find an inspiration text or bible verse which serves as an encouragement to someone who is needing a Word from Heaven and is surfing through the internet. Through our FB account, we are also part of SU's events and activities and as they say, a photo is worth a thousand words and these are often captured from our activities as rallies, concert or just planning meetings which are posted on FB. Facebook also allows us to bless many people through our postings and we continue to see an increase of our online activity with our energetic young people, most of whom are silently encouraged by the online interactions. This is the digital revolution and our young people are taking the lead on this. Facebook is also altering how we keep connected and aware of our activities and through our Facebook pages, this is what we are seeing. God bless you and do visit us on any of our Facebook pages to see the latest news from Scripture Union.

## Lautoka SUIs Rally Update: Out with the Old, In with the New"



Changing a person's life can take many efforts. Some of us remember our constant new year resolutions that we often find unworkable. So how do we really change our lives from the old and replace with the new. And what new things do we need in our lives. The packed Lautoka schools SUIs rally was held on Saturday 10 August with the speaker being Pastor Pati Leqa, the Senior Pastor of the Salvation Army Church in Lautoka. Pastor Pati shared to the students that real change to a person comes about through repentance from their sin. In repentance there is a change of mind, change in direction, change of life, change of heart, basically a complete turn around of ones life. Ultimately change is not about playing church but having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Sharing from John 3:3, Pst Pati's inspirational and deep sharing on the WORD allowed students to reflect on their own life and ultimately many surrendered their heart to King Jesus. Pastor Pati and his wife Lusi are our coordinator for Lautoka schools and their passion and commitment is translating into various Lautoka schools opening their doors to the work of SUIs and as students learn to put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. The vision is to continue to impact schools in Lautoka with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Pioneering our work in Ba: Pst Tavui leads the way

Pastor Naibuka Tavui and his wife and SUIs Teacher at Nilsen College



*Pst Naibuka and Mrs Tavui pose with their 2 sons, John and Peter (sitting) and spiritual sons Frank and Nikhil. The family on their way to the SUIs Western camp at Nilsen College*

Mrs Maraia Tavui are now going to be our pioneer volunteers for Ba Schools. Pst Naibuka will continue to strengthen the SUIs groups at Ba Methodist College and Nadarivatu High School. The couple were part of the leadership team at the recent SU Camp at Nilsen (page 4) and have 2 sons. They are passionate about the call of God and their involvement with SU to the Ba schools. The mission is to have strong SUIs

groups in the 10 Ba schools by term 3. These are Xavier, Ba Sanatan, Kamil Muslim, Nukuloa College, Ba Sangam, DAV College Ba, AD Patel and Kalsa College. The extension of God's work in schools is made possible by passionate volunteers as Pst Tavui and his wife as they volunteer to go into schools with the life changing message of Jesus Christ. While pioneering work is always a challenge, knowing that God is going before him is a comfort for Pst Naibuka and his family as they stand in obedience to God's calling in their lives.



## Nilsen College hosts Term 2 Western SUIS Camp

The gold city turned heavenly gold as students from western schools flocked to the SUIS Term 2 western camp at Nilsen College. With the support from the school's Principal, the atmosphere was electrifying as speakers dissected the Word of God to the young people in attendance. This was then linked to current issues affecting young people like drugs and substance abuse. The talk from the Fiji Police Force gave a glimpse into the dangerous world of drugs that has kept many young people in chains. The camp was designed to impact the life of the



students in real and personal ways. The main objective was encouraging young people to choose right and choose life in Christ Jesus. One of the sessions delivered at the camp was by the author Josh McDowell, "why true love waits" reinforced the message to young people of the importance of maintaining their sexual purities. At a time when young people are exposed to sex through the media and the various websites,

movies and newspapers, the importance of godly teachings is what is manifestly lacking. SU's camp continues to reemphasise the value of teaching our children the importance of making wise and godly decisions especially around issues of sex. The value of keeping the marriage bed undefiled in our sexually aggressive world, continues to horn in the message for young people to find their value, identity and worth in Christ alone. The 5 day camp was fun packed with activities, from sharing of the word, to group discussions and presentations on the application of the Word, sports, aerobics, worship night and wonderful fellowship amongst brothers and sisters in the Lord. As students absorbed the programs, what clearly was on display was their excitement and energy to find purpose and meaning to life. As the Word was shared, the personal revelations for many of them gave them opportunity to reconnect with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and for many this was a golden time of healing and receiving their deliver-



ance and understanding their new identity in Christ alone. Sitiveni Ledua posted on Western SUIS a powerful reminder that, "we are more quality than gold, because God created us in his own image."

Of the 160 students (68 males and 92 females) that attended the camp, there were 7 primary schools and 26 secondary school representatives. These included students from Ra Provincial High School, Nakauvadra High, Penang Sangam, Rakiraki Public, Tavua District, Tavua College, Nilsen, Vatukoula, Nadarivatu, DAV Ba, Xavier, Ba Freebird Institution, Jasper, Lautoka Chinese Primary School, Lautoka Primary School, Maharishi College, Votualevu, Nadi Muslim, Rt Navula, Nadi College, Swami Vivekandan, Korovuto College, Sangam SKM College, Christian Culture Center, Nadi Airport Primary School, Nadi District Primary School, Namaka Primary, Nawai Secondary, Lomawai Secondary, Nadroga Navosa Provincial School, Lelean Memorial School, and an ACS student.

Camper Lagi Naulivou posted on Facebook that she had an "awesome time at SUIS camp. Met so many great people and made a lot of new and awesome friends, didn't want the camp to end. Missing all you people like crazy." This camp has truly left its mark in the lives of those that attended it especially for those that made the decision to give their heart to King Jesus. The sacrifices made by our Western Team to make this camp happen is also a testimony in itself, because they started this camp without a cent but through faith was able to generate the necessary support to make the camp happen. To God be the glory for Great things He is doing in the lives of our children.





## Stay In God's Word Stand On His Promises



### Western Schools opening their doors to the Gospel

Our schools missionaries are a group of believers whose passion for Jesus is their motivation for going into schools to inspire, encourage and introduce students to Jesus Christ. Often having to walk dusty, rocky terrains to reach remote schools, they silently and faithfully do it, not because it is a duty, but because it is their passion. And so today we see open doors in schools from Nadroga, to Nadi, Tavua and Ba. Within 2 months the following schools have opened their doors to SUIS

### Scripture UNION News

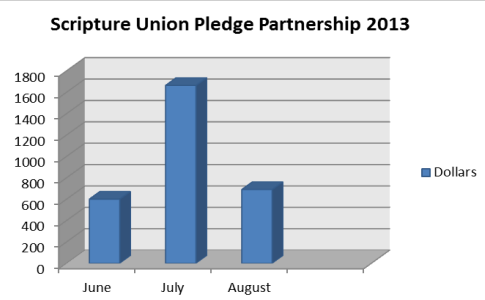
- ◆ Our Western SUIS team organized and successfully ran a Western SU camp at Nilsen College in Tavua. This was attended by 160 students from 33 schools.
- ◆ The Finance Sub Committee of SU is organizing a dinner for 4 October at Vineyard. More details of the dinner will be made next month. Please mark your calendar for this not to be missed October event.
- ◆ The SU Concert Committee is planning a fundraising concert to support our ministry work. This will be held in September. Dates will be confirmed soon.
- ◆ We are discussing and planning for our Annual Camp. Details will be made in our next newsletter.
- ◆ We congratulate our SU Suva Volunteer Ms. Cindy Waqainokonoko who was crowned 3rd runner up in the recent Miss Hibiscus in Suva.
- ◆ The SU Ministry has a publications committee who are working on producing various materials for the work of SU. Please let us know if you wish to hear or support their work in schools.

Nadroga	Nadi	Lautoka	Tavua/Ba
Lomawai Secondary School	Sabeto Secondary School	Ba Provincial Free Bird Institute	Nakauvadra High School
Cuvu College	Maharishi Sanatan	Central College	Ra Provincial
Nadroga/Navosa Provincial College	Nadi College	Jasper Williams High School	Rakiraki Public Secondary Sch
Nasikawa Vision	Rt Navula College	Natabua High School	Penang Sangam
Sigatoka Andhra Sangam College	Nadi Muslim College	Saint Thomas High School	Vatukaloko Secondary School
Navosa Central	Sangam SKM	Tilak High School	
Kavanagasau College	Swami Vivenkandan College	Drasa Secondary School	Tavua District Primary School
Nawai Secondary School	Korovuto College	Pundit Vishnu Deo Memorial School	
Nadroga Arya College	Nawaicoba Vocational	Lautoka Andhra Sangam School	
Sigatoka Valley High School		Yasawa Secondary School	
Thomas Baker Memorial School			
Bemana Catholic High School			

### Financial Partnership Project Update: Supporting Scripture Union's vision in schools

In June 2013, we rolled out Scripture Union's partnership project as a means to encourage financial partners to help us in our work in schools. While we are not a profit ministry, we still need to be able to raise our support to pay for rents, bills and other costs associated with ministry. Since June 2013, we welcomed 12 new Scripture Union partners. These partners either have pledged a lump sum contribution for the year, fortnightly or monthly contribution. For our financial partners, this is an opportunity to invest in the work of Scripture Union in schools. While they may not come with us to schools or be physically present for our Camping ministry, rallies, SUIS etc., their giving allows us to do that. Interestingly the partnership profile shows that some of our partners have not been part of SUIS in their school years but now continue to attest to the wonderful changes happening in schools or are believing that in their faith seed, a life will change for Jesus Christ. SU hopes to raise FJ\$600 a month from pledge and this contributes to the cost of running Scripture Union. We hope to increase that as our work in the West strengthens its momentum and we hope to be able to support our northern schools. Central/Eastern schools are also on our radar for visitations and encouragement. For transparency, our Financial Partnership Profile is as follows:

Pledge by sex		Pledge Type		
Men	Women	Monthly	Lump Sum	
6	6	7	5	
Sex	June	July	August	Total
M	2	1	3	6
F	1	1	4	6



The bottom line for SU is that we are fundraising NOT to make a profit; rather to meet our daily expenses of ministry work. Most of these pledge seeds are sown into eternity as our children make a commitment to follow and serve Jesus for the rest of their life. What better legacy to live behind than to point the way to Christ for our children through this work in schools.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” [Winston Churchill](#)



## Scripture Union Financial Partnership Project:

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 hold onto this important part of our work and go into schools to minister to young people about making right choices in their



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lives. This is where your faith seed will go into. It is about investing in the life of our children and if one makes that decision to follow Jesus Christ, then our financial and other investment 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 challenging, inspiring and encouraging our young people in schools in

their personal relationship with Christ is an investment whose rewards are numerous." 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 you can make as we partner together in this Great Commission in our schools. With Scripture Union, your financial seed goes to changing a child, a student, and tomorrow's leaders today. Just to hear the testimonies of people saved because someone cared enough to give and visit them makes us excited to keep serving God in our schools. Thank you for being our source of blessings through your partnership....and from our heart to yours, Thank you for giving to the Lord through Scripture Union Fiji.

## Behind the Scenes: Planning the SU Concert

To be able to deliver a program that speaks to the heart of people, there is considerable planning, meeting and discussions around the event. This also means a lot of personal sacrifices in terms of time, talent and finances and this is how the team of SU does it as it plans its events for its students. Too often we begin our planning with no finances at all, and from scratch we then build an event that takes miracles, prayers and passion to materialise. And so the main event for September planned by our Suva volunteers is a SU concert which will feature SUIS groups and other Christian groups coming together to a night of talents and celebration in praise and worship through songs and items. The Suva Team led by SWG President, Semi Momoedonu have their occasional meet in Suva as they build the concert event together and we are expecting announcements soon.



## SU Team leads devotion with the Fiji rugby u18 school boys

From 26-29 August, our team from Scripture Union led by SU Chairman led devotions with the Fiji Rugby school boys at their camp at LBSS. Through the invitation of FSSRU President and Nabua Principal, Mr. Napolioni Silatolu, the team from SU were not only able to share the WORD of God but also took the time out to assist the boys with their visa applications as well as provided refreshments for all the boys. On

Monday, Chairman led devotion, on Tuesday a team led by Bro. Romulo led devotion, Wednesday was Pst Filimoni Vosarogo, Thursday was Bro Tusake Tuivanuvou. Master Mika Mudreilagi, Sister Fine Ditoka and Bro Petero Cakau also members of Council assisted in the visa applications. This outreach saw most of the boys rededicate their lives to King Jesus.



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