

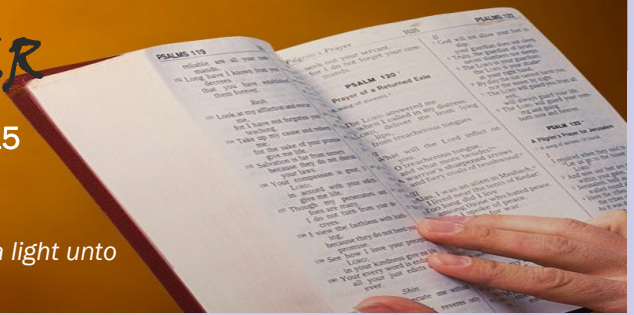
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Psalms 119: 105—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path



Editorial: A September to remember as testimonies pours in



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- To be a Financial Partner with SU, see back of this newsletter

It's a September to remember and what better way to farewell this month than to reflect on the amazing testimonies that have been shared for this edition. Even as I prepare this newsletter, there is so much excitement as I read the testimonies of favor, blessings and miracles from some of our SU family members. This edition also takes us to Jerusalem, Israel where some of our SU team are attending the Feast of Tabernacles. While they are attending this as a personal pilgrimage through our sister ministry, the ICEJ, their journey has also been ours as we share in photos, teachings and testimonies. As you read Esther, Ilisoni and Semisi's testimony, I am sure you will be blessed by their journey in Jerusalem. This month we also share the

testimonies of Jack Wainiqolo, Mesu Dolkoto and our Legal Advisor, Laurel Vaurasi on her appointment as the President of the Fiji Law Society. Its been a great month of testimonies as we reflect on God's faithfulness and goodness in our lives and through the work of the Ministry. Our newsletters over the months have tried to capture glimpses of our journey with Christ and yet they remind us still of the greatest privilege we have as His children, to live in His abundance. So friends, enjoy this September edition and remember;

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Being Kingdom Minded

If ever there is an exciting time to be living in, its probably the current one and for many reasons at that. Prominent is the fact that we are the generation that continues to witness the fulfilment of Scrip-



tures, from the coming of the Messiah, to his death, resurrection and soon return. The church waits in anticipation and so must each one of us. Jesus Christ had given us "signs" to signal his return with one caveat, that NO one knows the day nor the hour of His return *Matthew 24, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Luke 21: 25-26*). And yet as we follow the signs and connect it to His Word, we can't help but anticipate and wait with excitement for Christ's return. And yet should He tarry, we are tasked with the

Great Commission as well as getting ready for His glorious return. To do so, we must be Kingdom minded, focussed on the things and Word of God, reaching out to the lost, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those in need, in prison and in hospitals and living in righteous and obedience to His Word. Being Kingdom minded must be the driving force of our lifestyle and obedience to the Gospel. As Scripture Union advances the Great Commission for our children and families and extending His Kingdom, we are reaping the joys of this harvest through the lives of many that are saved by His Word. Come partner with us as we advance His Kingdom together. What joy...glorious joy to be kingdom minded.

Our people serving with Scripture Union

Serving God in the legal profession: Legal Advisor is President of the FLS



Source: BC News



Laurel Vaurasi is the legal advisor to the SU ministry and operates a Suva based law firm, Shekinah Law—translated as God’s Glory; His Presence. However the testimony and faith of Ms. Vaurasi is the story behind this legal practice. It is a testimony of a journey with God that saw the birth of this business which is used to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a testimony of how we can serve God right there in our professional vocations and other places God calls us into. Shekinah Law and Laurel Vaurasi are testimonies of

that. In its recent Law Society Convention held in Lami, the membership of the society elected Laurel to be its President. Laurel also becomes the first female President of the society. The Law Society is the premier body for lawyers in Fiji and it acts to strengthen the legal profession and practice in Fiji. In ascending her high office, Laurel responded to the many congratulatory messages to her in these words. *Thank you all for your warm congratulations and kind words on my new appointment as the Fiji Law Society President. I give all the glory to my God Jehovah who has appointed me for such a time as this. Being fully persuaded that having placed my trust and strength in Him alone, He equips me with His Wisdom; Excellence, Protection and abundant Provision to successfully lead with true humility.* In a separate ministry initiative, Laurel and a team of Christian lawyers now organise a weekly prayer meeting at the Shekinah Law office to pray for the legal profession, the judiciary and the nation as a whole. This morning prayer gathering by the Fiji Lawyers Christian Fellowship is bearing fruits and Laurel is a testament of that.

Christian teachers influencers

The work of SU in schools is blessed with the Christian teachers who also serve in these institutions. Many offer their services voluntarily too serve as SUIS coordinators and guide the work of the Christian fellowship within these schools. Many students remember the impact of these teachers in their lives during their SUIS days. We are also blessed to hear of Christian principals who actively support Christian fellowships and lead these gatherings. Through prayerful considerations, SU is hoping to revive and strengthen teachers Christian fellowship as an avenue of encouraging our great teachers in their own faith journeys.



Principal of SGS welcomes SUIS students to a first term rally hosted by SSGS on term 1 this year

Flying high for Jesus

Petero Cakau is a flight attendant with Fiji Airways and in his role he is flying high with the Gospel. Since high school in the 90’s Petero has been involved with Scripture Union, as a SUIS leader at school, a volunteer and today as the acting Vice Chairman of the SU Council. A humble and soft spoken man of God, Petero serves God passionately and faithfully in his vocation. Together with a few crew members, there is often a Bible Study that they organise to be encouraged by the Word. Most of these Christian crew members then assist our mission work in the West or just sponsoring missionaries to follow God’s calling. Petero is a blessing to the work of SU and a great Christian ambassador in the friendly skies. Catch up with him the next you travel with Fiji Airways and he is part of your crew.



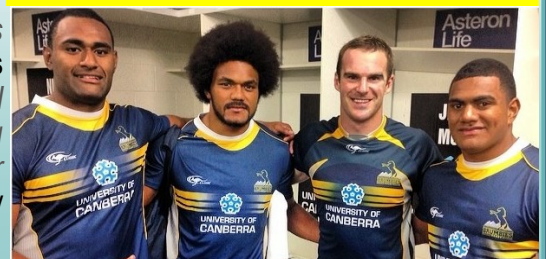
Petero with his colleagues

Serving God in the field and at University in Canberra

Mesulame Dolokoto is currently studying at the University of Canberra in Australia on a sports scholarship with the Brumbies franchise. Mesu was a former SUIS president and remains part of the volunteers network today. While serving God in a foreign land with the pressures of studying and fulfilling a sports scholarship can be daunting, Mesu continues to excel and testify of God’s mighty hands at work in his life. In describing his walk with God, Mesu shared that, *“Studying is going great, 1 year to go before I graduate and playing—currently in to my last month of rehab on my knee injury. Walk with God is awesome, considering these setbacks with injuries. God still reminds me day in and day out that He is in control.”* Even in Canberra, Mesu is shining for Jesus and he attests his success to his own faith in God. *“I am experiencing first hand how to trust in God when things aren’t going one’s way...but just remain faithful, even when things are not going your way. Don’t rush it, Don’t settle for Ishmael, wait for Isaac”* was his timely encouragement for this edition. We wish Mesu well in his endeavours.



Mesu with Fiji team mates, family and Brumbies mates



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

Preparation for the Annual Camp continues



The Camp Committee meets weekly at the Scripture Union office to discuss preparations for the camp. To be held at the Navuso Methodist High School, the camp is expected to draw in 500 young people in December. The planning team are currently raising funds to support the camp and have identified various activities that will ensure the weeklong camp is not just fun for the campers but most importantly spiritually filling. Divine appointments are certainly expected as we step into the *Joel 2* ministry concerning the outpouring of God's Spirit on young and old alike. Annual camps have always been opportunities for young people to reflect on their own journeys and make their choices on own personal relationships with God. For many these camps have been the turning points in their lives and many more still remember their camping experience because of the friendship made, sessions shared and the opportunity to grow spiritually. The Annual camp is open to high school students through their SUIIS groups. It costs \$55 (Suva); \$70 (West); \$150 (North). More details are available with the SU office in Nabua or on contacts at the back of this edition.

Speaking against suicide

When the Ministry of Education issued a directive for no classes to be held on a day this month and for schools to organize sessions on addressing depression and suicide, Ratu Navula in Nadi called Western Coordinator Pst Ralulu to address the school on dealing with this issue. Pst Ralulu shared the session with the social welfare department who acknowledged the timeliness of the Word. Pst's sharing was drawn from the Word and it was certainly a message that not only resonated but spoke into the lives of the students and teachers present that day. SU continues to address these social issues through the WORD of God.



Studying the Bible together

The weekly Bible study continues to draw a crowd of young people to the Scripture Union office in Nabua and this month was no exception. This initiative by the young people sees them searching the Scriptures together to understand the Heart and Will of God for their lives. In Jantzen Franklin's book titled, **"Right People, Right Place, Right Time,"** he stressed that, *"God guides us by His Word, which is relevant for all people. Every believer has the right to hear God. Not knowing the Word of God, however, can greatly hinder you from receiving His direction...The Scriptures are the Word of God, which the Spirit of God thrives in. Pour over them, and the Word of God will cleanse you of the world's impurities, and wash you clean and make you more like Christ."*



Schools visitation in the Northern Division

Volunteer Peni Dovi toured the Northern division for work this month and used the opportunity to visit Bucalevu Secondary School, Holy Cross College and Niusawa Secondary School to discuss the SUIIS programs and activities in these schools. At Niusama, Dovi shared that, *"the school reported that it regularly takes part in organized SUIIS cross rallies that have happened in the first two terms of school. Ms Tima also mentioned*

that the students showed a lot of interest in SUIIS programs, she said this was evident when a lot of the students went for the latest SUIIS rally that was held in Holy Cross..." At Holy Cross, Dovi reported that SUIIS teacher Mrs Iona stated, *"that they have SUIIS program every Wednesday, at Lunch time. She also stated that they held fasting on Wednesdays."* At Bucalevu, Dovi met the SUIIS coordinator, Vice Principal, Mr. Tuapati and

reported that, *"they have CF on Saturdays, in the morning and sometimes in the afternoons as well."*



Peni in blue with other volunteers after rally

"As long as you do things for God, you are a Hall of Famer in heaven's list." — Rick Warren

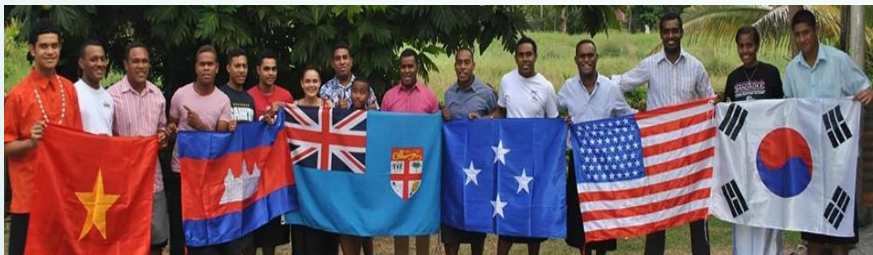
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Snippets of our work this month

Missionaries and pastors; Meli and Apenisa return to Cambodia

Scripture Union volunteers and pastors of the All Nations Christian Fellowship, Apenisa Ciwa and Meli Tui this month returned to their mission field in Cambodia. Farewelled both by their church and SU friends in Suva, the missionaries are currently on a one year assignment in a country known for the killings that took place there between 1975-1979. Over a million Cambodians were killed by their military regime and today Cambodia is still a country in healing. On its webpage, the Alliance notes that, "Christians in Cambodia number less than 2 percent of the population. More than 75 percent of Cambodia's 14,000 villages do not yet have any Christian presence. The needs for evangelism and church planting in this war-ravaged country remain great." Our two young pastors heard the call for Cambodia and like Moses who was called to leave his family and familiar environment, have now journeyed to Cambodia, trusting that God's call in their lives will direct their steps in this foreign land. The two pastors started their mission in Cambodia in 2013 before returning home to sort out other commitments and then returning to Cambodia this month. Apenisa Ciwa stated that he believed this was God's calling in his life and he was counting the cost of this calling. These two young men are key members of the Western team of volunteers who dedicate their time and resources visiting schools in the West during their SUIs times to encourage them in their walk with the Lord. They are excited about this mission calling and just the

the Word of God. the missionaries already as in the return to Fiji, their have been sending when they will re-do look forward to their work in the



Pst Meli and Ciwa with the SU Western and Suva volunteers in Nadi praying for nations

opportunity to share. However it looks as if have made their mark short time of their Cambodian family them messages on turn to Cambodia. We hearing more about months ahead.

Ministering God's love through acts of kindness

Everyday we have an opportunity to bless someone, whether it is by a simple act like saying something nice, giving a person a ride to work, mowing the neighbours lawn or visiting a sick friend. For our western friends and through a ministry organised by Pastor Ralulu, some SU volunteers took to visiting the homes of the less fortunate to be their blessings in the form of food and clothes. This ministry opportunity allowed our volunteers to appreciate their own life of blessings.

"Our network in America was able to send me 4 boxes of food and clothes and we were able to feed more 100 families widows and the unfortunate" Pst Tululu shared. "This started when one volunteer blessed me with a \$50 and I took that and blessed 4 widow because I read in the Word how God has his heart to the widows and also because in school the issues we were exposed a lot to were that of single parent...so we thought to start with four...after that obedient act and two days later a call came and told me that they were convicted to plant 4 huge boxes of food and clothes. Jesus didn't just preach he fed....and that excited us." Practical ministry as this is often the key to reaching out to people about the love of Christ.. In fact James 2:16-17 states that, *If a brother or sister is without*



clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.... Practical Christianity is the answer to people's prayers when we respond in faith. A minister once said, "there would be no lack if the whole body of Christ was listening to the Spirit" and this ministry by our Western team is a testament of that.

*"If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God."
— Dwight L. Moody*

Journeying the Holy Land: A life changing experience



Wailing Wall



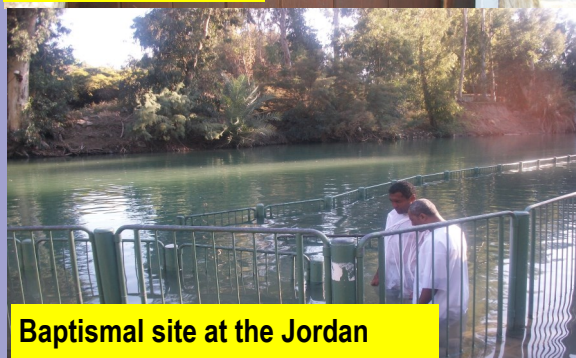
Mt of Olives looking into the Old City



Golgotha: Place of the Skull



The empty tomb



Baptismal site at the Jordan

Stepping out of the El Al, Israeli's international airline in 2007 was a surreal moment, an experience that replays over and over in my mind as I reflect on a childhood desire to visit the Promise Land of milk and honey. As a child growing up on the Bible, the fact that I was about to step into the land of the Bible is a memory that will linger for the rest of my life. Reality hit me as I stepped of the plane. I am now walking the streets that our Savior walked over 2000 years ago. The Bible was alive with the drive from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and my mind raced ahead of me as I contemplated my experiences for the next few days in the Holy Land. Despite the jet lag, I was ready to hit the much talked about Wailing Wall and within 3 hours of our arrival, we were at the wall. That was a priceless moment for me as tears streamed down my face while my spirit connected With Abba Father. Here I was, this ordinary guy from Fiji, standing at one of Israel most sacred and revered sites, the remnant of Solomon's temple.

In that one moment, time stood still for me and I felt a deep connection of my spirit to His presence. I was in the presence of my "Abba" and it was as if the Psalmist declaration became mine, *"One day in His presence is better than a thousand elsewhere"*. From the wall, my Jerusalem sojourn took me to the Upper Room, Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, Golgotha, Mount of Olives, the Kidron Valley, via Dolorosa and other places I have only tried to imagine as I read my Bible. Such heaviness in my heart as I walked the walk to Calvary and there were moments, when I couldn't control the tears as they freely flowed. I visualized what my life was worth that the Savior King would walk amongst men and suffer the agonizing death on the cross, so He can redeem us. What a LOVE story.

This trip to Israel left a permanent impression in my life. Israel is a land of miracles and as a nation affirms over and over again God's Sovereignty and a nature of God that that He is not man that He should lie. He promised a land for His people and delivered that to them and today, Israel remains a timeclock for the fulfilment of Biblical prophecies including the much anticipated return of the Messiah. In fact Israel is a testimony of God's perfection and covenants from taking his people out of Egypt to the Promise Land and other prophetic fulfilments such as some of the sights described. There are places around Israel, where you become so overwhelmed by God's presence that all you can do is to worship God while the tears freely flow. When you do leave, you leave a bit of your heart in Jerusalem, drawing one back to experience this holy land again and again. I have since returned 4 times. It is truly life changing, so why don't you experience it for yourself. As the Jews people say in farewell, *"Li-shanah Haba'ah Bi-rushalayim Ha-bnu-yah"*, translated as "Next year in Jerusalem." Some personal reflections can be found here:

www.purposetravels.wordpress.com

Acts 2:7 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions"...

Touring the Holy Land for the Feast of Tabernacles



SU member Dr. Mara at Golan



Pst Tululu and Mst Mika @selfie time



Mst Mika for the roll call of nations



SU Volunteers at the Jordan River

At the end of September, some of our Scripture Union volunteers and leaders joined thousands of Christians around the world attending the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. Council member and National Director of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) Master Mika is the tour leader of the 90 or so Fijians in Jerusalem for this memorable gathering. Other attendees include Council Member and missionary volunteer, Teri Kempe, SWG President, Ilisoni Taginadavui and fellow leader Semisi Navuda, volunteer Esther Ditoka, her mum, former Council member, Fine Ditoka, Western SU Coordinator, Pst Tululu, Talatala Mereti, Ministry partners Naibuka Saune, Michael Yasa and former treasurer, Vanessa Quai-Hoi.

It was a powerful gathering of believers in the City of the King.

Next Year in Jerusalem



Visiting soldiers joins our Fiji team at the Feast



SU Team with our SU Western family at Nadi Airport before their departure for Israel



At the Wailing wall



Team item practice in Jerusalem



Misi waves the flag in Jerusalem



Our leaders take time out at Feast



SU Volunteers, Semisi, Sony, Esther, Dr Mara and Fine at Golan Heights



Misi, Mika and Esther the Feast

We must cease striving and trust God to provide what He thinks is best and in whatever time He chooses to make it available. But this kind of trusting doesn't come naturally. "It's a spiritual crisis of the will in which we must choose to exercise faith." Charles Swindoll

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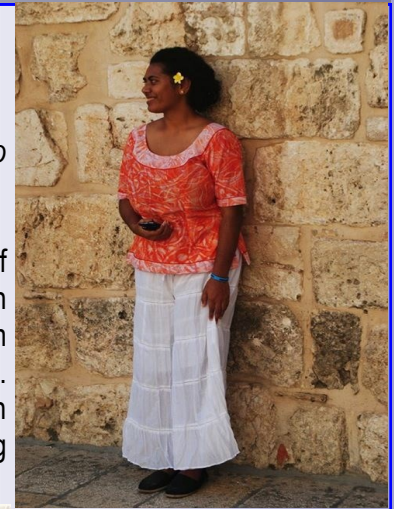
Volunteer Esther Ditoka shares, “My Holy Land Memoir and God’s Plans for Me:”

Jeremiah 29:11: For I alone know the plan I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster. Plans to give you hope and a future.

Praying and fasting were the main ingredients to this trip. I had always dreamed of spending one of my birthdays here in the Holy City and this year was a breakthrough for me. Never in my life have I felt Gods presence so close to me than before! Mum and I went through mountains and valleys before arriving here in the promised land. But that all aside, this trip was not only a Blessing but also a divine appointment with our Lord. In this trip I was able to experience God in so many ways. From providing for our registrations and air fares to accomodation and even blessing those who blessed us. God is so great he's indescriba- he has done for me. Personally after all that 21years and also the last 9 years without a imagine myself here celebrating my birthday celebrating it with the UN Fijian soldiers was



At Golan Heights



ble and I still can't fathom what I've gone through in my physical father I would never in the Holy land and to be even just a bonus.



Lake Galilee



Celebrating her 21st with soldiers at Golan Heights



With mum at the Knesset

I am reminded of the memory verse I had learned and leaned on since I started University at USP and that is from **Luke 1:37**. Simply talks about how the God we serve is forever faithful and just indescribable. Always kept in my heart that God is unseen but he is my father. **Exodus 22:22-24** states that God is my father so that's my secret to being the Happy-Go-Lucky person I am. I don't know what you youths are going through but I do know that we serve a living and loving God and that he sent his son Jesus to die for us so that we may live eternally with Him. I have gone through ups and downs, circles and what not but one thing I always keep in heart is that God is Love and that he is merciful and gracious to forgive us and that we are but mere mortals, we all sin but it's our decision on whether we want to move forward with Christ or not. Me being here was just an appointment I had to do with God, to stand and petition for the nation of Fiji because it was my calling as being named after a Queen to do so for my beloved country just how Queen Esther did in the bible in such a time as this. So I did this the first day I arrived in Israel. Went straight to the Wailing Wall and prayed my heart out for my country and what an experience that was. It is so important to know your calling and also to understand why you have the biblical name that you have now because you'll never know what God will use you in. So just to continue, I was able to walk where Jesus walked and see how important it is to visit Israel.

Zechariah 14:17&18 explains this; the importance of Gentiles returning to the Holy to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot. This land is so beautiful and any Christian would be emotional when they go to such sites as the Garden tomb, Masada, holocaust homes to name a few to know what these Israelis went through all this years. I'm honestly speechless about my first time experience, as you can see my sentences are just jangled up just show how much God has blessed me. I'm just so grateful to God for all this and its just my prayer that starting next year that more youths from Fiji will be able to come and experience themselves this Holy land and most importantly how God works in miraculous ways. To conclude I'm enjoying every moment here in the Holy land and just looking forward to what God has -stored for me. So with these little words I hope that everyone is blessed and encouraged. So like they say here in Israel, Next Year in Jerusalem.

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Volunteer Semisi Navuda shares his challenging yet exciting journey with God...from Fiji to Israel



Psalms 91:2 “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I will trust.” Warm greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, It is indeed a pleasure to share my testimony with all of you. Unfortunately it would not fit this paper but anyways I’ll try my best. Journeying with God has been both challenging and exciting at the same time, but God’s faithfulness and mercy have been the motivating factor throughout. It would be unfair to start my story just from my pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I would like to start from the day I received Jesus Christ as my saviour. Growing up, I did not have much interest in serving God. I had a borrowed faith since it was more like culture to attend Sunday school every Sunday then being of a personal and intimate relationship with God.

But God has never left nor forsaken us, He is the silent listener to every conversation, working behind everything so that sinners would come to repentance (**2 Peter 3:9**) and receive his son Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour. My walk with God started two years back in the 2013 Annual SUIS camp held at Jasper Williams High School in Lautoka. My motives of heading to that camp was wrong with a ‘nothing to gain and nothing to lose’ mindset. Expecting nothing at all but to have fun and meet up with my school mates. Earlier that year I had wanted something from God, but He did not answer my prayer, so I totally neglected God and just took a detour. I remember the first session I attended at that camp, during the praise and worship, I was standing right at the back of the room laughing at young people my age dancing and crying out to God. In my mind I was thinking to myself that they were wasting their time and that God doesn’t give us what we want when we ask. These were thoughts I believe Satan used to draw me away from God, we may say that but God had chosen and appointed us way before we chose him (**John 15:16**). On the third day of camp, there was an altar call and surprisingly I walked up that day, feeling so ashamed and guilty of what I had thought was the better path to follow and slowly understanding how God still accepts us just like the prodigal son (**Luke 15: 11-32**). It was my turning point and God was there to welcome me to Himself.



Carrying the flag with Mst Mika

That day, I saw a light which totally changed me; it was so bright and carried so much glory and power that it took something like an angel to get me to my feet and help me regain my strength, it is truly indescribable. After that encounter, I knew that God is real and that He lives and rules forever. I started attending bible studies and fellowships, which really helped, but the main thing was to have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ himself through his Word. As time went on, it wasn’t easy as we have to let go of things we loved in order to grow spiritually. In the first year of being saved, I started learning about how the Bible is related to Israel and understanding how much God loves his people, the Israelites, and his blessings and promises over this Promised Land. This urged my heart to set foot on this Holy Land and experience God in a whole new dimension. All I can say is that God has been faithful throughout. Just stepping out in faith towards what you believe in and just watching God provide in every aspect of the journey. Every day I visit the Wailing Wall, I cry and thank God for every single person that have planted a seed to make my pilgrimage a success. Walking where my Saviour walked is such a privilege and an honour. Being reminded of how faithful God has been and how much he loves us. It is such an exciting and an emotional experience to visit the Promised Land of Israel. To all of you desiring to set foot on this land, you are blessed even before going (**Psalms 84:5**). Trust in God and have

Inside Israel’s Knesset—Parliament



faith even when things do not exist yet in the physical (**Hebrews 11:1**), seek his guidance and keep his promises. To end with, **1 Corinthians 10:31** says that “Whether you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”. We are never to be glorified by our deeds and life stories because it has always been God all along. May the Lord bless all of you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may He lift up his countenance upon you and give you his shalom. *Next Year in Jerusalem*

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Volunteer Ilisoni Taginadavui shares that "Faith Has Done It Again"

I remember the question Jesus asked his disciples "But who do you say that I am?" and Peter replied and said that He is the Christ, the son of the living God. Jesus later said to Peter that on the that Rock he will build His church. My faith in Jesus whom is referred to as the rock is the reason where I am today, in Israel. I'm also blessed to be also where Jesus said those words to Peter beside the Sea of Galilee.

Its is said in '**Psalms 84:5** *Blessed and greatly favoured is the man whose strength is in You, In whose heart are the highways to Zion.*' I thank God for bringing me this far and I have never regretted this journey with Him. Coming to the *Promise Land* wasn't easy, because of the financial commitments etc, but God knew where my heart was. I had received it in my spirit that I was already in Israel but its was a matter of time that I would eventually be here in person. But for reassurance with Gods plan I asked Him to bring someone to pay for my registration which would be a sign for me that I should go. This was in my heart and right after breaking fast on one of my normal routine for fasting, He provided. From that point I knew it was Gods will for me to come this year and I always remind myself that fasting is an act of worship not a vending machine. God took care of my airfares and accommodation for this trip. A friend told me, "Man your lucky last year Australia and this year Israel" The only thing I could do is to point up to the sky.



The journey here to Jerusalem started back in Fiji during the preparation for coming. I love YWAM missionaries motto, "**Trust God or die**" and in times we think there is nothing there to take you through, keep trusting in Him. I said to myself its like looking at Israel where there is desert all over the place, but they produce the best tasting fruits and the fruits and vegetables are bigger than ours. What I looked at may look like a desert, but it can still produce the best tasting fruits. Its the technique in cultivating the land that matters or in other words our relationship with Jesus. Standing near the Dead Sea on the opening of the ICEJ Feast of Tabernacle, God reminded me of the promise He told me in Australia "Its only the beginning" which he reassured me again when I was here. God is true to His Word and His promises are AMEN.

Lastly I would like to leave this verse with you, **Ephesian 3:20** "Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us," Human thought is limited that we can plan so much, But God will take you on the extra mile when we believe in the power that is in us. I planed and imagined of coming to Israel but blew my mind in how He provided for me coming here. I also thank God that I was able to share this journey with a dear friend Semisi Navuda who also played an important role in this journey and we were able to share the experience together. Be faithful with the little we do and God will open anything in front you of that not no man can close. God is always faithful.

Always Only Jesus. Amen

Mt Hebron



At the Wailing Wall with Semisi



At the Garden Tomb



To Knesset—Parliament



With the SU team at the Jordan River—Baptismal Site

September Testimonies



Volunteer, Jack Wainiqolo's shares his testimony of "JOURNEY OF FAITH and FAVOUR"

Jeremiah 29:11 For I alone knows the plans for you, plans not to harm you, plans to bring about the future that you hope for. I was introduced to SUIS in 2006, when I was a Form 3 student of Christian Outreach College, I attended the camp in Sigatoka Methodist School. From this camp, I desired in my heart to follow Christ and accepted Him as my Lord and Saviour. It wasn't an easy walk as a young lad pursuing God, but it was a journey where my Faith was really put to test. In 2009 I attended Suva Grammar School for Form 5-7. I thank God for placing me in this school, I wanted to go else where but this is where His plans prevail but not mine. In 2011, I received a scholarship to go to USP, to study Accounting and Economics. When I came to University, I joined the School Working Group (SWG), it wasn't easy trying to balance out ministry work as

a volunteer and pursuing my studies. But than the words of Daniel is something I held on to when he said **"For I have purposed in my heart"**. This is my 4th year as a volunteer for Scripture Union. I have never regretted the decision that I made but it has been a journey of faith and favour. Through SUIS I have developed the passion of serving young people. **Honestly speaking the ministry of Scripture Union in schools has really imparted a lot in my life.** The beginning of this year 2015...I claimed that it would be the Year of Possibilities, it has been a wonderful experience to see God prove himself in impossible situations. I am a living testimony of the Favour of God in my life. As I have mentioned above that God has different plans in our lives. July this year I decided to take a break from studies n just pursue something totally different from what I study. There was a vacancy on the papers in July for Fiji Airways Cabin crew, I decided to apply for it, in FAITH The process of the recruitment wasn't really an easy one, but It was just the favour of God that kept me going.

It was also a humbling experience for me just to wait upon the Lord in this season. I had to wait again for almost 2 months, to see if I have made it in. Habakkuk 2:3 was my anchor*"though it tarries, but it will surely come without any delay.* After the moment of waiting, it surely came through. Now I have finally received my offer letter, and will be going through the cabin crew training for Fiji Airways. I cannot fathom the great things that this God has done for me, and I am grateful. He never fails. I will close of with Daniel 11:32, it says that *those who know their God, shall be strong and do Exploits.* So KNOW GOD, PURSUE GOD and DO EXPLOITS.

Filing an empty seat: A tribute to former National Director Sisa Teilai

At the end of this month, the Teilai family lifted the 100 nights of traditional mourning for our former National Director, Sisa Teilai. In a moving tribute on Facebook, Mrs Teilai wrote, *Thanked our Heavenly Father for the first 100 days/nights without him, with family, friends and neighbours on evening of Friday 18th September. My sister in law then accompanied Lindy and I to replace the cover (kumi) and placed fresh flowers to honour his body although his spirit is home with his eternal family. The flowers were from the plants we had planted together one rainy Saturday afternoon. I suppose this is the only reminder of the physical presence of the man I shared my life with up until June this year. And I need to go through this to get over it. Until we meet again, moce mada noqui tokani yalo dina.* Sisa's departure, 100 nights over, definitely leaves a vacuum in the ministry and especially so for his family who continue to mourn his loss in their own ways. His lasting legacy remains a testimony and story to many who was impacted by Sisa's life. In a Teilai family newsletter, the family writes that, *We miss Sisa terribly but*



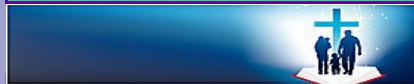
Mrs Teilai putting flowers on Sisas grave.

we know that God is with us and is in the process of removing the pain. We also know that we will improve, although we will never be the same. We talk a lot about our questions and concerns, and we pray often about our pain. We have moved on and need to remain in Gods love. The girls each spend more time with God, in His word and in prayer." Since his demise, the position of National Director has been temporarily filled by Chairman of the SU Council Sitiveni Kalou. As a ministry, we continue to pray for a man who will have the passion, the heart and a vision for the work of SU. This were some of the characteristics that define Sisa and we continue to celebrate and remember with his family, a life worth lived. Vinaka Mr. Sisa Teilai, your legacy continues, this ministry continues and young people continue to love Jesus...See you on the resurrection morning and in your own unique style, *"sota viro."*

Scripture Union's September in pictures



The Annual Camp planning is underway at the Scripture Union office for the next three months. Above are just snaps of the previous camps. Come talk to us today to find out more of the camp or how you can be involved or if you want to plant a seed for Camp 2015. See contact details on this newsletter and further stories on page 3. Be blessed.



JESUS IS LORD

JEHOVAH NISSI:
THE LORD MY BANNER



Fiji in Jerusalem as the roll call of nations take place at the Feast of Tabernacles. Our SU Team spent days praying for the nation and the ministry of SU during their days in the Holy Land. See stories within this newsletter



Volunteers floating at the dead



School Ministry continues

Volunteers pose beside the Fijian translation of the Book of Acts where God will pour out His Spirit. This sponsored engraving is at the Jordan River.



Scripture Union team having breakfast fellowship in Jerusalem. Its early hours of the morning but the team are too excited to sleep. Here is Ilisoni, Master Mika, Pst Tululu, Semisi and Ms Fyne.

Volunteers at the FSM CF Concert earlier this year. They are currently undergoing training for the Annual Camp this year. These former SUIIS member love serving God in schools.



Bible Study continues at the Scripture Union Office in Nabua every Wed. See details within



More prayer,
More Power.
Less Prayer,
Less Power.
No Prayer, No
Power.

Type "AMEN" if you trust Him.



SUIIS Teachers and leaders at Niusawa and Holy Cross pose after Peni Dovi's visit to the school. See story within.



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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Scripture Union 50th Anniversary
SWG Central Tukutuku; SUIS Campers
SUIS Lautoka SWG; Western Fiji SUIS

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 of SU and our work in schools
- SU movements regionally and globally.
- The new National Director for Scripture Union Fiji.
- Scripture Union's Ministry in Term 3 including finances to support our ministry
- SU Office for wisdom and leadership as we extend our ministries

News Board

- Annual Camp will be held at the end of this school year at Navuso Secondary School in Nausori. Annual Camp Committee meets every Monday at the SU office
- School visitations resume. Let us know if you wish to join our volunteers team
- 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 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.

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." — Billy Graham