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Class 5 Student carries Message of Hope

Twenty people were baptized on Sabbath July 17 in Nausori (18 km from Suva). This was a result of Evangelistic meetings run by Pr Brian Chand and supported by the Nasinu Indian Seventh-day Adventist Church as well as the Nausori district church members.



Funded by special tithe allocation from the General Conference, the meetings is one of the many specially targeting the Indo-Fijian population.

Before the meetings commenced, Temo Colavanua a Methodist and Moses Ageeb a member of the Assemblies Of God Church were studying the Bible at their own pace through the Bible Discovery Centre, a department operated by the Adventist Media Network in Suvavou.

Their lessons would be "couriered" to them by Elizabeth Tuivanuatani, a class five student at the Suva Adventist Primary School.

Elizabeth carried the lessons to and from Nausori in her school backpack. Upon arriving at school, she would hand over the lessons to Discovery Centre Director, Mrs. Kelera Rokeva.

While Elizabeth was at school, lessons would be marked during the day and a new set of lessons would be dropped off to Elizabeth before she caught the school bus to Nausori in the afternoon.

"Many church members don't realize that our children like Elizabeth can also play an important role in evangelism," said Mrs. Rokeva.

She adds, "It's exciting that the Discovery Centre is watering the ground and planting seeds that eventually leads to baptisms even among the Indian communities."

The Fiji Mission Bible Discovery Centre is resourced and supported by the Adventist Media Network's (AMN) Discovery Centre in Wahroonga, Sydney, Australia.

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FAITH TIMES MISSION

This newsletter, in cooperation with the Bible and the Holy Spirit, is designed to provide you with ideas, insights, inspiration and tools to assist you in carrying out this mission.

PRAYER TIME

Prayer is talking to God as a friend.

It is part of a divine-human communication. It is not just giving orders or providing information.

Prayer is **our response to God** who has already spoken.

He has revealed Himself in Jesus, the living Word, the Bible.

Youth look and feel in Finance.

"Staff at the Treasury department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fiji are not only looking younger, they feel young as well" says Church Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Semiti Taoi.

According to a research by the Church, 60% of Seventh-day Adventist Church members in Fiji that fall in the Youth category are below the age of 35.

The Fiji Mission Treasury employs six full time treasury staff, 5 are under the age of 35, 3 are in their mid twenties.

Mr. Taoi says, "These young graduates hold Finance degrees from Pacific Adventist University and the University of the South Pacific."

"The investment and foresight of the South Pacific Division, Trans Pacific Union as well as the Fiji Mission is now directly benefitting God's work in the Fiji Mission," he adds.

Mr. Taoi who is "only approaching 50" himself, is challenged and honored to be part of such a "youthy" team. Mr. Taoi who resides in Lami bay, enjoys a brisk 40 minute walk home from the church headquarters daily.

The next time you visit the Treasury department in Suvavou, pray with and encourage the young people who are serving God in this very important department of the church. And don't be surprised if their youthful energy rubs off on you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14th 2010

August 20th Second School Term Ends

August 28th Abuse Awareness & Prevention Sabbath.

On this day we'll put an emphasis on our "End It Now" program. Get your local church involved! If you need more information, please contact Mili MacDonald at the Fiji Mission Office on 3361022 or Erna Johnson via email. erna-johnson@adventist.org.au



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Health Tips

Q: Do physical exercise and activity reduce anxiety in illness?

A: Physical activity is well known to improve depression symptoms. However, there has been concern that its effects might worsen anxiety. A [review of 40 studies of sedentary adults](#) with a variety of chronic illnesses concludes exercise training significantly reduces anxiety symptoms as well. The largest anxiety improvements were seen in those who exercised at least 30 minutes per session.

Physical activity of at least 30 minutes will reduce depression and anxiety levels in chronic illness. (Our Health Tip Credit: www.positivechoices.com)

FIJIANS JOIN GLOUCESTER STREET WITNESS

The Sabbath service was an unusual one at Gloucester on 3 July. After an inspiring sermon by Elder Saunders entitled 'Can I have a witness?' the service was shortened and the tone was set for the church family to leave the comfort of the Church building and witness to the shoppers of Gloucester.



During the next one and a half hours in the city centre, shoppers were treated to inspirational singing from the congregation and soloists, using well known hymns and choruses that the passers-by, could appreciate and join in with. Many did do so.

At the same time, over 500 copies of the latest, beautifully designed version of the book 'Steps to Christ' were handed out, bringing the total of these books that have been distributed around Gloucester and neighboring Cinderford to 2,000. This is in addition to a further 2,000 'When God said Remember' booklets that have also been distributed by the Personal Ministries team.

After the street witnessing, members returned to a pot luck lunch before watching the final service of the General Conference on the large screen. All who participated agreed that it had been one of the best Sabbaths ever, and we pray that someone will have been touched by either the singing or the booklets. **By Robert Hinds**