



Rod Kyle. Evangelist. Reaching out to the lost in the South Pacific.

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You have had a long enough break:

You have had a long enough break from hearing from me, so here is my end of year and update newsletter from 'down-under'. Hope it finds you well and planning for a great family time over Christmas. Of course, for the Lords people, its Christmas everyday because of His promise in I John 1:7!! Isn't it so wonderful to know that the gift of salvation is given to us daily - Eph.2:8!

Thankyou:

Thankyou to the *Westside church* in Midland, the ***Bristol church***, the *Justin church* (thank you to the Freemans for sending a new stock of S.I. Bibles), the *New Road church*, Wanda Brooks, Janille Ritchie, Nelda Linscomb, Marilyn LaSrape, Ronnie Lowe, Mark Davies, Harrison Smith from West Huntsville, The Roses, Paula Christian and Zane and Melissa Christian (who are now in the family way - congratulations) Terry Pafford, Morey Mast and the *Bangs church*, Weldon and Arla Hill and several other good brethren who I cannot recall. Your encouragement and love is greatly appreciated. You make the prospect of heaven so much more real and inviting! And by your involvement in the South Pacific work, more Souls will join us in that grand reunion - Rev.19:6f. And thank you to those brethren who have made the training of Solomon Island Preachers possible through their generosity. Read on to find out more about the progress in that work.

Solomon Island Trip:



Figure 1 Avesdon Naitoro

That trip was begun on the 5th Oct. and completed on the 25th Oct. It centered around work in and from Honiara, the Capital City. There I preached and taught at the Honiara church and the Water Tank church (now called Hill 66 after a Japanese stronghold that was on it in WWII.). I conducted Home Bible Studies, visited other works and isolated brethren around Honiara and made a trip across to Auki on the Island of Malaita. I took Alphonsus Rickimae with me on that trip as my assistant, but upon arrival we learn't that the whole Auki congregation was either in Honiara or going there before the weekend. So we stayed but one day and then returned to the work we had begun in Honiara. I studied with *Andrew Houanihere*, *Avesdon Naitoro*, *Karen Tanabose* and several others with others wanting to study upon my next visit. *Andrew* was baptised and *Karen* identified herself with the Lords church. She had been brought up as a SDA and had been baptised for the remission of her sins but now realised that SDAism is not o.k. with God's Word. Her father is the head of SDA church in Vanuatu, which is her home island. So we spent some time letting her discover how she can teach the truth to her family. The *Hill 66 congregation* (to the left) has made some progress but needs more grounding in the truth, while the *Honiara church* has barely held even, with some brethren falling away, some not respecting the authority of the Elders, and lack of power, water and a toilet at their meeting place. In fact, the storage room where I have had supplies stored, is a rat infested hot room and we have lost DVD's and many printed items to decay. So in light of this disappo-



Hill 66 church of Christ.

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intment, I have decided to store all of the S.I. supplies in my Bible Learning Centre here in N.Z. This will hurry me up with my office/library building program.



Storage room, Honiara.



Andrew Houanihere.



Alphonsus Rickimae outside the Honiara's churches meeting room.

But the good news from this trip is the scheduling of the *Rickimae* family to attend the BVBI - Oceania in January. He will be the second Man sent from the Solomons to Fiji for training in the sound words. *Lensee Mena* is under going training now through the foresight and generosity of the *Westside church* in Midland, Tx. Future trips will have me scouting for more Men with leadership promise, to undergo this intensive Bible training. The S.I. work needs leaders trained in the sound words who can stabilise the work and go with the gospel, back to their home islands to plant viable congregations belonging to Christ. Another door might be opening up that could have a great impact on the S.I. work too. In talking with Philip Foanaota about the need for accommodation, storage and learning facilities, his family have generously offered



Philip (left) and Jeremiah Foanaota and David (Jeremiahs son).



Available land and site on hill 66.

the land upon which to build a Missions Centre and joint meeting place for the church. Philip hires about 10 builders at a time to do work for him, so he can have it built for us. Then hopefully, have it fitted out with wiring and www. connections and maybe even satellite facilities by volunteering brethren with the needed skills. It would then be suitable for long term missionaries to use, for a possible S.I. Bible School (long distance learning facilitated through WVBS, etc.,) and for the Hill 66 congregation to expand into (at present they meet at the Foanaods house). I have begun the pricing of such an exercise, but 3 things need to be lined up correctly. First - the leased of the land from Philips company needs to be registered . Secondly, the political situation needs to be explored. Unrest can erupt suddenly in the Solomon's and that is not the time to build! Third, a serious degree of fund raising will need to be put in place. I think we might be looking at needing \$40kUSD to get a building that ticks all the boxes above. But I think the last factor is the least concerning. #2 is the BIG need at present. My research reveals that social unrest might just be around the corner in Honiara. It's getting to a Venezuela situation in this city. Further research on the financial wisdom of this possibility needs to be done. My rough calculations would indicate that the pay back on this scheme would be 3-4 years in accommodation savings if all the expat Workers coming to help in this mission field, used the facilities. So. Please pray about this opportunity. 2018 might be the year when the Lord uses us to create this possibility. And if so, see the S.I. work move to another level.



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The photos above, on page 2, from left to right are - the "rocket stoves" several of you paid for to be given to faithful members of the Lords church. It took 9 months for the brethren to get around to removing them from the Customs Dept. Photo 2. The passenger accommodation on the old Cosco Coastal boat (photo 3). You begin boarding a ship like this at 3 p.m. in the heat of the day. Otherwise you will be standing on the outside deck for the journey of 5-6 hours! Then the ship MIGHT leave at 6 p.m. Sometimes, at 11 p.m. Then you arrive at the disembarking port around 2-3 a.m. But it takes about 1 hour to get off the thing and then you have to fight your way through a seething throng of hot, sweaty bodies, diesel belching trucks jammed onto a small wharf while carrying your back pack, spare suitcase filled with song books etc., and some how meet up with the Rest Home Owner who you hope will meet you and take you to your over morning bed. So if you think I go to the Solomon's for a South Seas holiday, think again. But on this trip, I did get to see the Tara, a French Research yacht that was once Captained by Sir Peter Blake, a well know N.Z. sailor (he was shoot by pirates in Brazil). That is photo #4.

So much more could be said about this trip, the work in these islands, the brethren, the opportunities, the challenges, the culture, etc.,. It's always a frustrating thing for me to report back to you. But keep me in your prayers for 2018. I have a planned trip to the Santa Cruz islands in May and maybe further trips surrounding the building of a Missions Centre. But we will see what my Sponsoring congregation and others say first...

The Hutt Work:



Sonny Teokotai is so keen he has the pages of each Bible book referenced on his locker wall.

with the church through Sio studying with WVBS and then coming by the worship place of the church. He learn't the truth online, arranged from someone to baptise him (his Tongan denomination would not) and then begun teaching his denomination the truth. There are a number of young people in that group nearing the point of baptism. But keep Sio and Tupou in your prayers. They are not meeting with the church regularly, have the the Lords supper as a family in the afternoon while they continue their outreach to the Tongan Free Church. It is hoped that a new congregation of the Lords people will result from this made up from Tongan nationals living in the Hutt Valley.

BVBI Teaching:



BVBI student body for The Christian Family Course.

The Hutt work continues to make progress. Attendance numbers are growing and all of the members have employment now. I have a study under way with Sonny Teokotai and one other member is also actively sharing the faith. I have recently been tied up with BVBI teaching and helping to expand the Wairapapa work, so the need for class room space teaching resources has not yet been met. I also need to organise more outreach with the brethren too. The late summer months would be a good time for this. But the opportunities that come with this work, seem to conjure up distractions and challenges in other areas (i.e. Gayes declining health). Are you praying hard for a Worker to be found for this open mission field? In October, Tupou Fifita was baptised into after a brief study with John Jones and her husband, Sio. This couple, who have 6 children, had come in contact



Present Teachers in the BVBI-N.Z.

Since my last report, I have taught 3 more courses in the *BVBI - N.Z.* The Christian Family, Church Growth and The life of Christ. Each has involved 18-28 hours of class room time and several weeks of preparation for each. The visits to Wellington have been either 2 weeks or two weekends of instruction. During the Christian Family course, Gaye got quite sick and ended up in hospital. So that was an interesting week. All of this has meant no progress on my Library and Office and no outreach in Palmerston North. Or very little. But the BVBI venture seems to be benefiting the sound brotherhood in N.Z. 3 men and 1 young lady are progressing through the 2 year programme, with more attending classes when they can. Lance Mosher is the Director of this School and has been doing a great job. John Jones takes over in 2018. The Porirua church, from which they work, has now leased its own meeting place and the School now meets there. I have been overnighing at the Wellington churches building, which has been quite comfortable. But unsuitable for Gaye. In future, however, I will take Gaye with me so I can care for her for her breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is now, not possible to leave her alone at home for any length of time.

The Wairapapa church of Christ:

I would be short changing you if I did not talk with you about this work. We meet at 4 p.m. every sunday in a growing mission field of about 110,000+ souls. The assembly can vary from about 2 to 12, depending on the season. Several members are seasonal workers and are away or working on the Lords day. Bro. John Jones was conducting a midweek class here through much of 2017, but I am unsure of the status if this outreach right now. I am hopeful of getting an old caravan to tow behind my old truck, so I can take Gaye down to Masterton during the fine weather and do some door knocking outreach. We are also searching for a suitable meeting place and have some possibilities in mind. More on this when I have photos, etc., to share.

Thank you to the New Road church:



These supporting brethren made it possible for Marilyn LaSrape (one of their great ladies) to attend and Speak at the 2017 N.Z. Christian Ladies Challenge hosted annually by the *Palmerston North church of Christ*. As I did not attend, I have no photos to offer you, but all the feedback I got about Marilyn's messages was extremely positive. And not only that, she gave Gaye and I a boost in our on going work for the Lord. So thank you brethren for making this possible. I look forward to thanking you in person in the future. Marilyn came and spoke and then went straight home, so we had to work hard at

squeezing in 1 mornings sightseeing. The city of Palmerston North and Ashurst are in the background.

Family News:

In September Gaye I, and most of my children attended Gayes Mothers 102 birthday. Joy Mitchell is now



pressing on to her 103rd! And the number of her Great children are growing. Yes, we are expecting the arrival of our 5th Grand Child in about 6 months time! We are trying to catchup to Barry and Paula Christian, but that's a BIG ask now that their last baby, is starting his family! But this does mean that the Kyle family have more than doubled themselves. We are all together for Xmas this year, so that is another milestone too. Andrew, my Oz based son, has given us our first Grandbaby girl. Bonny-May. Her photo is here for your viewing too. She is a ready smiler!

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Gayes health has been up and down in 2017. Early in the year 'incontinence' was her challenge and then a few weeks back she became quiet 'psychotic' and ended up being hospitalised. Both were based upon 'medical intervention' by well meaning HD Advisors. So now I closely watch what is being perscribed and lay it on the line with Health Helpers who I think are doing more harm than good. With Emma, our 'at home' daughter going back into the legal profession, I no longer have the assistance with Gayes care that I once had. Hence the idea of getting a suitable caravan to take her with me on future mission trips around N.Z. I am also investigating "Respite Care Facilities" for Gaye to make use of when I am in the Solomons. With both firmly in place, I can progress on in the work we are doing in the South Pacific as the Lord continues to bless me with good health.

2018:

2018 will see me continuing our involvement in the S.I. work (perhaps the building of a mission centre), BVBI teaching, Hutt and Wairapapa congregational involvement and the completion of my Office/Library complex. I have to also speak to my overseeing Elders at Grant St., about my "reporting back" schedule. Has it been 3-4 years since I last gave a personal report??? Hard to believe...

But we wish you a happy family time over the Christmas period, and a wonderful 2018. What a privilege we have, to serve our Lord in truth - II Peter 1:12!

Much love and gratitude in Christ,

Rod Kyle.

Rod (and Gaye) Kyle.