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# South Pacific report for the 31st May, 2019.

#### **GIDDAY EVERYONE:**

Hope everyone is well and having success in our Masters service. Note the highlights of this report that follows. Then. If you have the time, be my quest and please read the more detailed report that follows.

#### THE REPORT IN BRIEF:

S.I. May (1st-25th) Mission trip completed safely. 7 congregations supplied and encouraged. Numerous meetings and one-on-one studies conducted. But delays in travel was frustrating and affected the results. The Hutt work continues on a growth path. The Rich family and Todd Latham are really needed in this work. Speaking at the Porirua Queens Birthday weekend Camp/Lectureship on the 2nd June.

Office/Library construction continuing. Just need to finish it off inside to begin its use.

Kent O'Donnell continues the campaign follow-up in Palmerston North. He is still studying with 6 souls.. Gaye's health making it harder for me to work away from homebase. Gayes behaviour is getting a little stranger because of the affect of the HD protein on her cerebellum. See the family news section that follows. Reporting back schedule being looked at. Awaiting guidance from the Grant St Elders on this need.

S.I. TRIP 1st - 25th MAY 2019: (See the Island map on page 3)

Thank you to Ian Coker who accompanied me on this trip. He was a wonderful addition to the S.I. work and I pray that he can continue to be involved in the South Pacific work. Together we travelled to Gualacanal on the 2nd May, hoping to fly south to Temotu Province on saturday 4th. Bad weather made that impossible. So we booked again for the 7th. In the meantime we tried to activate old studies, stocked up on cash (you need alot in the Santa Cruz Islands and there are no Banks or ATM's there) and picked up supplies and equipment to take south. We met with 3 congregations on the Lords day, morning, afternoon and evening. On the 7th we did fly to Nendo Island (Lata) and reached the village of Nunguu around 6 p.m. via a taxi from Lata and a canoe from Memjembelo Village. In Nunguu we conducted evening meetings and conducted several one-on-one studies during the day. The death of Janet Rufees father closed off our opportunities to work further in that village and the related villages such as Bimbim. So we travelled on to the Reef islands as soon as we could hire a canoe and outboard. We helped some with the funeral and left behind several souls whose interest in N.T. Christianity has been aroused. I will follow-up on this work next year. On the Reef Islands (in Fenouloa and Lomlom) we encouraged 2 congregations with evening meetings, supplied them with resources, taught about creation/evolution at the School at Balipaa and headed to the new airstrip on little Lomlom for our flight back to Henderson Field on the 16th. Only the plane never came. But the Airline Agent assured us it would come on the 30th May! We now learn't the value of taking plenty of emergency rations! But God had in place His Rom. 8:28 promise, and before the plane finally arrived on sunday afternoon of the 19th, we had been used to help bro. William and John Valuki begin worship in their village of Nuwamo on the western end of the airstrip. And again. We had begun to develop interest in N.T. Christianity amongst many on little Lomlom Island through evening meetings. We did a lot of hand shaking on our way to the awaiting plane. Our next visit to this location should see responses to the gospel. We spent Sunday night and Monday trying to set studies, doing research on outboard motors, setting aside supplies and equipment to send back to Te Motu Province and talking with the brethren who have a site for the construction of a Mission Centre for the S.I. work. Monday night also saw us meet with and discuss the S.I. work with the 1st S.I. preacher trained at the BVBI-Oceania in Fiji. Bro. Lency Mena should make a big difference to the work in Honiara and then, in time, to the work in Te

Motu Province. I want to express my thanks to the good brethren at Westside in Midland for making this exciting development possible. On the 21st we flew back to Australia and I was very grateful to see Dianne Coker at the airport. I willingly gave Ian back to her! Of course. He was more than willing for that to happen anyway! If you know Ian, you know what I mean..

This was the first time I have gone on a 3 week basis. Which is perhaps the reason for the lack of responses to the gospel. The transport delays would also be a contributing factor. But we did feel useful. The Nuwamo work was given a leg-up, the brethren supplied and more ground work laid for the work in Te Motu Province to make real progress. Some promising Contacts studied with, and invites to return to help these lovely folk learn Gods word more accurately. And the Missions Centre is now one step closer to reality. (See back pages for illustrating photos)

I put out a request for help with getting resources to each of the mission points we visited on this trip, in my last report. These supplies are still needed. So note the details that follow and e-mail me asa if you think your congregation can help:

*For the Bimbir* (*Mbimba*) *Village*, Lord Howe Island, Santa Cruz, Te Motu Province, Solomon Islands. Contact person - Lawrence Mengipla.

Needed/requested: Sunday school materials for 40 children. Age groupings follow: 4-6 years. 10x. 7-9 years. 10x. 10-13 years. 10x. 14-18 years. 10x. Adult materials. 40x.

Also needed for about 40 adults. Simple studies in how to become Christians, how to establish the Lords church in their community, Bibles (NKJV or ESV's), sound doctrine, christian living materials, and the Lords supper.

I am sending them song books and Lords supper supplies and a communion set.

*For the Baa Village*, Lord Howe Island, Santa Cruz, Te Motu Province, S.I. Contact person: Paul Tute. 4 children involved at this stage. Age groupings; 4, 12, 18, 19. Sounds like they are children of Paul and Joy Tute. They need sound Bible class materials, and Paul and Joy need christian growth resources and materials to help them with their outreach and teaching about the Lords church.

*For Philip Moli*, Lata P.O. Santa Cruz. Te Motu Province, S.I. 7605486. Requested study materials on denominational doctrines, the Lords church, worship in spirit and truth, I dropped him off a Vines Expository Dictionary but childrens DVD's telling Bible stories for young children are still needed.

*The Lara church of Christ*, Lara Village, Lom Lom Island, Reef Islands, TeMotu Province, S.I. Contact: Brothers Wilson and Bathlomenu. Requested Bible class materials for the following: 4-6 year olds, 8x. 7-9 year olds, 5. 10-13 years. 5x. 14-18 year olds, 8x. Adults. 28x.

*The Tuwo church of Christ*, C/- Michael Taliki, C/- Selwyn, Lata P.O. Nendo Is., Te Motu Province, S.I. Study materials for students in the following age groups. 4-6 year. 2x. 7-9 year. 2x. 10-13 year. 2x. Adults. 4x.

*David Dalaume*, Balipaa Community High School, Lom Lom, Reef Islands, Te Motu Province, S.I. Requested study materials on the Lords church, Creation/Evolution, how to be a N.T. christian, etc.,.

#### **OCEANIA BVBI STUDENTS UPDATE:**

Bro. Alphonsus Rickimae is the one remaining S.I. student in the above School. His grades have just been sent to me. Send me an e-mail request and I will forward them on to you. He continues to do very well. We have also been in touch with 1-2 more prospective students who could do well at the School and return to be assets in the Lords work in this nation. So keep these developments in your prayers.

# OTHER WORKS AND ACTIVITIES:

The Hutt Valley work continues to grow through brethren placing membership and visitors. I continue to lament my lack of ability to be in that location to do the necessary mid-week outreach. This work could really take off with the right help! Lord willing, the Chris Rich family and Todd Latham will join the work later this year and things should make good progress. We are facing delays in getting the congregation registered with

the Government so we can be a part of the Riches visa application. Hopefully I will beable to progress this now that my S.I. trip is behind me. This Lords day the Hutt Valley congregation will be merging with those attending the Porirua Camp/lectureship. The Wairapapa work has a similar need for a located Worker. There are a number of weaker Christians in that region who are not meeting with Pedja Stanich and myself when we conduct worship on sunday afternoon. They need to be visited. Studied with. And restored to the body of Christ.

I will be speaking at the Porirua churches annual Camp this weekend at Kaitoke in Upper Hutt, N.Z. The theme this year, "Leadership lessons from the life of Joshua." My topic is "Strength under peer pressure - Josh. 24:15."

The office/ library development work continues, but little could be done in May. Hopefully next week, I will be doing serious finishing work on the interior and the end of June should see me moving in. Fingers crossed. Note the photos on the back pages.

Keep Kent and Rachel O'Donnell and the Palmerston North work in your prayers. Kent is still studying with 6 lost souls and several completed studies have expressed an interest in rendering gospel obedience. The February campaign effort involved a lot of hard work on his part, and it would be rewarding to see Souls saved as a result. This congregation is edging closer to being totally self supporting although several families have or will soon relocate elsewhere. This is a frustrating part of the work in N.Z. You work hard. Growth comes. But people move away. N.Zers are very mobile people.

## REPORTING BACK TIME IS UPON ME:

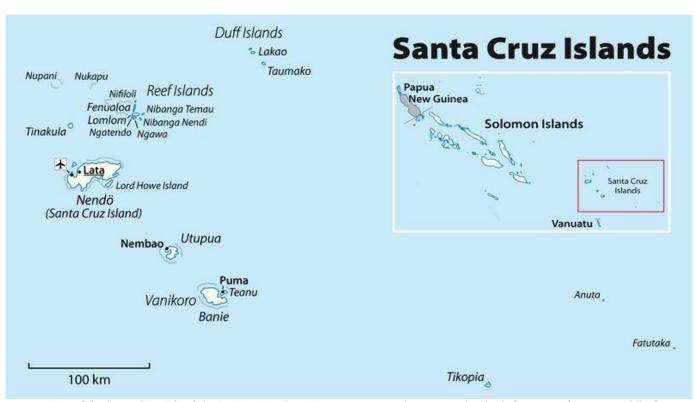
It's been about 3.5 years since I reported back in person to you. So I am making plans to do this beginning late August, Lord and sponsoring congregation willing. I had the idea of attending Polishing the Pulpit on this trip to refill my spiritual tank, so I have to go to work on this now. So expect to hear from me real soon. Your support has been wonderful. But you do need to see me every now and then for a personal report time and to discuss plans for the future. Some of what I will share with you will be exciting news for you. Things I have not covered in my written reports. But I need you to know right now, my heart is filled with much gratitude to the Lord for what you have made possible all that has been done for His kingdom in this region due to your saving faith (James 2:22). So coming to thank you in person, will be special.

### **FAMILY NEWS**

Gaye is still at home being cared for by myself, sometimes family, and for 25 hours a week, Government funded Carer Support. Which frees me up for 4 working days a week. She still travels with me each sunday but has lost her coherence. She is a little unpredictable as a result so I have to pick carefully the things we can and cannot do in public. While I am reporting back she will have to go into a special HD Care Unit. But she remains happy and continues to love worship and Bible Study times. At Easter weekend we tried to attend the Lectureship in New Plymouth. I had to bring her home early. She got too excited by the larger assemblies and singing and didn't sleep for 2 days. Yes. That ment I didn't get any sleep either. But I did get to climb the 8,700' Mt. Taranaki for the 20th time. I believe I was the oldest Summiteer that day. I also climbed Mt. Warning in Australia on the 23rd May after the S.I. outreach. Highest mountain in that part of Oz. But more like a high hill! But I am still unfit. Hopefully, I will be back to full strength before the new month is out. My oldest boy, Jared has just returned from visiting his family who are in Tennessee at present. Rachel, our 1st daughter-in-law, will be back soon with her 3 children. Jared is also speaking at the Porirua Camp. My second son, Andrew, is continuing to do well in his new location but has yet to place membership with a congregation. There is the potential to plant a congregation in that part of NSW. If that happens, I will help them with doorknocking outreach when I travel to the Solomons and visit on my way home. They presently worship with another family living nearby. I think the nearest congregation is over 1.5 hours drive away. His little girl is growing up chute. Emma, my 1st daughter has been travelling in Australia and then in Auckland N.Z. Her 5 weeks of holidays have worn her out. Her son, Ari is destined to be a nomad! The weather has been dry and mild so far this winter. We are getting a cold blast from the Antarctic this weekend. Plenty of snow and low temperatures. Right during camp!! But I planted a winter garden vesterday before the bad weather arrived.

Enjoy the photos that follow. See you soon. Our love sent with much gratitude.

Rad Kyle.



Map of the Santa Cruz Islands in Te Motu Province. You can trace our journeys on it. Tinakula was smoking away while there.



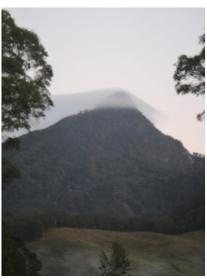
The exterior of my new office/library.



The interior. It's a slow process but it will soon be finished.



Andrew, Bonny-may and Sarah Kyle.



Mt. Warning from their house in Uki.



Ian and bro. Johnson who requested a book of church history from us as we were about to depart on our flight out of little Lomlom.



Our plane landing at Lomlom. We had a N.Z. Pilot, so all went well on our return journey to Honiara, via Lata for fuel.



Ian teaching the new congregation from Nuwamo.



Bro. and sister Valuki at Nuwamo. William expects the congregation to meet underneath his new home.





Ian taking the Pikinnies singing with the Lara church 
Every where we walked on Lomlom Island the Pikinnies had to follow and touch these 2 old 'white men'.



Almost through with our Coral Sea trip to the Reef Islands. Was only 3hours long this time although the seas were up a little.



One of the night meetings in Nunguu Village.

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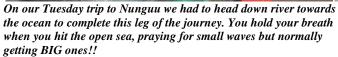




Childrens singing in Nunguu before the class.









Ellen studying with Ian at the Rakona Lodge. She is counting the cost of obeying Gods will. As are several other souls we conducted one-on-one studies with. Just wish we had more time to teach more.