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*"Clash of the String Bands" at the Gospel Day Celebrations, 26 October 2011, Aitutaki. Delegates to the CICC Biennial General Assembly who were on the island at the time, joined in the celebrations.*

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# CICC NUTILETA 41

## 1. AKATOMO'ANGA

**K**ia orana e te iti tangata tapu no te Atua i te au ngai katoatoa; to te Kuki Airani nei, tei noo ki Nutireni, Autireria, Tahiti, e te vai atura te au ngai tei taeaia e teia karere akakitekite. E tau ia tatou kia akameitaki i te mana katoatoa koia tei oronga mai i teia tikaanga manea kia aravei akaou tatou na roto i teia pepa akakitekite numero 41. To tatou tuatua aravei, mei roto mai i te karere o te Pure Epetoma i te marama i topa, te tuatua a te peroveta a Mika i roto i te 6:8 i te na ko anga mai e, *“Kua akakite mai aia kia koe, e te tangata na, i te mea meitaki: e eaa ta lehova inangaro ia koe ra, mari ra ko te rave i te tuatua-tau, e kia inangaro i te aroa, e te aerenga akamako tika'i i to Atua ra.”*

Na kotou e akatoota atu i teia karere ki to kotou au taeake kia kite katoa ratou i te au mea e tupu nei i roto i te taokotaianga o te kopu tangata CICC. Ko kotou kare i kite ana i te au nutileta i mua atu e kua anoano kotou kia kite, aravei atu i te Orometua o taau Ekalesia me kore akakite mai ki Takamoā nei; ka rauka oki te reira au nutileta i te tuku iatu na runga i te imere. Noatu e tei muri teia au nutileta, e maata te au mea puapinga i roto – mei te tua tapapa o te au tuatau tei topa ki muri (personal profiles, history, etc.) – te ka riro ei pumaanaanga kia tatauia. Tei runga katoa ratou i te website a te CICC, koia te [www.cicc.net.ck](http://www.cicc.net.ck).

## 2. TEREANGA NO TE PERETITENI KI NUTIRENI

**K**ia orana te au taeake ma te au tuaine i roto i te akarongo, kia orana i te aroa maata o to tatou Atua ko Iesu Mesia. Te karanga nei te Aposetolo a Petero; *“Kare oki to te inangaro o te tangata i tae mai ei te totou i taito ra, ko te au tangata tapu ra o te Atua, tei tuatua i ta te vaerua akaaravei'anga.”* E ripoti teia no to maua ko toku tokorua tere ki Nutireni i roto i te marama Titema i topa no teia nga akakoroanga i raro nei:

- i. AKATAPUANGA I TE EKALEZIA MOTUTAPU I AKARANA
- ii. TE TOMOANGA I TE ARE PURE ZIONA TAPU O TE EKALEZIA PORIRUA CICC
- iii. TE ATOROANGA I TE AU EKALEZIA I NUTIRENI IAKU I REIRA NO TE NGA AKAKOROANGA I RUNGA NEI

### Varaire rā 2 Titema

Kua tae maua ki Akarana i te ora ngauru i te aiai Varaire. Kua araveiia mai maua e te Chairman o te Konitara Ekalesia o Nutireni, te Orometua Temere Poaru. Mei te airport kua apaina iatu matou ki te Ekalesia Otara Central e kua tuoroia mai e te Konitara Ekalesia o Akarana, tei reira te au Orometua katoatoa e pera ta ratou au vaine. Kua riro teia araveianga ei mea pumaana kiaku e toku tokorua e pera ta maua tamaine. Kua raveia ta ratou ārikianga ia matou, e i muri ake kua akakite atu au kia ratou i te akakoroanga o toku tere ki NZ i teia tuatau.

### Maanakai rā 3 Titema

Kua tomo atu matou ki roto i te Ekalesia Motutapu, e kua noo matou ki roto i te ngutuare o te Orometua Tutu Williams. Ia matou i reira kua aravei au i te au mema, te au Diakono o teia Ekalesia, e maata te tangata i roto i teia Ekalesia. Kua akanoonoo matou i te porokaramu no te akatapuanga. Kua oronga katoa atu au i tetai au tuatua akamaroiroi ia ratou e pera tetai au akanoonooanga no ratou i te akatapuanga i te aroa e te au ki roto i te Ekalesia. Kua oronga katoa atu au i tetai reo akamaroiroi i te Orometua Tutu kia akono ma te utuutu i teia Ekalesia.

### Sabati rā 4 Titema

Kua riro te au angaanga o te pureanga i teia ra naku e te au Orometua o Akarana i rave, mari ua ko te nga Orometua Nio Mare e Rohi Tinirau; kua piritia iatu raua no te mea ko to raua Sabati openga teia ki roto i ta raua Ekalesia. Kua kitea te kaka o te angaanga o teia rā e kua tuatua ratou e ko tetai akatapuanga Ekalesia tuke uatu rai teia i te au akatapuanga Ekalesia i mua ana. Kua raveia te oroa i muri ake i te pureanga e kua

akatueriaia kia kai te katoatoa i te oroa, e te au oroa i muri mai ko te Ekalesia anake ua. Ko te kaikaianga kare e pou kua kai e kua tari kua vai rai te kai. Kia pure atu tatou kia ruperupe te tupuanga o teia Ekalesia ou. Ko te manako maata o teia rā, *'KIA MOU TE SELENGA, KIA MOU TE NAPENGA, KIA MAU.'*

#### Monite rā 5 Titema

Kua aravei atu au i te Ekalesia Mangere tei reira te Orometua Tatairangi William, e te Orometua Joe Tangi, e kua tae katoa mai te au Ekalesia tei va mai no te mea kua piritia atu tetai pae ki te angaanga moni e pera kua aere atu tetai pae orote ki te Kuki Airani e pera ki Autireria. I muri ake i ta ratou arikianga ia matou, kua uriuri manako atu au kia ratou. Kua ui atu no runga i te turanga o nga Orometua e angaanga nei ki roto ia ratou, e pera te turanga o te Ekalesia, e kua pati mai kia riro te Orometua Tatairangi ei tauturu i te Orometua Joe Tangi no tona turanga makimaki. Ko te au mema i roto i teia Ekalesia mei tetai 48 mema maroiroi, e te vai atura te aronga aere ua mai e ngaro atu. Kua akaari mai ratou i to ratou mataora no te araveianga i te Orometua Ngateitei e kua pati mai e kia tutaka putuputuia mai ratou. Te akamaroirori nei kia akatu tetai Are Pure no ratou e pera te ngutuare no te Orometua. Kia pure atu tatou kia tupu uatu teia Ekalesia ki roto i te anoano o te Atua. Te vai atura to ratou au manamanata no te moni, inara ka tauta atu rai i te kimianga i te au mataara.

#### Ruirua rā 6 Titema

Kua aravei atu au i te Ekalesia Otara Branch, kua raveia ta ratou ārikianga ki roto i to ratou hall tei tuoroia mai e to ratou Tekeretere e pera te Orometua Temere Poaru e te Tauturu Orometua Maara Rahui te au Diakono e te Ekalesia. E 12 diakono e 40 mema maroiroi e ka taea rai ia ratou tetai anere tuma tangata ki te pure i te au Sabati. E au patianganga ta ratou i tuku mai kiaku kia uriuria e te kumiti akaaere. I taku akaraanga te maroiroi nei teia Ekalesia, inara te vai nei tetai au tangata e tapupu nei i te tereanga o teia Ekalesia ki mua.

#### Ruitoru rā 7 Titema

Kua oki akaou matou ki roto i te Ekalesia Motutapu no ta ratou ārikianga ia matou. Kua rave katoaia tetai uipaanga kia ratou e na ratou rai i kapiki i teia uipaanga. Tumu manako mua:

- a) No to ratou Tauturu Orometua kia akatainua i teia mua mataiti e tu mai nei. E kua inangaro rai ratou e na te Orometua Ngateitei e rave i te akatainua. Kua akamarama atu au e me kua anoano rataou naku e rave i te akatainua, ko te akanoonooanga koia oki na ratou rai e tutaki mai i toku patete no okianga mai. Me e au akakoroanga ke atu ra tetai e tei Nutireni nei au i te reira tuata, ka rauka ireira te akatainua kia raveia ma te kore a ratou akapouanga no toku patete.
- b) Akameitakianga na ratou no tetai apiianganga a ratou ko Tau William e te vaine tei ārikiia ki roto ia Takamoa.
- c) Ta ratou apiianganga ou kia ārikiia ki roto i te pupu ou te ka tomo ki Takamoa i te mataiti 2014. Kua akamarama au e kia na roto mai i te Konitara Ekalesia o Akarana te tuku mai i te patianganga ki te kumiti akaaere, me kare ki te Puapui Maata. Kia rauka i te Konitara Ekalesia i te akarakara meitaki ka tuku mai ei ki Takamoa.

#### Paraparau rā 8 Titema

Kai ti ki roto i te Ekalesia Motutapu i te ora 7.00am, kave iatu ei matou ki te airport no te rere atu ki Wellington. Kua tae matou ki Wellington i te ora 11.00am, kare ra e tangata i te airport no te tiki mai ia matou. Noatu ra te reira kua tiaki matou i te pairere o te Orometua Temere e te tauturu Orometua Maara i te ora 1.00pm, ko matou ireira i aere ei ki Porirua. Kua poitirere ratou i te kiteanga e kua tae atu matou ki Porirua. Ko te tumu i kore ei ratou i tae mai ki te airport, e ora 4.00pm te ora i akakiteia kia ratou e ka tae atu matou. Kua teateamamao ratou i te welcome ia matou i te ora 4.00pm, noatu ra te reira kua akakite atu au kia ratou e auraka te reira e riro ei mea tai'i, ko te mea maata kua aravei. Kua rave ta ratou ārikianga ki roto i te kapuaanga o te Kuki Airani i Porirua, e kua mataora te katoatoa i te araveianga ia matou.

#### Varaire rā 9 Titema

Kua akateateamamao nga Ekalesia Porirua CICC e te EKKA no te tomoanga o te are i te Maanakai. I teia rā rai kua timata au kia atoro i te Ekalesia Hutt Valley, kua apai iatu au e te Orometua Tereni e pera te Orometua Nioputa. Kua aru katoa mai te Orometua Temere e te Tauturu Orometua Maara. Kua akaari mai te Orometua i to ratou are Orometua ta te Ekalesia i oko, e enua maata teia e tona karati (garage), e pure ana ratou ki roto i te Are Pure o te Babbit, te tutaki nei ratou i teia Are Pure. Kua akara au i to ratou garage e kua pati au kia pure ua ratou ki roto, akaputu atu ei i te moni no tetai Are Pure no ratou tika'i a tetai tuata. Kua tae katoa mai to ratou Tauturu Orometua e nga Diakono e tetai au mama mei te 10 ratou i te katoatoa. Kua timata katoa au kia tae ki te oire ko Waiomata tei reira katoa tetai pupu meangiti e pure ra e kua pati au kia taokotai mai ki te Hutt Valley i teia tuata. Ko taku ua i kite, te maata nei te tuata o te tiaki ki te angaanga moni, te iti nei i reira ki te mamoe, e ka noo rai te mamoe e kare e tiaki no te angai kua aere.

Kare au e akaapa, ko te oraanga oki teia i te enua Nutireni. Teia oki tetai akaraanga, me maroiroi te turanga o te Ekalesia i roto i te tare mema, e oti maroiroi te oronga i ta te Atua, ka matutu atu rai te tupuanga o te reira Ekalesia e kare ireira e inangaroia te Orometua kia aere kimi angaanga nana. Ko tana angaanga, ka aere tutaka i tana anana mei te Monite ki te Maanakai ma te angai atu ia ratou ki te kai ora o te vauerua.

#### Maanakai rā 10 Titema

Kua tomoia te Are pure o te Porirua CICC i teia rā, kua kitea te kaka o te au angaanga kua tae katoa mai tetai au Orometua no Akarana, to Palmerston North, e pera to Hastings. Kua taeria mei tetai \$26,000 i rauka i teia rā na roto i te rima oronga a te au Ekalesia e pera te au taeake ma te au tuaine tei patii. Kia akameitaki mai te Atua i teia Ekalesia no tona maroiroi tei kitea. Te turanga o te Orometua Teaurima te maroiroi ua ra e te maranga nei tana au tuanga i te apai noatu tona turanga apikepikē kopapa.

#### Sabati rā 11 Titema

Pure kapiti na nga Ekalesia e 4 o Wellington. Kua ki te Are Pure e kua noo tetai pae ki vao. Kua riro na te au Orometua tei tae ki teia akakoroanga i rave i te pureanga. I muri ake i te pureanga kua raveia tetai uipaanga ki te au Ekalesia koia te Porirua CICC, EKKA, Miramar, e Hutt Valley. Tetai au manako tei akaarii:

- i. Akaaraveianga na te Orometua Ngateitei ma te akaari atu i te anoano o te kumiti akaaere i te akamaroiroi i te au Orometua e te Ekalesia. Kua uiui mai ratou i tetai au uianga no te au mea e tupu nei ki roto i te Ekalesia e kua timata au i te pau i te reira e kua mataora ratou.
- ii. Kia taokotaiia nga Ekalesia e rua koia te Porirua CICC e pera te EKKA. Kare e tangata patoi kua ariki ratou e kua timata au i te uiui meitaki ki teia nga Ekalesia nga tua e rua. Kua akaari au i te manako kia ratou e kare teia manako e akamata i teia taime, ka tiaki roa ki te tauanga Orometua e tu mai nei 2015. E manako rapurapu to ratou kia uriuri meitaki ratou ka tiki mai ei ki te kumiti.
- iii. Patiangā kia oki akaou mai te Orometua Ngateitei i te atoro ia ratou no te mea kua kitea te puapinga o teia atoroanga a te Orometua Ngateitei e tona tokorua.

#### Ekalesia Miramar

I muri ake i te kaikaianga kua apai atu te Orometua Teaumetua Pouao iaku ki Miramar kia kite au i to ratou ngai pureanga e to ratou kainga Orometua. To ratou are pure no te iti tangata Iran, kua aravei au i te Orometua o teia Ekalesia, Father Abraham e tana Ekalesia. Kua rekareka ratou i to matou araveianga, kua akakite mai i to ratou mataora i ta tatou Ekalesia i te akono i te Are Pure e te aua. Kare e tutaki o teia Are Pure, free ua te reira, inara e oronga ana te Ekalesia Miramar e \$500 i te mataiti ei donation ki teia Are Pure. Kua kite katoa au i to ratou are Orometua kua papa te Ekalesia i te oko inara ko te tangata nana e value ana i te oko o te are kare e akatika no te maata roa o te moni, kia topa mai ki raro ka oko ei. E 38 tangata pakari, vaine e te tane, te mapu tomo ua mai e ngaro mei te reira ua te tu. Te ki ra te are pure i te aronga aere ua mai e aere atu. Te pati mai nei kia akatapuia teia Ekalesia i teia mua mataiti e te irinaki nei ratou e me oti i te akatapuia ka oki mai te tangata ki te pure.

#### Monite rā 12 Titema

Kua oki atu matou ki Akarana. Kua ārikirikiia mai matou e te Konitara Ekalesia o Akarana.

#### Ruirua rā 13 Titema

Uipaanga ki te Konitara Ekalesia o Akarana. Akaaraveianga naku ki te konitara ma te oronga atu i te akameitakianga naku ki te Konitara no tei akonokono mai i to matou tere.

1. Tetai tumu tapura no tatou no teia mataiti ki mua. Kua akamarama au kia akara ki te Tumu Tapura o te Pure Ebetoma, tei reira te akanoonoanga no tatou no teia mataiti, koia oki AAEREANGA E IESU I ROTO I TEIA TAUMANO 2012.'
2. Kia parani meitakiia te akatupuanga o te au Ekalesia i NZ, mei teia tetai akaraanga, e 1 Ekalesia i Mangere, e 1 i Otara, e 1 i Otahuhu, e te vai atura. Auraka oki kia vaitata aere ua, kare ireira e matutu te turanga mema no te piripiri ia ratou.
3. Syllabus a te Apii Sabati: Kia tataia kia tau ki te uki o te tamariki. Patiangā e tai mataiti kia orongaia na te Nutireni e tata, tetai mataiti na te Autireria, tetai mataiti na te Kuki Airani.
4. Pure Ebetoma: Kia tauruia te Maanakai ki roto i te akapapaanga o te Pure Ebetoma.
5. Workshop kia rave ua iatu rai ki roto i te Konitara Ekalesia Nutireni, Autireria e te Kuki Airani mei teia e raveia nei i teia tuata.
6. Tere no Tahiti ki Nutireni 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### Paraparau rā 15 Titema

Veevee aroa na te Konitara Ekalesia o Akarana ki roto i te Ekalesia East Tamaki i te 12.00pm.

### Akameitakianga

Te oronga atu nei au i taku akameitakianga ki te Kumiti Akaaere e pera te aronga angaanga i roto i te Opati no te tauturu i to matou tere ki NZ, toku moni patete e pera to toku tokorua. Kua riro teia tere ei mea papanunui ki roto i te au Ekalesia i NZ e pera ki te iti tangata Mauke i Akarana e Wellington. Kua rave katoa oki ratou i ta ratou au ārikianga no matou. Na te Atua e oronga ua mai te maroiroi e te pakari kia tatou katoatoa.

Kia orana e kia manuia.



(Tataia e te Orometua Tuaine Ngametua, CICC President)

### 3. TEREANGA NO TE MATA O TE OVERSEAS KI NUTIRENI

**K**ia orana ki te katoatoa rava i roto i teia mataiti o'u, i te aroa maata o te Atua, kia kotou tikai ta tatou au Ekalesia CICC ta'ku i tapae atu ki roto i teia tuatau o te orote Xmas/New Year, e pera te Ekalesia PIC i Otahuhu, e te Ekalesia i Otara, tei matau ia i te kite i te au ra i topa e ko te Ekalesia South Auckland. Kotou katoatoa, te au tavini o te Atua e ta kotou au Ekalesia tei arikiriki mai iaku ma te akatoro mai i te reo akaaravei, tu'orooro, e ta kotou au ariki'anga katikati e te au tikiro ta kotou i oronga mai, e tae uatu ki to kotou au ngutuare taku i tomo ma te takoto atu ki roto, e to kotou au apinga akaoro ta kotou i kave aere iaku i Akarana a na, kia akameitaki mai te Atua ma te riringi ua mai i to'na au meitaki no kotou katoatoa. Ki te nga mokopuna tei oronga mai i to korua motoka ei orooro noku i te au ra i noonoo ei tatou, thank you poria.

Kua manako au kia oronga atu au i tetai au tuatua no teia teretere anga noku, no tetai au tumu taku i irinaki e, penei e ka riro i te apai mai i tetai au tu'utu kia akara ia ma te tauturu ia, no te tupu meitaki o te basileia o te Atua ta tatou e akatupu nei i roto i to tatou oraanga.

1. Kua rauka iaku i roto i teia tuatau tikai o te pure epetoma, i te piri atu ki roto i ta tatou au pureanga mataora, ma te aravei ia kotou te au Ekalesia ta'takitai, e te kite atu i to kotou maroiroi i te rave i teia au peu akamori ta tatou i matau i runga i to tatou au enua ipukarea i te Kuki Airani nei. Akamaroiroi, aere ki mua. Penei e, ka tano katoa teia tuatau no tetai au teretere anga o te Kumiti Akaaere kia akanoo ia no te atoro atu ia kotou te au Ekalesia no te au tuatau ki mua.
2. E tuatau katoa teia ta te Uipaanga Maata i akanoo e, kia tomo atu te au Orometua ki roto i ta ratou au Ekalesia akaumu'ia, e kua piri atu au ki te akatomo anga i te Orometua Nio Mare ki roto i tana Ekalesia o'u, koia te Ekalesia CICC i Rotorua. Kua a'ru atu au i te Orometua Temere Poaru, chairman o te Konitara Ekalesia o Aotearoa, e pera te Ekalesia Auckland City, ko te Ekalesia oki teia i angaanga mai a na te Orometua Nio Mare i nga mataiti i topa.

Kua papa te Ekalesia Rotorua i te ta'papa anga mai i te tae anga atu te Orometua Mare e tona family, e pera te tere tangata tei aru atu. Kua rave ia te arikiriki'anga katikati, e pera te au tuatua tu'orooro, to te Ekalesia Rotorua, e to te Ekalesia Auckland City. Kua oronga atu au i te aroa o te Kumiti, e pera tetai au tuatua akamaroiroi no ta tatou ta te tangata au ravenga no te tavini tinamou atu i te Atua i roto i te Ekalesia. I muri ake i teia, kua oki mai matou ki Akarana.

E manako manea tetai tei akaari ia no teia tuanga akatomo i te au Orometua ki roto i ta ratou au Ekalesia tei akaumu ia, koia oki, kia riro te au arataki o ta tatou Evangelia, me kare e ko te Kumiti Akaaere, penei e ko te konitara o te reira enua – kia riro ake ratou i te aka'urunga e te turu i te akatomo i te Orometua ki roto i ta'na Ekalesia aka'umu ia. E tuanga teia te ka apai mai i te pu'maana ki te Orometua, ratou tikai e tomo nei ki ta ratou au Ekalesia no te taime mua.

3. Kua kitea katoa tetai tuatau mataora e te akamori kapiti a te konitara Ekalesia o Akarana i te au pureanga po Xmas/New Year e te papani epetoma, tei raveia ki te Manihiki Hall. Inara ko tetai au Ekalesia ua tei piri atu, kareka tetai au pa'paki, kua iki ratou e ko ratou ua ka pure takake. Me e takainga mako teia, me ka a'ru tatou i ta te Atua i na'ko e, *“ko Au e taku Metua, te okotai nei Maua”*.
4. Kua piri katoa atu au ki tetai akakoroanga “pure mate” – e apinga tikai te tangata tei kitea ki teia akakoroanga, e kua akakite ia mai e, ko te au tuatau teia e kitea mai a na to tatou iti tangata ki te atea.

Ko te aiteanga i konei, te vai nei to tatou iti tangata tei ngaro ki roto i teiane i ao, e ka anoano ia ta tatou pure e ta tatou akamaroiroi no to ratou au vaerua kia ora i roto i te Atua ia Iesu Mesia.

### Tetai au manakonako'anga

- Kua roa tatou i te akatupu'anga i ta tatou au pureanga Ekalesia i Nu Tireni a na, e teia te kite iatu nei, tei roto rai tatou i te au akapu'anga/ngai akamori anga, te ka tau paa kia tuatua ia e, 'e a'ka ua', e tae ua mai ki teia ra. Penei e, e manako manea kia kapiti ia tetai au Ekalesia ei Ekalesia okotai – me ka rauka teia i te akatupu?
- Te kite katoa iatu nei te ngata'a e te pakari o ta tatou oronga'anga no te akatupu i te au akakoroanga o te Evangelia i roto i te Ekalesia; kare te ngakau tangata e paruparu a na no te oronga ki te Atua. Eaa ra te tumu? Penei e, kare te 'tuanga ngauru' e pera te au tuanga tei akataka ia na te Atua e ma'rama tika ia a na. Penei ra e, ko te au arataki te arairai i teia tuanga - kare e aiteite a na taau ta te arataki mataara/peu/akatere'anga e rave/aere nei e ta te anana.
- Te irinaki nei au ki te tuatua a Iesu e, 'ka aere kotou ki te paenua ravarai, ko To'ku ingoa ta kotou e ta'oi' – ko te aiteanga i konei, kare tatou e noo ua ko tatou ua; ka apai mai tatou ia ratou i vao ake, kia kapiti kia tatou, kia pure kapiti tatou, ma te akamori kapiti i to tatou Atua. Noatu te tu'ke o te reo, e ta tatou au reo imene, e ta tatou au peu, ko te mea maata, kia akaari tatou i to tatou inangaro tetai ki tetai.

Kia orana e kia manuia.



(Tataia e Willie John, overseas representative on the CICC Executive Council)

## 4. AU NUTI MEI ROTO MAI I TE TIPATIMANI O TE MAPU E PERA TE VAINETINI

### Uniform Organisations

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ua raveia te akatueraanga o te angaanga a te Uniform Organization na roto i tetai pure Combine Church Parade tei raveia ki roto i te Ekalesia Ngatangia i te Sabati 12 no Peperuare i te ora 10.00 i te popongi. Kua tae mai nga putuputuanga e toru ki runga i te taua o Ebenezer. I roto i teia



akatuaeraanga, kua kapiti katoaia mai te pure akamaaraanga i te putuputuanga Boys' Brigade tei akamataia ki roto i te Kuki Airani nei i te ra 18 Peperuare 1935, tei akakiteia e te Opita Boys' Brigade a Bob Williams.

Kua riro rai te rave angaanga i mua i te atarau e na te au mata mei roto mai i nga putuputuanga e toru. Kua raveia te akoanga e te Orometua rai o Ngatangia koia a Papa Tereora Tereora. E i muri ake i te tereanga o te pure, kua raveia tetai kapu vai e te katikati no te au tamariki katoatoa mei roto mai i nga Ekalesia o Rarotonga nei, tei matauia i te au mataiti tei topa ki muri. Kua manea teia angaanga e kua maruarua tikai te au tamariki tei tae mai.



Kua pati katoa te Director o te Mapu, Bob Williams kia tae mai te au arataki katoatoa o nga putuputuanga e toru, ki tetai uipaanga ki roto ia Sinai Hall i te ora 4.30 i te aiai Ruirua ra 14 Peperuare. Te akamaroiroi katoa nei aia i te au arataki no teia mataiti no te au angaanga i roto i te Evangelia, noatu e te iti nei te numero tare o te au mema i roto i nga putuputuanga e toru, kia tauta rai te au arataki i ta ratou au tuanga i te apianga i te au tamariki. Te akameitaki nei te au arataki i te Ekalesia Ngatangia no te kapu vai tei akanoonooia mai no ratou katoatoa.

Opening church parade, Ngatangia CICC, Sunday 12 February

## Youth Department

Kua kitea tetai vaerua taokotaianga i rotopu i tetai au arataki mei roto mai i te au konitara i raro ake i teia tamarumaru. Kua kapiki te Director o te Mapu i tetai karere puapinga i roto i te akatueraanga i te Combine Church Parade i Ngatangia i roto i ta ratou pureanga e pera katoa ta te mapu i roto i te akatueraanga i Nikao i te aiai Sabati, ki tetai uipaanga puapinga ki roto ia Sinai a te aiai Ruirua ra 14 no Peperuare 2012. I roto i teia uipaanga puapinga kua manako te Director i te apai mai i te manako no te iriiri kapua a te anau mapu i roto i te marama ko Aperira, tei akatakaia i roto i te uipaanga maata i te mataiti i topa ake nei i Aitutaki, tei apaiia mai e te Director.

Kua akarakara te au arataki o te mapu i te au porokaramu tei akatakaia e te au tuanga apii e tetai au mea rikiriki tei komakomaia, mei te ngai nooanga, te moni tutaki, te au tuanga angaianga, te rakei e te vai atura. Kua riro teia ei mataoraanga no te au arataki, ei komakoma atu na ratou ki to ratou au mema. Kua akatinamouia e kia raveia teia iriirikapu mei te Sabati ra 8-13 Aperira, 2012. Ko tetai manako maata koia ko te Papa Ture a te anau mapu i roto i ta tatou Evangelia. Kua oti teia uipaanga manea na roto i tetai akamaroiroiana a te Director ki te au arataki tei tae mai.

## Konitara Mapu

Kua akakite te tama-akatere-au ou o te Konitara Mapu, koia a Charlie Tamangaro ki te au mapu i te aiai Sabati 12 no Peperuare nei e, "Ei korona rangatira ki roto ia Iesu Mesia" *Galatia 5:1, E tenana, e tamou tikai kotou i te rangatira ta te Mesia i akarangatira mai ia tatou nei, e auraka e i'i akaou i te zugo tuika'a ra.*

Ko teia te tumu tapura o te mapu i teia Mataiti 2012. Ko te anau mapu o Nikao Ekalesia te apai nei i te tuanga angaanga o te Konitara Mapu o Rarotonga i teia mataiti 2012. Kua raveia te pure i te ora 4.00 i te aiai e kua akakite te Peretiteni o te CICC, Papa Tuaine Ngametua i te tuatau i raveia ei te akatapuanga i te au arataki o te mapu mei roto mai i nga Ekalesia e 6, i te tuatua o te au mapu e apai nei i to ratou oraanga (suicide). Mei te reira katoa ta te Orometua Papa Aratangi i akakite i roto i tana akoanga. Inara te kitea nei teia ei manamanata no te iti tangata o te Kuki Airani i teia ra. I roto i ta te Director o te Mapu akakiteanga kia rauka i te mapu i te kite matatio i te au parani no tetai akakoroanga i roto i to ratou oraanga. Kua rave te au mapu i ta ratou au tuanga tei akanooia ki rave i roto i teia pureanga. I muri ake kua raveia te kaikai tei riro e na te Ekalesia Nikao i utuutu i te oraanga o te mapu i te reira aiai. Koia tikai te maata o te tangata i roto i teia pureanga. Te oronga nei te au arataki o te mapu i tetai akameitakianga maata ki te Ekalesia Nikao no ta ratou i rave i te reira aiai, kua maata tikai te kai e te manea katoa. Kia orana e kia manuia i teia mataiti 2012.



*Pure i roto i te Are Pure o Nikao (top), te haere nei a tama'a i roto i te hall o te Nikao (above).*



*Some of the members of the CICC Youth Council meet at the Sinai Hall.*

## Konitara Vainetini



Te karanga nei te tumu tapura a te Vainetini no teia mataiti *“Ei turanga tiratiratu i roto i te Atu.”* Kua tae te kapiki i te iti vaine o te Kuki Airani kia rotai ki te ngai okotai no teia aiai Ruirua ra 7 i te ora 5.00 ki roto i te Ekalesia Arorangi, koia ko ratou te vainetini e apai nei i te tuanga akateretere i te au angaanga a te Konitara Vainetini i teia mataiti 2012. Kua raveia te akatueraanga i te au angaanga a te Vainetini ki roto ia Ziona Tapu o Arorangi. Kua na roto i tetai tuanga pure tei raveia e te iti Vaine o Arorangi na te au metua vaine a te au Mema Paramani teia i rave, kareka te vaa araara kua riro rai

e na to tatou metua vaine Peretiteni Vaine, Mama Orometua Akevai Ngametua. Kua ngakau parau katoa matou te iti vaine i te akarongo anga no te tuatau mua i te reo o te Orometua Vaine ou o te Arorangi Ekalesia koia a Mama Teiva Tapu. Kua riro tana karere ei mea mataora ki te iti vaine i te reira aiai. Kua kapiti katoaia ki roto i teia tuanga pure te anau mapu no tetai tuatau imene no ratou ei akatomo ki roto i te pureanga maata a te vainetini.

I muri ake i teia pureanga manea, kua utuutuia te iti vaine ki tetai au kaingakai kaikai ki roto i te ngutuare Kalavaria. I roto i teia pureanga kua tae mai te arataki o te Basileila koia te Prime Minister, Hon. Henry Puna e tona tokorua, e te Tauturu Prime Minister, Hon. Tom Marsters e tona tokorua e pera katoa to Arorangi au Mema Paramani. Te au tavini o te Atua mei roto mai i nga Ekalesia e ono, kua tae katoa mai ratou e tetai au taeake tei patii no teia angaanga manea. Kua irinaki te iti vaine o Arorangi e kua mataora te katoatoa i teia angaanga tei raveia e te tapapa atu nei no te katoaanga o te angaanga o teia mataiti. Mei roto atu i te Arorangi Ekalesia Vainetini i te akameitaki i te au vainetini katoatoa, te au tangata tei patiiia kia tae ki teia angaanga maata, ko kotou tei tae. Tei kore i taiku tatakitai ia, te Atua te aroa kia kotou katoatoa. Te mataora nei te iti vaine no te au papa tei kapiti katoaia mai ei turuturu i teia angaanga maata i teia aiai.



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Ko tetai tuatau teia tei akatakaia i roto i tetai manotinianga angaanga a te au mapu, koia oki ki raveia tetai iriiri kapua na te anau mapu i roto nei i te Kuki Airani. Ko te akakoroanga koia ko te papa ture a te anau mapu i roto i te Evangelia, te turanga o te mapu i teia ra, e te vai atura te au mea e tau kia komakomaia i roto i teia iriirikapua. Te patiiia nei te au arataki o te anau mapu i roto i nga putuputuanga e 5 i roto i te au Ekalesia tatakitaki i runga ia Rarotonga e tae uatu ki te pa enua i vao ake ia Rarotonga. Pa enua tonga, pa enua tokerau, to Autireria e to Nutireni no teia tuatau iriirikapua.

Te akakite nei te Director o te Mapu, Bob William e okotai mata mei roto mai i te Ekalesia mei vaoo mai ia Rarotonga, inara kare e arai'a me te manako ara koe i te tomo mai, naau rai oki e tutaki i toou rereanga pairere ki Rarotonga, na matou i Rarotonga nei e utuutu i to tatou oraanga kopapa e te ngai moeanga. To Rarotonga nei au mata, mei te 5 e te vai atura te tare ki roto i teia tuanga. E \$20.00 tona tutaki me tomo koe ki roto. Ka raveia ki runga i te taua ko Sinai Hall i Avarua. Te pati iatu nei kotou tetai uatu arataki, tei kore i marama no teia iriirikapua, kia ringi mai i to tatou Director no tetai akamaramaanga.



Kia orana e kia manuia.

(Tataia e Ngara Katuke, Secretary, CICC Youth Dept. Nana katoa te au tutu)



## 5. TERETERE MAPU MUA O TEIA MATAITI 2012

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ua raveia te teretere mapu mua o teia mataiti i Rarotonga nei i te Sabati ra 19 no Peperuare. Kua aere atu to Nikao mapu ki Titikaveka, Avarua ki Arorangi, Matavera ki Nikao, Ngatangia ki Titikaveka, Titikaveka ki Ngatagiia. Kua riro te reira ra ei ra mataora no te au mapu katoatoa i Rarotonga nei, no te mea okotai rai pureanga kare oki e pure ai, e ka akangaroi meitaki ratou me oki atu ki ta ratou au Ekaretia tatakita. Kareka tetai au Ekaretia kua rave rai i ta ratou pure ai.

### Mapu Matavera ki Nikao

Kua tae mai te tere mapu tei tamarumarua e to ratou Orometua Oirua Rasmussen e Mama Orometua Vaine e nga Apiianga, no Rangiatea mai, i te ora iva i te popongi. Kua akaaraveia atu ratou e te Tekeretere o te Ekaretia Papa Charlie Tamangaro. E ko te Tapere Turama/Panama to ratou metua i te akonokono i to ratou oraanga no teia akakoroanga manea. Na te tere katoa i rave i te tuanga o te tuatau tiaki i roto i te Are Pure. Mataora tikai ta ratou i rave no teia tuanga. Kua riro rai na ratou i rave mai i te tuanga o nga imene mua i te tuatau o te akamorianga.

I te tuatau o te tatau, na te tere i akamata atu i te reira. Kua akatinamou ratou i te tuanga ki runga i te Tia o te reira ra. Kua mataora tikai ta ratou tatau e pera katoa i ta ratou imene tuki, ei kinaki no te akaotianga i ta ratou tuanga tatau. Ko te mea manea rava atu, e au mapu anake ua, e kare e mapu ruaine i te tauturu ia ratou. Kua akatutu katoa mai te au mapu o Turama/Panama, Tepuka, Pokoinu i ta ratou tuanga. Kua tauta pakari rai ratou i ta ratou au tumu tapura no te reira ra. Inara, kua kitea mai tetai au tamariki kare i mou tikai ta ratou tatau, e te tatau maira mei roto i te pepa. Noatu ra te reira, kia akameitakiia te Atua no te angaanga manea ta te au mapu i rave i te akameitakianga i te Atua.

I muri ake i te au angaanga tei raveia i roto i te marae tapu o Te Atua, kua raveia tetai arikianga ki roto i te are tapaeanga o te Nikao no te tere mapu, tei teateamamaoia e te tapere Turama/Panama e tetai au taeake tei piri mai e tetai au papaa. Kua piri katoa mai te Ekalesia katoatoa no teia akakoroanga. Kua rave maroiri tikai te tapere na roto i te au tu kai tuketuke tei rauka mai no te ngai mamao mai, no te ngai vaitata mai, to te moana e to te enua nei. Praise the Lord. Kua rakeia te tere ki te au tu tiare ravarai, mei te ei venevene, te ei natura, te ei no vao ake i te Kuki Airani e te au ei no runga mai. Kua ki ketaketa te tere i teia au tu rakei i mua ake ka oki atu ei ki Matavera. Kua kitea te tu takinga-meitaki o to tatou Atua i tana e oronga mai nei i te au ra ravarai. Meitaki Poria ki te Tapere Turama/Panama no ta kotou rave pakau.

Ei taopenga, *“E mea meitaki i te oronga atu i te rave mai. It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*



(Tataia e Pae Tuteru, Tauturu Tekeretere, Ekalesia Nikao)

## 6. WORLD THINKING DAY CELEBRATION NA TE GIRL GUIDE

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aa ta matou i rave no teia ra “World Thinking Day Celebration?”

- Kua raveia tetai pureanga ki roto i are pure o Nikao CICC ei akarangianga i teia ra maata no te anau tamaine Girl Guide o te Kuki Airani e takapini uake i teiane ai.
- Kua raveraveia teia e te anau tamaine Girl Guide o Nikao tei akateretereia e to ratou au arataki – Haumata Hosking, Tepaeru Kokaua Hagai, e Teio Kea.
- Kua riro katoa te tuanga o te akoanga e na te papa nana teia tuanga tei akanooia rai e te Ekalesia Nikao, koia a Papa Papehia Aviu.
- Kua akamata teia pure i te 6.00am na roto i te reo akaaraveianga o te National Programme Co-ordinator, Mrs Haumata Hosking, e kua rave mai te National Commissioner, Ms Ngara Katuke i te tuanga o te orongaanga tapao mei roto mai i te Asia Pacific Region Award no tetai au metua vaine maroiri i te rave i tetai au tuanga ei meitaki no te anau tamaine. Kua riro rai na te Papa Orometua o Nikao e te Mama Orometua i oronga i teia au tapao. Tena to ratou au ingoa i raro nei.
- I te oti anga te pure, kua uti atu te anau tamaine Girl Guide o Nikao i te World Flag o te Girl Guide ei akairo no teia ra maata.

- E oti kua aere atu te au taeake, te au manuari tei patiiia e te anau katoatoa o te putuputuanga tamaine Girl Guides o Rarotonga nei e te Ekalesia ki roto i te Hall no te tuanga openga i te akatapu i te kai oronga a te anau tamaine ki te akonoanga Katorika e te pure kaikai tei raveia e te Papa Orometua, Papa Aratangi.
- Kua mataora ta matou au tuanga angaanga e kua kaikai katoatoa matou e te au taeake.
- Kua koperekopere mai te Director o te Mapu, Mr Bob Williams, no teia angaanga manea tei raveia.

Te akaoki atu nei matou te au arataki katoatoa e te anau tamaine i te akameitakianga ki to matou au metua tei riro kotou ei tauturu maata i teia angaanga maata, to matou au taeake i roto i te putuputuanga Boys' Brigade, Girls Brigade e te Scouts e tetai uatu tei kore i taikuia no ta kotou tauturu ngao, tauturu poria, tauturu korereka, tauturu ranuinui, atawai wolo no kotou katoatoa, tei tae mai ki teia pureanga akamaara-anga i teia ra no te anau tamaine Girl Guides.

Teia te au metua vaine tei oronga ia to ratou au tapao:

Unit Award Section – presented by Papa Orometua – Papa Aratangi

Mrs Katuke Kopa – Titikaveka Girl Guides Company

State Award Section– presented by Papa Orometua

– Papa Aratangi

Mrs Takai Toka – Tauhunu, Manihiki

Mrs Tohoa Toka – Tauhunu, Manihiki

Mrs Tereapii Taokia – Oneroa, Mangaia

Service Award Section – presented by Mama Orometua – Mama Canny Aratangi

Mrs Tuki Wright – Titikaveka, Rarotonga

Mrs Kafo Tuteru – Nikao, Rarotonga

Mrs Maina Tairi – Avarua, Rarotonga

Mrs Karen Tairea – Titikaveka, Rarotonga

Mrs Sue Ngatokorua – Oneroa, Mangaia



*Some of the award recipients and their families (above); leaders and members join in the celebration (below).*



*(Tataia e Ngara Katuke, Commissioner, Girl Guides Association of the Cook Islands)*

## 7. NUTI NO TE APII TAKAMOA

**K**ia Orana ki te katoatoa i te Aroa Maata o te Atua. Kia akameitakiia te Atua, I resumed responsibilities for Takamoia College on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011, it is the day I arrived from Sydney, Australia with my family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for entrusting such an honour and privilege in serving Him here in the College. And secondly to the General Assembly 2011 of the Cook Islands Christian Church, for bestowing this task upon me, for the period of 2 years, 2012 – 2013. To God be the Glory.

Resettling back in Rarotonga after four years in Australia, did not go down well, in terms of the readjustment to the weather, the food and the living conditions, but these experiences soon dissipated to the overwhelming feeling of being at home, to our beautiful paradise Rarotonga. Being late in coming back to Takamoia, is no good reason to drag along and so I have to dig in and commence the preparations for the School year. The first task was the drafting of the programme for the first Semester and the allocation of Lecturers to their respective subjects. Here is the line up of Teachers for 2012:

- Myself – Who will be doing most of the hours and covering up for Teachers who are either away or are tied up with other commitments
- Ken Ben – Nouthetic [biblical] Counselling
- Laveta Short – Minor Prophets
- Papa Aratangi – History, Christology
- Mrs Canny Aratangi – Christian Education
- Brian Chitty – Gospel of John
- Oirua Rasmussen – False Cults
- Joe Atirai – Evangelism

The Teaching Programme is now well under way, kick started by a week of Orientation on the first week of February. Some of the Lecturers are still overseas, and I have been covering up for them. Otherwise there is a smooth transition of things in terms of teaching here in the College. There are two new Students in the College, which brings the total number of students now to 13. These students are Tau Williams and Teoho Nikoia. They have already completed 2 years in past and are now back to complete their final two years and will graduate at the end of 2013. Teoho is accommodated in the Penrhyn Hostel in the meantime, for the College can only take in 12 at the moment. But there are discussions and plans to utilise a spare room in the College to bring him into the compound.

I have made some readjustments in regards to rules and day to day operations of the College, for some of the operations are so irrelevant in discipline for the future of training pastors. There have also been some minor repair and replacement work carried out in the College, some students have received new stoves in their units, to replace the old ones that is irreparable. Thanks to the Admin for the purchases of the new stoves. One major project that is earmarked as priority for Takamoa is the Renovation of the Lecture Hall. During my inspection of the College buildings, I noticed the Lecture Hall needed immediate attention, for it has deteriorated badly over the years, the timbers have rotted away and needs replacing, the roof was leaking badly when it rains, and the limestone wall needs attention. I have put through to the Executive Council a proposal to prioritise the Lecture Hall Project, as urgent. And the Executive has taken in consideration the proposal which is not new to them.

There has been a major shift in the thinking and the mentality of the student pastors, in terms of their spiritual and personal grooming. Since the beginning of their studies for the year, I have seen a lifting in their spirits, and a greater awareness of their callings and to what entails such a high and honourable calling. Most have almost immediately adapted to my system of parental covering and are at ease with no pressure at all, to be reprimanded if they err in some small way.

Two additional courses I have included in the teaching curriculum is carpentry and mechanics. I felt these two trades is vitally important to future Pastors, it can assist them greatly in so many ways in their ministries. It can help themselves with the upkeep of church properties and church vehicles. I am negotiating with Rev. Henry Ford in Melbourne a Lecturer now on Mechanical Engineering at Melbourne Tafe if he can free himself to come and lecture at Takamoa. He has accepted my request and it just a matter of securing the dates, for he has a busy schedule. I have also approached Rev. Oirua Rasmussen, who we all know is a qualified Carpenter, and he has also agreed to teach carpentry to the students. I thank God for these two Resourceful church Ministers who have voluntarily offered their time to teach these two courses at no cost at all.

Another initiative I have in the pipeline for Takamoa is the inclusion of our own local Ministers who are qualified lecturers living overseas. I have yet to touch base with these lecturers. I really believe in our own people that we can get the job done in raising up future ministers of the gospel. We have too much relied on foreigners in the past to help us when in fact we have the local talent to do it. We have people like, Rev Joel Taime, Rev. Mata Makara, Rev. Lelei Patia, Rev. Vaka Ngaro, Rev. Teiho Maireriki, Rev. Temaire Vaeau, Rev Takaikura Marsters and others. They have acquired degrees from prominent Seminaries around the Pacific and abroad. My intention is to invite them to come and Lecture at Takamoa at a time that is suitable to them, for I know they are also busy with their own schedules. Starting this year I will be drafting a program and sending it out to them and we will see from there how it goes.

Takamoa is now alive again with the voices of laughter and joy as students are now engaging in Volley ball and touch rugby every evening. The Health Dept held a workshop at the beginning of the year with the students and found that we have weight problems and some problems with cholesterol and sugar levels, hence the need to have some sort of physical activities to combat the onslaught of diseases. So every

evening they have to take the field and mobilise themselves and get active. They are also encouraged to take early morning walks, or in the evenings, to supplement their physical exercises. I am also discouraging them in engaging in feasting and the like, as a means of enhancing our awareness on living a healthy life style. This may take a while to register as they are used to indulging in feasting a problem that is wide spread into all our community events, and church event, as we know is not promoting a healthy life style. But I believe we can overcome the demon of overeating if we take small steps in the right direction, by addressing it and educating our people. Meitaki Maata.



*(Rev. Iana Aitau, Principal, Takamoa Theological College)*

## 8. NUTI POTOPOTO

### **Diakono George Taraare Jnr – Ekalesia Matavera**

Kua takake atu na te ara tiroa o te mate i teia marama Peperuare ki Nutireni. Kua akaokiia mai tona kopapa ki Rarotonga nei e kua tuku iatu ki tona ngai akangaroiana openga, ki tona ngutuare rai i Matavera. Te mii e te tangi nei tona tokorua Ina, ta raua anau, te metua tane George Taraare Snr, te kopu tangata e te au taeake katoatoa iaia tei akaruke mai i teia oraanga.

### **Pure kapiti (thanksgiving service) na te Religious Advisory Council (RAC)**

Ko te mea mua no teia mataiti, ka raveia ki te National Auditorium i Rarotonga nei a te aiai Sabati 15 Aperira. Te akakoroanga, pure taokotai na nga akonoanga e 6 i roto i te taokotaianga e 6 i Rarotonga nei, no te au tumuanga e manganui. I roto i teia pureanga i te au mataiti katoatoa, ka o mai te akakoroanga akameitaki i te Atua no tana tiakianga i te basileia na roto i te tuatau o te uria, akameitakianga no te au meitaki tei rauka i te iti tangata i roto i ta ratou kimikimianga, patiangi ki te Atua no tana tiakianga i te au tangata katoatoa i roto i te basileia e i vao ake, no te katoanga o te mataiti ta tatou e tomo nei. Ko te rua o te pureanga kapiti, ka raveia i roto i te openga o Okotopa me papu mai te ra. Te au mema i runga i te RAC penei kare tetai pae i kite: CICC, LDS, SDA, AOG, Apostolic, Catholic.

### **Tere o te Vainetini Peretiteni e te Tekeretere ki Nutireni e Autireria**

Ka tae atu te peretiteni (tokorua o te Orometua Ngateitei, Ake Ngametua) e te tekeretere (Orometua vaine Mamatira Patia) o te CICC Vainetini i te atoro i te au Ekalesia i Nutireni e Autireria, mei te ra 6-20 o te marama Aperira e tu mai nei. Tena te porokaramu kua tuku iatu ki te au Ekalesia katoatoa i Nutireni e Autireria. Akakoroanga: (a) atoro Ekalesia, aravei i te iti vaine, (b) uriuri manako no runga i tetai au tumu manako tei tau kia akaariia, (c) follow up no runga i te au resolutions o te uipaanga a te vainetini i topa, (d) tetai atu au manako tei tau kia oronga akakiteia ki te iti vaine.

### **Orometua Teaumetua Pouao, Ekalesia Miramar, Wellington**

Kua akangaroi iatu e te kumiti akaaere, te taeake mei runga i te angaanga Orometua tiaki Ekalesia i raro ake i te tamaruanga a te CICC, no tetai tumuanga taukore. Ka mono iatu aia e te Orometua Taungaputa Tinirau, tei tiaki maina i te Ekalesia Tamarua i Mangaia.

### **Tere o te Papua ki Rarotonga nei**

Mei tetai 60 tangata mei Papua New Guinea tei tamanakoia e ka tere mai ki Rarotonga nei i roto ia Okotopa i teia mataiti 2012, ka akatano mai ki te tuatau o te Nuku, e ka noo mai no tetai 2 epetoma. Ko te akakoroanga, no te kimi mai i te ngai o te au Orometua i tae atu kia ratou mei te Kuki Airani nei i te mataiti mid 1800s ki te 1960s.

### **Archivist, librarian no Takamoa – tauturu na te Uniting Church of Australia**

Kua rauka mai tetai vaine tauturu (volunteer) mei Autireria mai no te tauturu i te akatanotano i te au rekoti taito a te CICC i Takamoa nei. Ka aru katoa mai iaia tetai o tona au taeake e librarian, te ka riro i te

akatanotano katoa atu i te au buka e vai nei ki roto i te library o te apii i Takamoa nei. Kua rauka mai teia tauturu na roto i te patianganga ta te kumiti akaaere i tuku atu ki te Uniting Church of Australia, i raro ake i te koreromutu (partnership) i Rotopu i nga akonoanga e rua. Ka tae mai teia nga vaiine i roto nei ia Aperira e ka angaanga ki roto i te opati i Takamao e okotai marama.

### Uipaanga na te au Orometua o Nutireni

Ka raveia mei te Varaire 24 ki te Maanakai 25 o teia marama Peperuare. Ko te ka aere mai ki teia uipaanga, ko te au Orometua katoatoa o Nutireni e to ratou au tokorua, e pera te au Tauturu Orometua katoatoa e to ratou au tokorua. Ka riro te Ekalesia Otahuhu i te utuutu atu i te uipaanga, tauturu iatu e te Konitara Ekalesia o Akarana.

### Akatapuanga Tauturu Orometua no te Ekalesia Motutapu, Auckland

Me oti te uipaanga a te au Orometua o Nutireni i te Maanakai 25 Peperuare, ka noo atu te Orometua Ngateitei ki Nutireni no te akatapuanga i te Tauturu Orometua o te Ekalesia Motutapu koia a Tom Peau Williams. Ka raveia teia ki te Ekalesia Motutapu i te Sabati 26 Peperuare i te avatea, i mua ake ka oki mai ei te Orometua Ngateitei ki Rarotonga nei i te aiai i taua Sabati rai.

### Uipaanga na te kumiti o te Konitara Ekalesia o Autireria

Uipaanga na te kumiti o te Konitara Ekalesia o Autireria, ka raveia ki Melbourne a te Maanakai 25 Peperuare.

### Tere o te Orometua Ngateitei ki Melbourne e Sydney

Ka aere atu te Orometua Ngateitei, Rev. Tuaine Ngametua, ki Melbourne e Sydney i teia marama Mati, akaruke ia Rarotonga nei a te Paraparau ra 1. Te akakoroanga: akatainuanga i te Ekalesia Noble Park i Melbourne, uriuri manako ki te kumiti parani no te uipaanga maata 2013 ki Melbourne, aravei/uriuri manako ki te nga Konitara Ekalesia o Melbourne e Sydney no runga i tetai au tumu manako tei tau kia uriia, aravei/uriuri manako ki te au Ekalesia e tai'i me kore manamanata to ratou tei anoano kia rongoia to ratou reo e te kumiti akaaere. Ka oki mai te Orometua Ngateitei ki Rarotonga nei i te Ruirua 13 Mati.

## 9. REFLECTIONS

**E**tuanga teia i roto i ta tatou nuti leta tei akamataia i te nuti leta **15**. Te irinakiia nei e ka mataora kotou i te tatauanga. Ko te ingoa o teia tuanga o te nuti leta koia oki **Reflections, akaraanga ki muri i tei tupu**. I konei ka oki tatou ka tatau ma te kite i tei tataia no te au mea tei tupu e to ratou pirianga ki ta tatou akonoanga CICC mei tona kapuaangaia mai.

I roto i teia nutileta numero 41, ka tatau tatou i te au nuti mei roto mai i te au mataiti 1950s ki te 1960s tei tataia ki roto i te Karere a te CICC i te reira tuatau, tena ka kite kotou ki roto i te **Annex II**. I roto i te **Annex III**, e au tutu taito na te Boys' Brigade, e pera no ko mai i te Pacific Theological College i Suva, Fiji.

Kotou kare i kite ana i te au atikara tei tuku iatu ki roto i te au nutileta i topa, akakite mai kia tuku akaou iatu na runga i te imere. Tena katoa i runga i te website a te CICC, koia te [www.cicc.net.ck](http://www.cicc.net.ck) te au nutileta katoatoa (numero 1–40) tei tukuia ki vao mei te mataiti 2005 e tae ua mai ki teia mataiti 2012.

## 10. POPANI

**T**ena ireira e te au taeake ma te au tuaine te au mea tei anoano ta kotou kumiti akaaere kia oronga akakite atu ei kiteanga na kotou i te au mea tei tupu, e tupu nei, e te paraniia nei no teia au tuatau ki mua i roto i ta tatou nei akonoanga CICC. Irinaki matou i runga i te kumiti akaaere e ka riro teia au akakitekiteanga ei pumaana ki roto i to kotou au ngakau tatakitai. Me e au manako to kotou no te akameitaki atu i te turanga o teia nutileta a teia au tuatau ki mua, ka rekareka au kia tuku tika mai kotou i te reira kiaku, Tekeretere Maata. Oronga katoa iatu teia nutileta ki toou au taeake e te kopu tangata.

Ei topiri i teia nutileta, te na ko ra te nga irava mua o tetai chorus;

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear his voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done*

Ei konei tatou i te tuatua akakiteanga i tona aroa opekore uatu rai kia tatou te tangata ara nei, Amene.



*Tetai i te au mama o te Ekalesia Townsville, November 2009*

## TE AU APINGA E OKOIA NEI I TAKAMOA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT TAKAMOA

### CDs



C1



C2



C3

C1: Tutakimoa CICC Youth Choir 1996 (mixture of Sunday School and traditional hymns), \$10.00

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### DVDs



D1



D2



D3



D4



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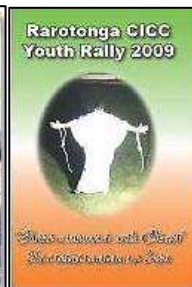
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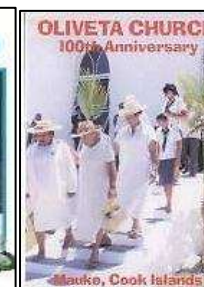
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D13



D14

D1: National Gospel Day, October 2010, Raemaru Park, Arorangi, \$20.00

D2: Rarotonga Gospel Day, July 2010, Aroa Nui Centre, Arorangi, \$20.00

D3: Gospel Day October 2007, \$20

D4: Taeanga te Evangelia ki Mangaia, \$20.00

D5: Reopening of the Takamoia Mission House as the CICC main office, 2009, \$20.00

D6: Avarua CICC Imene Kiritimiti 2008, \$20.00

D7: Takamoia graduation 2009, \$20.00

D8: Rarotonga CICC Youth Rally 2009, \$20.00

D9: Rarotonga Gospel Day 2009, \$20.00

D10: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Oliveta Church, 2010, Kimiangatau, Mauke, \$20.00

D11: Avarua CICC Youth show, 2010, \$20.00

D12: Aitutaki Gospel Day 2011, held during the 29<sup>th</sup> CICC General Assembly, \$25.00

D13: Reopening of the Vaipae Church, October 2011 during the assembly, \$25.00

D14: Some footage of the 29<sup>th</sup> CICC General Assembly, October 2011, Aitutaki, \$25.00

## PUBLICATIONS, CERTIFICATES, OTHERS



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T1

CE1

- P1: Cook Is Maori Bible soft cover, \$45.00  
 P2: Cook Is Maori Bible hard cover, \$10.00  
 P3: Cook Is Hymn Book soft cover, \$15.00  
 P4: CICC Manual, \$10.00 (Maori version, coloured); English translation on CICC website)  
 P5: Karere 2012, \$5.00  
 P6: CICC Prayer Book (\$10.00, revised 2011 version, coloured)  
 P7: Burial registration book, \$45.00  
 P8: Baptisms registration book, \$45.00  
 P9: Ekalesia records book, \$45.00  
 P10: Pure Epetoma 2012, \$5.00  
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# Annex I

## PROFILES OF DISTINGUISHED CHURCH MEMBERS

E tua tapapa poto no te au metua o te Evangelia. I roto i teia nutileta, ka akara tatou i tetai ngai iti o te oraanga o PAPA TUAINÉ ROI.



Papa Tuaine Roi e tōna tokorua ko Mama Mereana

### AKAARAVEI'ANGA

Kia orana te iti tangata o te Atua i roto i te akarongo, tei taokotaiia e te Evangelia a Iesu Mesia, e pera katoa tei tamaru ia i raro ake i te reva o te akonoanga CICC, tei noo ki te pa enua Kuki Airani, tei teretere ki te au enua anuanu ki New Zealand e Australia kia orana i te ingoa o to tatou Atua ko Iesu Mesia. Kia akameitakiia te Atua mana katoatoa no teia araveianga i roto i teia mataiti ou. E i akatuera i teia tua-tapapa te akakite ra te Maseli a Solomona i te pene 16:31, “*E korona kakā te upoko inaina, kia rokoia atu tei te arataa tuatua tika ra.*” Te rauka nei iaku Orometua Vaine o te Ekalesia i te tuku atu i tetai tua tapapa no tetai Metua Vaine o tatou e noo nei i Melbourne nei i roto i te Ekalesia Noble Park.

### TONA TUPUANGA

Tona nga metua tei anau mai iaia ko Mauri Tautu e Vaine Rourukeukeu Mani-Iti no roto mai teia metua vaine i te kopu tangata Ngati Karika o Rarotonga. Kua anauia a Mama Mereana i te ra 18<sup>th</sup> February mataiti 1950 i Taputapuatea Rarotonga. E 13 tamariki a teia nga tangata Mauri Tautu e Vaine Rourukeukeu Mani-Iti, e 5 tamaroa e 8 tamaine, e 4 tamāroa kua moe i te moeanga roa e 1 tamāroa te ora nei. E i roto katoa i te akapapaanga o te au tamāine, ko Mama Mereana te 10 o te tamāine tei anau mai. Kua akaipoipo aia i

tona akaperepere ia Tuaine Roi i te ra 18<sup>th</sup> December 1971 i roto i te Ekalesia Vaipae Aitutaki. I roto katoa i to raua oraanga kua akameitaki te Atua ia raua na roto i te oronga anga kia raua e 5 tamariki. Teia te ingoa o ta raua au tamariki: Mainekau (F) Tuaine Jnr (M) Ngatokorua (F) Rerepairere (F) e te openga ia ko Adriens (M). Kua tae katoa teia metua vaine ki te apii Tereora College i roto i tona oraanga no tetai nga mataiti e 2yrs.

### **TONA ORAANGA I ROTO I TE EVANGELIA**

Tona tupuanga i runga i te enua Araura kua piri atu aia ki roto i tetai nga putuputuanga Evangelia koia oki te putuputuanga Brownie Guider i roto i te Ekalesia Vaipae CICC, e kua riro katoa aia ei Lieutenant no te putuputuanga Boys Brigade i roto katoa i te Ekalesia. Kua riro teia tana i rave i te akāri mai i tona tu maroiroi no te inangaro tavini i tōna Atua i runga i te enua Araura. Kua rave katoa aia i te au akaueanga katoatoa tei akatakaia i roto i te Ekalesia no te tauturu anga i te tupuanga o te Evangelia a Iesu Mesia i runga ia Araura.

### **TE AU TAOANGA TANA I MOU**

I roto katoa i tona oraanga keresitiano kua riro teia metua vaine i te tauturu i tona oa akaperepere ia Tuaine Roi i te rave i te au angaanga i roto i te Evangelia CICC. To raua taoanga diakono mei roto mai i te Ekalesia Vaipae e aere uatu ki New Zealand, kare i akaparuparu i te rave i te angaanga i roto i te akonoanga CICC. Kua tavini katoa raua ki roto i te Ekalesia Otara Central no tetai tuatau roa, e mei reira kua neke ki Australia. Ia raua i noo ki Melbourne, kua riro katoa raua ei diakono ki roto i te Ekalesia Dandenong, kua rave maroiroi i te angaanga ma te tae o te ngakau, kua akatupu katoa i ta raua i tia, "Ka rave au ko te Atua toku tauturu." E mei roto ia Dandenong kua neke atu teia nga taeake ki roto i te Ekalesia Springvale no tetai tuatau roa, kua pera katoa i te rave anga i te angaanga na te Atua kua rave ma te tae tika'i o te ngakau. E ia raua i roto i teia Ekalesia kua akangaroi atu te Metua tane Tuaine Roi i te akangaroi anga roa, kua kapikiia e tōna Atua kia oki ki te ngai no reira mai tatou katoatoa. I te mea oki e kua akangaroi teia metua tane i te moeanga roa, kare te manako tavini o teia metua vaine i oki ki muri, kua aere uatu teia maroiroi ki mua. Kua riro Mama Mereana ei tauturu tekeretere no te vaintini i roto i te Ekalesia Springvale. E mei reira kua neke mai ki roto i te Ekalesia Noble Park. I teia ra nei kua akarangiia Mama Mereana Roi ki te taoanga Elder i roto i te Ekalesia i te marama April 2011. Te maroiroi ua nei teia Metua Vaine i te rave i te au akaueanga i roto i te Ekalesia, e pera katoa i te turuturu anga i te au angaanga katoatoa i roto i te Ekalesia.

### **AU OROMETUA TANA I TAVINI ANA I ROTO I TE AU EKALEZIA**

**Ekalesia Vaipae:** I roto i tona oraanga keresitiano kua angaanga kapiti ana tei Mama ki te pae o teia au Orometua i roto i te Ekalesia Vaipae te Orometua: Rev. Pare Eli, Rev Etera e Orometua Tahiti teia, Rev. Tupuna Rongo.

**Ekalesia Otara Central:** Kua angaanga katoa ana Mama Mereana Roi e tona tokorua Tuaine Roi ki te pae i te Orometua Rev. Tereora Tereora, kua mataora teia au taeake i te rave anga i te angaanga na te Atua i roto i te Ekalesia.

**Ekalesia Dandenong:** Kua kitea te maroiroi o teia Mama i roto i teia Ekalesia tana i angaanga e i te tauturu katoa i te oraanga o te Orometua Rev. Teinakore Tepania kia akameitakiia te Atua no teia vaerua taokotai.

**Ekalesia Springvale:** Kua rauka katoa i teia nga taeake i te turuturu i te Orometua Rev. Kamire Meti i roto i teia Ekalesia na roto i utuutuanga i tona oraanga e te rave anga i te au angaanga i roto i te Ekalesia.

**Ekalesia Noble Park:** Te mataora nei au i roto i teia Ekalesia, e te maroiroi i te tauturu anga i te au angaanga katoatoa. Te rauka nei iaku i te turuturu i to matou Orometua Rev. Henry Ford e te pumaana o te ngakau i te angaanga kapipiti anga ki tona pae no te akatupuanga i te Evangelia a Iesu Mesia ki te maata anga.

## ANGAANGA KI ROTO I TE COOK ISLANDS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

I te mataiti 2008 ki te mataiti 2011 kua mou teia metua vaine i te taoanga Tekeretere no te putuputuanga Cook Islands Welfare Association Incorporated of Springvale Neighbour Hood i Victoria nei i raro ake i te tamarumarua anga a te metua vaine Mama Tongi Ford. I teia tuatau kua ikiia mai aia ei tauturu tekeretere no teia taokotaia. E metua vaine maroiroi teia i roto i teia taokotaia, e kua kitea katoaia tona tu māru, akaaka, akarongo e te rave katoa i te angaanga.

## MANAKO KEKĒ

Te rauka nei iaku i te akameitaki i te Orometua Rev Henry Ford no te reo akamaroiroi kia rauka iaku i te oronga atu i tetai mānga tua noku e pera katoa toku tokorua tei takake ko Tuaine Roi. E te mataora katoa nei au i teia tuatau i te akarongo anga ē, kua inangaro tikai ta maua nga tamariki i te tomo ki roto i te Punavai Ora i Takamoa, ko Tehura Marsh e tona tokorua ko Nga Marsh e ta raua pēpē ko Jacquelyn Marsh. Toku reo ki taku nga tamariki e akamaroiroi i ta korua e oro nei ki roto i te Atu na te Atua korua e tauturu e tae uatu to korua kapikianga ki te openga.

## POPANI

Tena i reira e te au taeake te akapapaanga tua o teia Metua Vaine ko Mama Mereana Roi. Te karanga nei te Tata Salamo CXXV: 1, *“Te aronga e irinaki ia Iehova ra, ka vai ia mei te maunga ra ia Ziona, kare e keukeu e tuatau uatu.”*



(Tataia e te Orometua Vaine o te Ekalesia Noble Park, Mama Irei Ford)



Mamas with tivaivai displays in the background. CICC Women's Conference, April 2010, Sinai Hall, Avarua Ekalesia

# Annex II

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM YESTER-YEARS



Cover page of the monthly "Karere" in the 1940s-50s. The name of the boat is "John Williams VI".

"**KO TE KARERE**" (Karere) is a regular publication of the Cook Islands Christian Church. Its format has changed a few times over the years. Up to the 1970s, the Karere was published monthly and comprised of 3 parts: (1) scripture readings and uapou questions for each Sunday of the month, (2) a section set aside specifically for Sunday School, and (3) news, notices and announcements for the benefit of the CICC's branches on Rarotonga and in the outer islands. There were no branches in New Zealand and Australia back in those days. Printing was done at Takamoia by the LMS Press.

The Karere is still published today but on an annual basis and is confined to the Sunday scripture readings and uapou questions. News, notices and announcements are published in the bimonthly CICC newsletter. Both publications, in addition to others, are distributed to the CICC's 23 branches in the Cook Islands, New Zealand (22) and Australia (17) in both printed form as well as electronically. They are also available on the CICC's website ([www.cicc.net.ck](http://www.cicc.net.ck)).

This section of the newsletter is devoted to bringing back memories of by-gone years. By reprinting in their original form some of the news articles from the church's past, one can virtually travel back in time and try to experience how things might have been then. For the next few issues of this newsletter, between 3/4 pages of published articles will be reproduced.

The CICC Head Office in Takamoia is greatly indebted to Ngata Urirau, Elder of the Avarua/Matavera Ekalesias for making available copies of the 1950s Karere from his possession for use in this CICC newsletter, thankyou very much. Anybody else who has old CICC records that may be of interest to the public and would like them reproduced in this newsletter, please contact the General Secretary at Takamoia on [ciccgsoyster.net.ck](mailto:ciccgsoyster.net.ck) or phone 26547.

Editor

## KO AUE DIAKONO VAINĒ

E mea tangi e te akaaroa ia Aue vaine tei tomo na te mataara o te teiane i ao koia te mate o te kopapa nei, i te marama December i topa ake nei. E takake anga mapu ua tona i tona tokorua, no te mea, kua anau aia i te ra 24 no September 1908, kua akaipoipo aia ki tona akaperepere i te ra 10<sup>th</sup> no July 1934. No tona tu meitaki, kua kapiki ia aia e Iesu ei rave i tana angaanga i te tuatau o te Jubilee o te au orometua i Rarotonga nei i te mataiti 1937. Mei reira tona rave anga i te angaanga, kake atu ki te Tauturu Diakono, e tae ua atu ki runga i te taonga Diakono. E no reira, e mea tangi tona takake anga no te mea, e tuaine maroiroi tikai i te aru i te au akaue anga a tona Pu ko Iesu. E tuaine meitaki katoa ki tana Ekalesia, e te mata reka, kare oki ana manata i akatupu ana i roto i tana Ekalesia. E kia tae ki te ra 3 no December 1954, kua tae te reo kapiki o Iesu kiaia. "E puapinga tana ra e oronga ia atu ia tana e kia maata." Ka pati atu tatou kia noo mai te vaerua akapumaana ki tona tokorua e te anau e te kopu tangata tana i akaruke mai, na te Atua e tauturu, e nana e akapumaana i to ratou au ngakau aue i teia tuaine meitaki i roto i te Atu, ko Aue Diakono vaine.

*Rev. Isaia, KARERE, February 1955*

## KO PAPA AHIAO

E metua Puapii Sabati aia no te au tamariki i roto i te Ekalesia o Avarua. Kia tae ki te ra 30 Oct, 1954 kua moe aia i roto i te Atu, "E ao to te aronga tei roto i te Atu ratou ka mate ei." E metua maroiroi teia i te apai anga i teia taonga Puapii Sabati. Kua oronga aia i tona kite tuatua Tapu no te tamariki, e kua oronga aia i tona kite apii imene ki te tamariki, e tetai atu au kite tei rauka iaia, e tona puapinga e tona maroiroi, ei tautru i te ora anga o te au tamariki. E 5 ona orometua i te piri anga i te rave anga i taua angaanga apii i te tamariki, e kua noo taokotai atu aia ma tona au taeake, e ko te ua o tona maroiroi tei roto ia i tana anau Apii Sabati. Kia akapumaana mai te Atua i tana anau e ma te kopu tangata katoatoa, e tana anau Apii Sabati. "Mou i te mea tika, piri kia Iesu." E i na, "Ko ta te tangata e ruru, ko tana rai ia e kokoti." "E oa to te aronga tei roto i te Atu ratou ka mate ei." Apokalupo 14:13.

*Na Rev. Teina Tuarau, KARERE, February 1955*

## KO TEARIKI KAROTAU

E Tauturu Diakono aia i roto ia Tupapa i roto i te Ekalesia Avarua. E kia tae ki te ra 28 December 1954, kua moe aia, kua akaruke mai aia i teia ao, e kua aere atu aia ki te ao rekareka, e tuatau, tuatau ua atu. I tona ora anga, kua oronga tikai aia i tona maroiroi no te angaanga a te Atua. "Ka rave mai i taku amo ki runga ia kotou, e kia apii ia kotou e au, te maru nei au e ngakau akaaka toku, e rauka oki ia kotou e akangaroi anga o to kotou vaerua." Mataiao 11:29. Kia akapumaana mai te Atua i te anau, e te kopu-tangata katoatoa.

*Na Rev. Teina Tuarau, KARERE, February 1955*

## CAMP BOYS' BRIGADE E TE LIFE BOYS I RAROTONGA

I te ra 7 e tae atu ki te ra 17 o teia marama Tianuare nei kua rave ia nga camp a te Boys' Brigade e te Life Boys ki runga i teia enua ko Rarotonga nei. I aere atu te Boys' Brigade ki Arorangi ki te kainga apii o te Kavamani, kareka ko te Life Boys kua aere atu tei reira ki te kainga o te Ekalesia Nikao. Kua riro rava teia camp nei ei tuatau maata no teia au tamariki tei aere atu ki reira. Ko teia oki te tumu i riro ravai ei tuatau maata no te tamariki, no te mea ka tai nei i roto i te akapapaanga tuatua o te Boys' Brigade ka maata akapera te numero o te au tamariki tei tae ki teia angaanga camp mei te akamata anga mai rai o te Boys' Brigade ki runga i teia enua nei ko Rarotonga.

Tei tae ki te camp a te BB: 124 tamariki, kareka to te Life Boys e 42 ia tamariki. Kua parau ratou tei tae atu ki roto i te camp, kare ra au e ekoko ana kua parau maata rava atu te au metua tei tono mai i ta ratou au tamariki kia tae ki teia camp nei. E no reira i rotopu i te Orometua Papaa Maata te au Officers e tae atu ki te au tamariki, te akameitaki nei au ia kotou e te au metua ko kotou tei akakoromaki i te tuku anga mai i ta kotou au tamariki ki te camp no te mea e tuatau angaanga teia. Te akameitaki katoa atu nei au i te au taeake tei apai mai i tetai au apinga aroa mei te kai te tu ki teia anau i noo ki roto i te camp. Kua riro ta kotou te au metua e te au taeake i rave ei akamaata e ei manuia no te rave anga i teia angaanga ki ta tatou anau i roto i te camp. Te akameitaki katoa atu nei au i te au metua Evangelia i Arorangi e Nikao, ko ratou oki tei riro ei au metua akaperepere mai i teia anau tamariki i roto i te camp. Na te Atua kotou e akamanuia mai.

### **TOMO'ANGA IA SILO III**

Kua raveia te tomo anga i te Are Pure ou o Tautu ia Silo III i te ra tae anga o te Evangelia ki teia enua ko Aitutaki, koia oki, i te ra 26 no October. Kia tae ki te ora iva i te popongi, kua akamata ia tetai au mea i mua atu ki roto, ou te Are Pure ka tomo atu ei. Mei teia te tu, kua oti te angaanga a te kamuta a Samuela Hewett no taua Are Pure nei, e kua tuku atu aia i te taviri o te Are Pure ki te rima o John Tini Orometua i taua oire i roto tikai i taua taime, e kua tuku atu a John Tini Orometua i te taviri kia Rev. B.G. Thorogood. Kua tuku katoa ia atu te pakoti ki te Resident Commissioner kia Rev. Nevil nana e pakoti i te ripene i te ngutupa i te aua o te Are Pure, e na Rev. B.G. Thorogood i va'i i te ngutupa o te Are Pure, e nana rai i akamata i te pa i te oe, e kua tomo te tangata ki roto. Kare te tangata i pou ki roto i te Are Pure, no te mea, kare i te Are Pure maata roa. E ko te manea o te Are Pure, kare au e akakite atu pera katoa ki tona manea kore, na te au tangata o nga enua tei kite i teia Are Pure, na ratou e akakite atu i te reira.

Kua akamataia te pure anga i taua popongi ki te imene 340, na Ru Orometua i akapaapaa i te imene, na John Tini Orometua i tatau i te tuatua (Genese 28:10-19), na Ra Orometua i pure. Akapaapaa akaou i te imene 101, na Ru Orometua. Kua rave ia i reira te akoanga e Rev. B.G. Thorogood i roto i te Genese 28: 17. I muri ake i te akoanga, kua rave ia i reira te imene a te au oire tei atu ia e ratou no te tomo anga ia Silo III. Kia oti te reira, kua pure, kua tere atu te katoatoa ki vao, e kua tua ia te kai ki te au oire, e ta te Tere Atiu katoa tei tae ki taua tomo anga i te Are Pure. Ko tei rauka i taua ra £243-9-0. Kua tae katoa mai ta te Rakahanga e £5, e au moni katoa tetai tei tae mai i teia nga ra nei, e ko te katoatoa o te moni £265-11-0. Te vai atura te au apinga aroa tukeke e te manea. Kia orana.

*Na Pastor John Tini, KARERE, December 1954*

### **KO RAUNI DIAKONO**

Kua takake ake nei to taotu metua maroiroi, Ko Rauni na roto i te ngutupa o teiane ai. E tangata maroiroi e te matakua-kore i te rave anga i te angaanga a te Atua i roto i te Ekalesia i Ivirua nei. E no tona tu maroiroi kua piri te manako o tona iti tangata kiaia. Kua roa ra tona noo anga ki runga i te taonga Diakono e no reira kua matau aia i tana angaanga, koia oki, te akaaere anga i tona iti tangata i te pae o te au angaanga Evangelia. E uirangatira katoa oki aia no te akono anga enua i na ra, kua aiteite rai tona tu maroiroi no nga pae e rua. Kua riro tona takake anga ei mea tangi no te mea kua akaruke aia i tona tokorua e ta raua au tamariki ki teiane ai. Ka pure rai tatou ki te Atua kia tono mai aia tona aroa akapumaana no ratou i te au ra ravarai.

*Na Pastor M. Turua, KARERE, December 1954*

### **METUANGARO DIAKONO**

Ko tetai metua Diakono maroiroi teia i te arataki anga i to te Atua iti tangata i roto i teia oire Tauhunu nei. Kia tae ki te mataiti 1922 kua kake atu ki runga i teia taoanga Diakono, e mema Konitara oki, e te vai atura tetai au taoanga tana i mou ana i roto i teia Ekalesia nei. Kia tae ki te ra 10 no October 1954 e Sabati taua ra, kua akangaroi aia i tona taoanga Diakono, kua kake atu aia ki runga i tetai taoanga ou, koia oki Elder. Na te Orometua na Rev. B.G. Thorogood i tuku atu i teia taoanga ki runga iaia, kua tika oki i te Ekalesia Tauhunu, ko Ta Upu Orometua e te Orometua o te oire tei tauturu i te angaanga i taua avatea Sabati. Kua riro ei ra rongonui no teia mea ou e no te araveianga ki te metua ou. Kua ki rava te Are Pure i te tangata, kua rauka iaia teia mataiti.

E metua tane meitaki aia e te maru i te akatere anga i tona iti tangata i te oire ko Tauhunu. E ao to tei reira tavini, ko tei rokoia mai e tona pu te angaanga ra, e nana aia e tuku ki te mea maata, akara ki te imene 310. "Nga taeake akairo ora tei kitea mai nei, ra'i te nuku te aere mai ra, kua vaitata te re. Mou i to tatou punanga, kia tu a toa tatou, aua tetai e akaruke tae ua mai a lesu."

*K.Orometua Akeruara, KARERE, December 1954*

### **TE TUTAKA A TE PUNA IVIRUA**

I te Varaire ra 28 no May 1954 kua putuputu mai te aronga tei tiketii atu ki te puna Karanga ki te packing shed koia oki ko Queen Mary, i te ora 9 i te popongi. Teia te mea mua, ko te akameitaki ki te Atua na roto i te pure. Kia oti te pure kua inu ti, kia oti tei reira kua akakite a Teremoana, Kavana o Ivirua i te tereanga o te tutaka. Ko Rima Vaipo T.Orometua e Torumarama Diakono, nga mata raua no te akara i te angaanga

manea a te vainetini. Kua akamata te tere tutaka ki te ngutuare o Tumaki e tae ua atu ki te ngutuare openga no Ringia mei te ora 9 ki te ora 1, kua oti, kua oki atu ki te are kako no te kaikai, kia oti te kaikai kua akameitaki te puna Karanga. Teia te au apinga tei kitea no roto i te au ngutuare; e 94 tivaivai ou, e 219 moenga ou, e 220 auaro pute, e 31 ariki kaingakai, e 5 topa, e 4 kaparata, e 9 topa ou, e 22 kutini, e 10 ariki roi, e 2 roi rakau ou, e 2 are, 1 are punu ou, 1 are rau ou, e 2 radio ou, e 8 mori penitini. Te vai atura tetai au apinga manea tikai te angaanga a te vaine tini, kia pera katoa te manea o to tatou oraanga openga ki roto i te Atua. Na roto i te au memeitaki ta ratou i kite kua tuku ratou i te akairo £5-7-0 no te angaanga tutaka. Tira ua, kia orana.

*Na Torumarama, Tekeretere Ekalesia Ivirua, KARERE, December 1954*

## **TE TERE O TE BOYS BRIGADE KI BERITANE**

I te ra 19<sup>th</sup> No Noema 1954 kua tae akaou mai ki te enua ko Rarotonga nei, teia anau tamariki. Te aroa atu nei matou ia kotou te iti tanga Kuki Airani nei, na roto i te aroa maata o to tatou Metua Atua. Toko iva ia matou tei oki mai, kareka ko e toko ono kua noo atu ratou ki te enua New Zealand.

*KARERE, January 1955*

## **TE TERE O THOROGOOD OROMETUA MA TE VAINA KI MAUKE NA RUNGA I TE PAI KO JOHN WILLIAMS VI**

Kua riro te ra 14 no Sepetema ei ra maata e te rekareka no nga Ekalesia o Mauke i te aravei anga i te Orometua Papaa e tana Vaine. Kua taokotai te tangata katoatoa o Mauke, te Apii Sabati e te au tamariki Boys' Brigade i te aravei anga atu ia raua. Kua kapiti katoa mai te Kavana Maata a Nevill e te Akava-nui o te enua a John Webb e te vaine. I te ora 7 kua rave ia te akono anga o te Uapou kapiti o nga Ekalesia ki Oiretumu. I te popongi o te ra 25 Sepetema ora 10 kua rave nga apii sabati e rua o te enua i ta ratou nuku. I te ora 1pm o taua ra, kua oki mai te tere ma te tangata katoatoa ki te oire i tai nei ki Kimiangatau. Kia oti te akonoanga o te pure i te rave ia, kua akamata atu i reira te rave i te angaanga tamataora anga. Teia te au mataora i raveia ko te au nuku a nga Apii Sabati.

### Te au apinga aroa

E maata ua atu rai te au apinga aroa ta te enua i oronga atu no ratou tei tae ki runga i te enua ko Mauke. Kua riro rai tei reira ei rekareka anga maata rava no te au manui. I te maata o te rekareka o te tangata i teia ra kite au angaanga tamataora tei raveia e te anau tamariki Apii Sabati i teia ra. Kua rauka te ngakau rekareka o te tangata i te oronga atu e £2-5-9 na teia anau.

## **TE JUBILEE O KIMIANGATAU**

Kia tae ki te ra 26 September 1954, kua tae te 50 anga o te mataiti o teia oire nei, mei te ra 26 e te 27, 1904. Kua teateamamao nga ariki nga Kavana nga mataiapo e te tangata katoatoa o teia oire nei, kia akamaara ia atu teia ra. Kua akatu ia tetai toka ei akamaara anga i te 50 anga o te mataiti o to ratou oire, e ko teia nga ra i akamaara'i e ratou ra 26, 27, 28, 29 no Sepetema 1954. I te ra 26 no Sepetema ora 9 i te popongi kua rave ia tetai pure anga maata, akamaara anga no te akatuanga o teia toka nei. Kua pou mai te au tangata katoatoa o nga akonoanga, te au ariki, te aronga mana o te enua. Tei reira katoa te Orometua a Thorogood e te vaine, nana i rave te akonoanga akamori. Ko Ta Upu Orometua e te vaine tei aru atu i te tauturu i te Orometua ia Thorogood e te vaine i runga i teia tere nei.

*KARERE, January 1955*

## **UIPAANGA KUMITI AKAAERE O TE CICC 1969**

I te ra 14 o July 1969, kua rave ia te Uipaanga Kumiti Akaaere ki Ngatangia no te akateateamamao anga i te au tumu manako te ka uriuri ia i te Uipaanga Maata te ka rave ia ki Mauke i te mataiti 1970. E rua ra te rave anga i a teia Uipaanga, e kua oti ma te meitaki. I roto i nga ra i raveia i te Uipaanga, kua ututu meitaki te Ekalesia Ngatangia i te oraanga o te au Mema na roto i te pae o te kaikai. Kua pera katoa to ratou akaperepere e te takinga meitaki maata kia matou te au Mema no te au enua i tai, i te utuutu anga i to matou oraanga mei te ra i tae atu ei matou ki roto i to ratou rima e takake ua mai matou. Kua tika rava te manga tuatua ra e, e tama ua matou na te ngati Tangia. Eaa i pera ai? No to ratou ngakau oo e te akaperepere i te Evangelia, e no te akakoroanga oki o te Evangelia matou i tae ei ki rotopu ia ratou.

Teia ta te tuatua i apii mai, "Ko tei ruru tikai ma te akaperepere kore ra, ka kokoti ia ma te maata." Pa Ariki, ma Kainuku ariki, nga mataiapo, ui rangatira e te vaka tangata, Orometua o te oire, Tauturu Orometua, nga Diakono ma te Ekalesia katoatoa, e te aronga mana i te pae o te Ture, mapu e te katoatoa rava i roto ia Ngati Tangiia. Te akameitaki atu nei matou nga Mema Kumiti Akaaere o nga enua i tai ia kotou katoatoa, ko tei akaari mai i to kotou ngakau taokotai e te akaperepere maata i ta kotou i rave kia matou. Kia riro te Atua au nona te meitaki maata ei akamaata mai i to kotou meitaki ma te tiaki mai ia kotou i te au ra o te oraanga. Kia manuia, e kia manuia kotou i te Atua i to tatou Atua ia Iesu Mesia.

*Rev. Matatia Taikakara, KARERE, September 1969*

## **NEW GUINEANS REGAIN CHURCH BELL AFTER 25 YEARS**

Qantas has helped the United States Navy set right a war-time wrong and returned an inscribed bell from a Californian penal centre to its rightful home in a remote New Guinea village. The 200lb bell disappeared from the Lutheran Mission Church of Ngasgatau, near Finschhafen, 60 miles East of Lae on the Huon Gulf. Before the first world war this part of New Guinea was German territory. And back in 1903, parishioners of tiny Neuendettlesau in Germany gave the inscribed bell to their fellow Lutherans in New Guinea. After the first world war, when New Guinea became an Australian mandated territory, the bell hung quietly outside the village church, summoning the local people to prayer and festivals.

But in the upheaval of the second world war, the bell disappeared, Finschhafen became a major American base and more than one million Americans were massed there at one time for one of the big invasions. When they left the bell disappeared. The New Guinean villagers mourned their lost bell, and almost forgot about it until one day the Bishop of New Guinea, the Right Reverend John H.F. Kuder, heard from the Lutherans of Neuendettlesau, the original donors of the bell. They told him that a former prisoner in California, who had translated inscriptions on the bell, said it was now at the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Centre in Alameda County Sheriff, Frank Madigan, who runs the centre, said.

Taking steps to return the bell, the United States Navy asked Qantas if it could help. Qantas manager in the United States and Canada (Mr. Don Maitland) arranged to send the bell home to Port Moresby through Germany and Australia. With the resulting publicity in the United States, former Navy man, John O'Keefe of San Francisco, revealed that his wartime unit, the 60<sup>th</sup> Construction Battalion ("Seabees") found the bell in a deserted mission and took it for their own chapel. The bell moved through each theatre of war with the Seabees and was taken to the United States at the end of the war. In Germany, Lutherans were invited to see the bell which their grandfathers had given to the church in New Guinea. Shortly, the bell will be restored to its village home and settle down to the quiet pace of New Guinea life once more.

*The Lutheran, Pacific Island World KARERE*

## **VOLUNTEER BUILDERS; SCHOOLGIRLS HELP WIDOW**

Through the combined efforts of five different groups of people, a widow and her family of five children are being provided with a new house free of charge. The first person concerned is Mrs. Mary Chadwick, a social worker. Eighteen months ago she gave a talk on social welfare and the problems of destitution to the girls of St. Joseph's Secondary School in Suva. Her description of the plight of some of the destitutes aroused such a sympathetic response in the girls of Form Five that they at once each pledged to give two and a half cents a week to help Mrs. Chadwick in her work. They were the second group. In 18 months they raised \$32. The girls were delighted when they were told that this would be enough to build a house for a widow and five children under a scheme run by the Nasinu Housing Trust.

Then, the third group came into the picture, three students from the Fiji School of Medicine who volunteered to provide the labour to build the house. Then came the fourth group; two students from the Pacific Theological College. The fifth figure was a Fijian boy, Tadeo Nawasa, who helped the students. They worked during their vacation and the house is now well on its way to completion. The widow and her family will be the 56<sup>th</sup> family to be housed by the Nasinu Housing Trust in the last three years. The Trust provides really low cost housing as the houses are built for \$400 and provide 300 square feet of living space. Now the girls of St. Joseph's are raising funds to help furnish the widow's house.



## MISSIONARY W. BERGMANN LEAVES

One of the leaders who helped bring the Gospel to the highlands was the Rev. W. Bergmann. He came in 1930 and has now returned to his home in Germany. The Synod was a farewell to him and an opportunity for him to exhort and strengthen us in the faith. For a farewell celebration the Chimbu people re-enacted the days of 1930 when Missionary Bergmann first came, and the reception he received at that time. When the white and dark men came to bring the Gospel the people ran away. Some went clear across the mountain, while some began climbing the slopes in the other direction. One man who was coming down from the mountain met them, and they told him, "A group of spirits is coming. We saw them and are running away." The man heard their words, but decided he would like to see the spirits too before he ran away. Thus he did not heed their word and his group were resting. When he got close he hid in the tall grass, and crawling on his belly, he advanced closer, very, very slowly in order to see them.

When the church workers came into heathen country they never carelessly sat down to rest. They were always wary lest they be attacked, and so, constantly looking around them, they quickly spotted the curious visitor creeping through the grass. They beckoned to him to come to them, but because he was afraid he stayed at a distance. Then the church workers took some salt and gave it to him. He tasted it and liked it, so he called the other people who came and showed kindness to Pastor Bergmann and his group. They gathered grass and tree limbs and poles for building houses and built them some huts. This is the story which was dramatised by the Chimbu people.

## TETAVA ARIKI

E ariki teia no Nukuroa nei e kua rave aia i tana angaanga no tona taoonga ariki. I muri mai kua kapiki te Atua iaia ei rave i tana angaanga. "Aere ke mai koe i to enua ana." I reira aia i ariki ei i te reo kapiki o iesu na roto i te taoonga Ekalesia, Diakono, Mema, e teia te taoonga openga tana i mou, ko te Tauturu Orometua. Inara, teia te mea tangi, i te mataiti i topa akenei, kua akaruke mai aia i teia ao e kua aere atu ki te ngai mamao koia te mate. Kia pure atu tatou ki te Atua no tana anau e tona ai taeake. Amene.

## TIKI

E tamaiti aia na Tetava, Tauturu Orometua o Nukuroa nei. E puapii Kavamani aia. Kua aere mai aia ki runga i tona enua ipukarea no te tauturu i tona enua ipukarea, no te tauturu i tona ai taeake kia rauka te marama. Ina ra, kia tae mai aia i runga i tona enua, kua rokoia aia e te tumatetenga no tona papa tei rokoia e te mate. Ina ra, kua akapumaana ia aia e te tuatua a Iesu. Ioane 14:1. I reira aia i mou ei i te taoonga tei mouria ana e tona metua.

(1) Ko te taoonga Tauturu Orometua

(2) Ko te taoonga ariki akaaere i tona iti tangata

Na te Atua e tauturu mai iaia ma tana vaine no te mou anga i nga taoonga mamaata ta te Atua i tuku kia rave.

*Na Teiiti Orometua, KARERE, July 1951*

## MATA DANIELA, VAINA TAUTURU DIAKONO KUA MOE

Tei roto iaia te maroiroi, te akono, te akarongo, te au o te ngakau, te ora e te ngakau kauraro i te ao nei. E no teia tu i rauka iaia, kua rakei ia aia ki te au tu taoonga kaka katoatoa o te ao nei. E kumiti au vaine aia e opita tana tane no te Brigade, no tona tu kauraro e te maru ki tana tane i pera ia'i e kua riro katoa oki raua ei Tauturu Diakono. Kua anau aia i te ra 30 no Aperira 1919. Kua akaipoipo aia ki tana tane i te mataiti 1941 i te tuatau ko Kiriau te Orometua. E kia tae ki te marama ia Aperira 1951, kua tupu poitirere mai tona maki e kua takake atu aia i teiane ai. Kua riro tona tanumanga ei tanumanga ngateitei maata e te kaka. Na te tamariki Brigade katoatoa i rave i te au mea katoatoa no tona tanumanga. No tei reira oki rauka'i te rongo meitaki i te aronga taito. E ao to te aronga e mate ei roto i te Atua ratou mate ei. E pure atu tatou ki te Atua, kia tauturu ia mai tona oa e ta raua anau i te ao nei.

*Na Isaia Orometua, KARERE, July 1951*

# Annex III

## HISTORY IN PICTURES

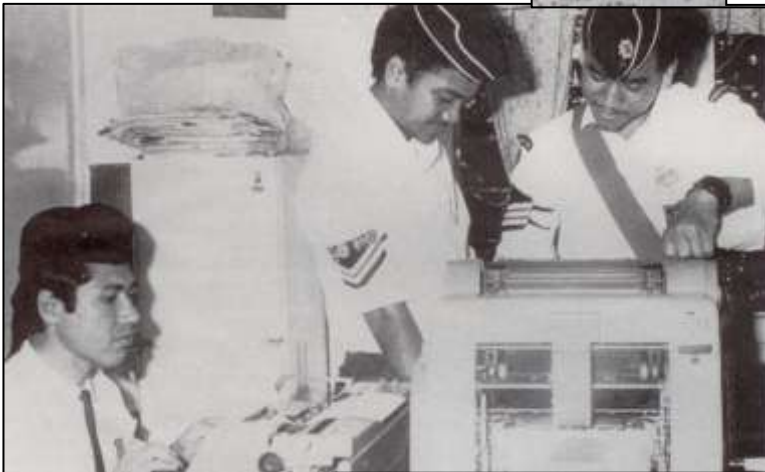
### BOYS' BRIGADE PHOTOS



*The late Rev. Tuatakiri Pittman, organiser of BB activities in the Cook Islands in the 1950s and 1960s.*



*Snack time during the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary camp of the BB Cook Islands in 1956.*



*The late Baker Kaitamaki, General Secretary of BB Cook Islands, typing while 2 boys attend to some printing.*

*BB recruits on one of the outer islands in Fiji.*



Source: "Faces of Boyhood," (1982, Michael E. Hoare). A copy of this publication was kindly made available to the CICC General Secretary by Mr. Taepae Tuteru for the purpose of duplicating selected articles for this newsletter.

## PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, SUVA, FIJI

PTC was established in 1966 by the founding member churches of the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC); the latter was formed at Malua in 1961.



**REV DR GEORGE  
KNIGHT**  
Presbyterian  
Church of New  
Zealand  
First Principal PTC  
1966-1971



**Rev Dr Alan  
Quigley**  
Presbyterian  
Church of New  
Zealand  
Principal PTC  
1972 - 1976



**Rev Dr Sione  
Amanaki  
Havea**  
Free Wesleyan  
Church of  
Tonga  
Principal of  
PTC  
1977 - 1981



**Rev Ilaitia  
Sevati Tuwere**  
Methodist  
Church of Fiji &  
Rotuma  
Principal of PTC  
1982 - 1988



**Rev Dr Sione  
Latukefu**  
Free Wesleyan  
Church of Tonga  
Principal of PTC  
1989 - 1991



**Rev Dr Faitala  
Talapusi**  
Congregational  
Christian  
Church of  
Samoa  
Principal PTC  
1992-1994



**Rev Dr Samiuela  
Toa Finau**  
Free Wesleyan  
Church of Tonga  
Acting Principal  
PTC 1995



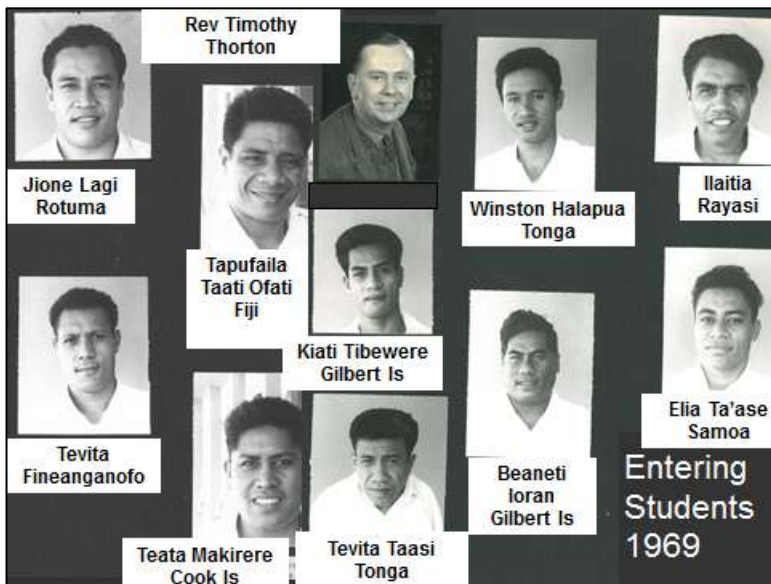
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Iliesa Meo &  
Mrs Lisa Meo**  
Methodist  
Church of Fiji  
& Rotuma  
Principal PTC  
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**Dr. Feleterika Nokise of  
the Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa NZ is the  
current PTC principal.**

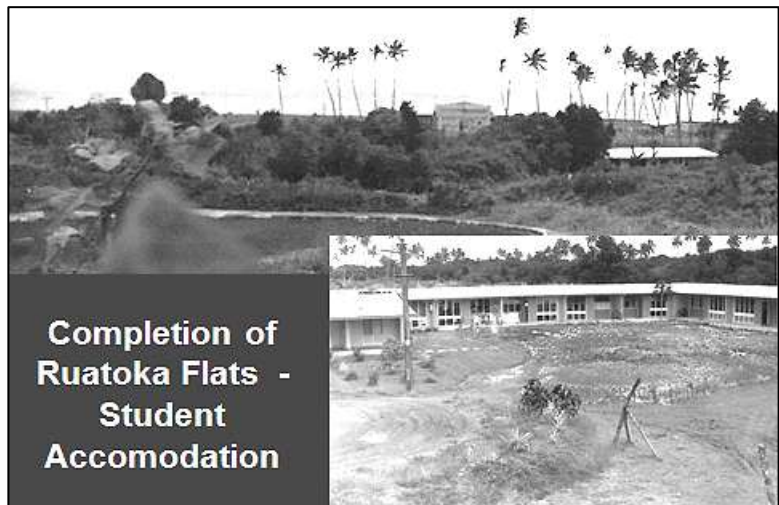


PTC Class of 1966. Cook Islands students were Maraeara Tekii (back row, far right) and Tekere Pereeti (sitting, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right).



Some of the 1969 PTC students intake which included Teata Makirere from the Cook Islands.

Ruatoka Flats, one of the student accomodation at PTC, was named after the Missionary Ruatoka from Mangaia in the Cook Islands, who went to Papua New Guinea in the mid 1800's.



Source of all photos on this and previous page: PTC archives; part of presentation by Dr. Feleterika Nokise at the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) Golden Jubilee held at Malua Theological College, Samoa, September 2011. Thankyou very much Fele. Photo of Dr. Fele himself is by Dr. Nuu Potoi of Samoa.



*This table was made by students at Takamoa Theological College about the year 1900, and presented to Rev. J.J.K. Hutchin & Mrs Hutchin. The mother-of-pearl inlay is most beautifully done. Photo sent in by Rev. Hutchin's great-grand-daughter, Hilary Purchase who lives in Taupo, NZ, and who visited Takamoa in 2010. The table is still intact and with the relatives of the Missionary. Rev. Hutchin served at the LMS Headquarters in Takamoa, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, from 1882 to 1902. From there he went to live in NZ, passing away there in 1912; his wife passed away in 1954, aged 94, 42 years after her husband died.*



*Rev. J.J.K Hutchin and his family. See also newsletters 31 & 34 for further coverage of the minister and his family.*

# Annex IV

## EI KITEANGA NAAU / FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Topic: DOCTRINE OF THE TRIUNE GOD: A THEOLOGICAL STUDY

### TUATUA NO TE TORU TAI

#### Introduction

Because the word trinity is never found in the Bible some wonder about whether this is a biblical doctrine or not, but the absence of a term used to describe a doctrine does not necessarily mean the term is not biblical. The issue is, does the term accurately reflect what the Scripture teaches? In reality, due to the incomprehensible nature of the truth this term reflects, some believe it is a poor word to describe exactly what the Bible teaches us about this truth concerning God. When anyone studies a doctrine like this, reads about it in a theology book, or in an article like this one, it may appear that the writer is saying, "Here are the doctrines we believe, and this is what you must believe, so believe them!" But as Ryrie points out, "If that's the case it is only because you are looking at the results of someone's study, not the process"<sup>1</sup> that led to their position on a particular doctrine.

The goal is to investigate the facts of Scripture so one can see from the process of investigation presented in this study just what the Bible teaches us about how God exists. Historically, the church has believed that He exists in Holy Trinity or Triunity. The tri-personality of God is exclusively a Christian doctrine and a truth of Scripture. It is this doctrine that will be investigated in what follows. Our purpose, then, is to demonstrate that the doctrine of the trinity (triunity) of the Godhead is another biblical revelation that teaches us more about the nature of God or how He exists. The Bible teaches us that God not only exists as a personal Spirit being, but that He does so in Holy Trinity.

#### The Nature of this Revelation About God

Before we investigate the facts of Scripture, I want to begin by pointing out that this is a doctrine beyond the scope of man's finite mind. It lies outside the realm of natural reason or human logic.

The late Dr. Walter Martin points out:

"No man can fully explain the Trinity, though in every age scholars have propounded theories and advanced hypotheses to explore this mysterious Biblical teaching. But despite the worthy efforts of these scholars, the Trinity is still largely incomprehensible to the mind of man. Perhaps the chief reason for this is that the Trinity is a-logical, or beyond logic. It, therefore, cannot be made subject to human reason or logic. Because of this, opponents of the doctrine argue that the idea of the Trinity must be rejected as untenable. Such thinking, however, makes man's corrupted human reason the sole criterion for determining the truth of divine revelation".<sup>2</sup>

So what's the issue that faces us? The ultimate issue as always is, does the biblical evidence support the doctrine of the Trinity or tri-personality of God? If biblical evidence supports it, we can know it is true. Comprehending it is another matter. John Wesley said, "Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the triune God."<sup>3</sup>

We should not be bothered by this fact. Why? Because God's Word tells us that we should expect His revelation, the revelation of an infinite, omniscient, all-wise Creator, to contain an infinite depth that corresponds to His infinite mind. In Isaiah, God tells us about this and says:

<sup>1</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *A Survey of Bible Doctrine*, Moody Press, Chicago, 1972, p. 29.

<sup>2</sup> Walter Martin, *Essential Christianity*, Vision House, Santa Anna, 1975, p. 21

<sup>3</sup> *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations*, Assurance Publishers, p. 504.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Kenneth Boa has an excellent word here concerning the concept of God’s thoughts being higher than ours:

It follows from all this that we cannot and should not expect to understand the Bible exhaustively. If we could, the Bible would not be divine but limited to human intelligence. A very important idea comes out of this, something over which many non-Christians and even Christians stumble: Since the Bible is an infinite revelation, it often brings the reader beyond the limit of his intelligence.

As simple as the Bible is in its message of sin and of free salvation in Christ, an incredible subtlety and profundity underlies all its doctrines. Even a child can receive Christ as his Savior, thereby appropriating the free gift of eternal life. Yet no philosopher has more than scratched the surface regarding the things that happened at the Cross. The Bible forces any reader to crash into the ceiling of his own comprehension, beyond which he cannot go until he sees the Lord face-to-face. Until a person recognizes that his own wisdom and intelligence are not enough, he is not ready to listen to God’s greater wisdom. Jesus alluded to this when He said to God, “you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children” (Luke 10:21).<sup>4</sup>

God has communicated to men truly though not exhaustively. Moses expressed this to us in Deuteronomy 29:29, “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.” An understanding of the way the Greek word **mystery** was used in the New Testament may help us here. It is the Greek word **musterion** and refers to what was previously hidden, but is now revealed to us through the revelation of the Word (1 Cor. 15:51; Eph. 3:3, 4, 9). Sometimes it is used simply of that which God makes known through His revelation to man which man could not know on his own (1 Cor. 2:7). But there is a sense in which some of God’s truth, though clearly revealed in the Bible, remains a mystery. Though it is a truth revealed in Scripture, like the doctrine of the incarnation of the Son of God or the divine/human nature of Jesus Christ, the Trinity is a kind of mystery in that it goes beyond the boundaries of human comprehension. God hasn’t explained all the mysteries of His revelation to us undoubtedly because we simply cannot yet grasp them. The Apostle Paul wrote: “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known” (1 Cor. 13:12).

A city like Corinth, famous for its bronze mirrors, would have particularly appreciated Paul’s final illustration. The perfection and imperfection mentioned in verse 10 were deftly likened to the contrasting images obtained by the indirect reflection of one’s face viewed in a bronze mirror and the same face when viewed directly. Such, Paul said, was the contrast between the imperfect time in which he then wrote and the perfect time which awaited him and the church when the partial reflection of the present would give way to the splendor of perfect vision. Then Paul would see God (cf. 15:28; 1 John 3:2) as God now saw Paul. Then partial knowledge (cf. 1 Cor. 8:1-3) would be displaced by the perfect knowledge of God.<sup>5</sup>

Because of our limited capacity in this life, some of the revelations of God given to us in the Bible defy explanation and illustration. When seeking to explain those truths that fall into this category, our explanations and especially our attempts to illustrate them must of necessity fall short of our ability to clarify and comprehend them. Does this mean a doctrine cannot be true simply because it defies our human imagination or ability to comprehend it? The answer is, of course not. It would be nothing short of human arrogance to say it was. The truth is, we must recognize our need to simply trust in God’s special revelation to us, the Bible, and submit our minds to that teaching which is truly expressed in its pages. This does not mean we do not test the Scripture to make sure these things are truly taught, but once we are convinced that that is what the Bible says, we must lay hold of it by faith and wait on the eternal future for complete understanding.

It would be the height of egotism for a person to say that because an idea in the Bible does not make sense (does not conform to his or her reasoning), it cannot be true and the Bible must be in error on this point.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Kenneth Boa, *Unraveling the Big Questions About God*, Lamplighter Books, p. 12.

<sup>5</sup> *The Bible Knowledge Commentary, NT*, John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck, Editors, Victor Books, Electronic Media.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 16.

The doctrine of the trinity or triunity is part of God's revelation of One who is infinite to those who are finite. So again we must ask, doesn't it seem logical that in our study about God we are going to find things that are incomprehensible, mysterious, and super-rational to finite man's rational thinking capacity? So, let's understand from the beginning of this study, "God in His existence as the Three-in-One is beyond the limits of human comprehension."<sup>7</sup>

There is another important issue about the nature of this revelation in Scripture. We need to think a moment about the words, explicit and implicit for these two words are important to rightly understanding what Scripture teaches about this doctrine. Explicit means "fully and clearly expressed; leaving nothing implied; fully and clearly defined or formulated." Implicit means "implied or understood, though not directly expressed."

Ryrie writes:

Trinity is, of course, not a biblical word. Neither are triunity, trine, trinal, subsistence, nor essence. Yet we employ them, and often helpfully, in trying to express this doctrine which is so fraught with difficulties. Furthermore, this is a doctrine which in the New Testament is not explicit even though it is often said that it is implicit in the Old and explicit in the New. But explicit means "characterized by full, clear expression," an adjective hard to apply to this doctrine. Nevertheless, the doctrine grows out of the Scriptures, so it is a biblical teaching.<sup>8</sup>

*(to be continued in the next issue of the CICC newsletter)*



*(from notes prepared by Rev. Vaka Ngaro, former Principal of the Takamoa Theological College, and presented in the workshop session of the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the CICC held in Aitutaki, October 2011. Rev. Ngaro is currently caretaker of the Campbelltown CICC, Sydney, Australia)*



From the daily scripture reading of Sunday 19/2/2012, Psalms 8.3, "When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places – what is man that you think of him, mere man that you care for him." Beach at Pouara, Matavera, looking towards Ngatangia. *Photo by Nga Mataio, Feb 2012*

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., p. 42.

<sup>8</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL, 1987, electronic media.



# Annex V

## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

This is an open space for anyone wanting to share his/her/their photos – preferably church-related. Send/email to the Editor for inclusion in future issues. In this issue, the photos come from Rev. Haua Manuel during his term with the Ekalesia Tiva, Tahaa, Tahiti, during 2007-11.



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