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CICC Youth Convention, Mitiaro, April 2016. Photo from Tuaine Manavaroa

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1. AKATOMO'ANGA

Kia 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 taeia 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 61 tei akamataia i te mataiti 2005. Ko te mea mua teia no teia mataiti 2016; i muri ake i teia, numero 62 i te openga o Tiunu e tu mai nei.

Tetai tuanga ei akaaravei ia tatou, teia te reo akamaroiroi e te akamatakite o Paulo i roto i tana leta ki to Korinetia; *“E e ora'i oki kotou, kia tapu marie rai kotou i taku i ako atu kia kotou na, kia kore ra, e riro to kotou akarongo ei puapinga kore.”* 1 Korinetia 15.2.

Na kotou e akatotoa 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 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 Takamoia 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 (profiles, history, memory lane, etc.) – te ka riro ei pumaanaanga kia tatauia e kia akarakaraia. Tei runga katoa ratou i te website a te CICC, koia te www.cicc.net.ck, ka rauka ia kotou i te copy mai ka print atu ei i tetai na kotou.

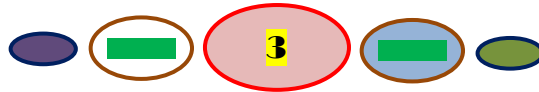
Kia meitaki e kia mataora ta kotou tatauanga i tei tataia ki roto i teia pepa.

2. TERE O TE OROMETUA NGATEITEI NO TE KAVE I TE AU APIIANGA OROMETUA KI NU TIRENI

Kua akaruke atu matou i te maiata Ruirua no Nu Tireni na runga i te pairere JETSTAR, i te kave atu i te au Apiianga Orometua no te tanu Ekalesia ki reira. Kua tae matou i te ora 6am ki te airport i Akarana, e kua aravei ia mai matou e te Chairman o te Konitara Akarana, te au Orometua e te au metua o te au Apiianga.

Mei reira atu matou ki roto i te Ekalesia Maungarei no te ariki anga a te Konitara Ekalesia. I te ora 6pm i taua aiai rai kua akatomo atu au i te apiianga Varetou Peau e te vaine e nga tamariki ki roto i te Ekalesia Motutapu. Kua mataora tikai te Ekalesia i te aravei anga ia ratou no te mea e nga Apiianga rai raua no roto ia ratou. Paraparau, kua kapiki au i tetai uipaanga ki te au Orometua e te Konitara o Akarana i te uiui atu e te peea nei te tere o te au Ekalesia i Akarana.

1. Akamaramaanga i te Uipaaanga Maata 2017 ki Rarotonga nei.
2. Te au Orometua tei maki kia rapakau ia to ratou maki me kare kia akangaroi.
3. Te au Orometua akaruke ua i te Ekalesia.
4. Te au aronga mou taoanga o te Ekalesia me tere ki tetai Ekalesia kia tiki i tetai pepa Ekalesia nona ki tona Orometua.
5. Te au Ekalesia kare ta ratou moni atinga i tutaki ia ki te pute maata kia akamaroiroi mai.
6. Te au tumu manako no roto i te Uipaanga Maata kare te au mata e akaoki ana ki roto i te au Ekalesia.
7. No runga i te akaipoipo tane e te tane, me kare vaine e te vaine, ka akapeea matou te au Orometua i Nu Tireni nei no te mea e ture teia no teia basileia. Teia taku pauanga akara kia Sadaraka, Medeka e Abedeneko kia akarongo kotou i te tangi o te pu, te vivo e tupou kotou ki raro i te tiki tei angaia e au, i na Nebukanesa ei. Teia ta ratou pauanga “Kore uatu e te ariki e kare rai matou e araara atu i toou Atua. Noatu e te ka ra te umu ai.”



Te vai atura te au uianga inara me tata pouroa atu au ka pou te inika. Varaire i te ora 6am kua rere au e te au Apiianga ki Wellington, kua tae matou i te ora 7am. Kua aravei ia matou e te Chairman o Aotearoa e kua apai iatu matou ki Porirua e kua raveia ta ratou arikianga ki roto i te Are Orometua. I te ora 12pm i taua avatea kua raveia te arikianga kapiti a te au Ekalesia katoatoa ki roto i te Kapuaanga e ko te tuatau te reira i akatomo iatu ei te Apiianga Hosea Toka e te vaine e ta raua tamaine ki roto i te Ekalesia Hutt Valley. Kua akatomo katoa atu au ia Tepau e te vaine e ta raua tamaiti ki roto i te Ekalesia Vaikanae i te tuanga ko Kapiti. E muri ake i ta ratou arikianga no matou.

Maanakai kua na runga atu matou i te motoka ki Vaikanae i te atoro i teia putuputuanga ou koia te Ekalesia. Kua aravei au i te Mama nana i mou mai i te nga Apiianga ko Rima e tana tane ko Dave e tetai nga mama Kuki Airani. Kua raveia ta ratou kaikai anga e muri ake kua aere atu matou i te matakitaki i to ratou Are Pure ka pure ratou koia e are pure teia no te Methodist Church. Sabati, Naku i rave i te Pure ki te Ekalesia Porirua Nu Tireni, e te aiai naku i rave i te pure ki roto i te Ekalesia EKKA. Kua taokotai mai te katoatoa ki teia nga pureanga.

Monite ora 6pm, Uipaanga ki te au Ekalesia e te au Orometua i Wellington. Ko te au tumu manako mei tei uriuri ia ki Akarana.

1. Te vai nei ra tetai au manako no te au mapu e kare e tuatua i tae kia ratou no te Convention ki Mitiaro. Kua akamarama au e, eaa te au Ekalesia katoatoa i kite ei i kore ei kotou i kite.
2. Ko te rua ko teia tere no matou ki Porirua kare e tuatua i tae mai kia matou. I toku manako e au manako tangata ua te reira, i te mea katoa oki e, ko teia tuatau oki ko te tuatau oki teia o te mateanga o Iesu, penei te akasatauro ia nei rai a Iesu ki Porirua nei, no reira teia au mea e tupu nei.

I te mea oki e, e Family Service tetai i teia aiai Ruirua kare i reira i raveia te iririkapua no runga i te aronga mou taoanga, ko ta ratou oki teia i pati mai kia akamarama ia. Popongi Ruitoru kua rere atu matou ki Dunedin i te kave i te Apiianga Tuatai Piniata e te vaine ki reira. Kua riro na tetai papa ko Kaio i tiki mai ia matou ki ko i te Airport e pera te tamaiti a te Apiianga. Kua apai iatu matou kite ngutuare o tetai vaine ko Roro Peter Mcfirem. Kua raveia te pureanga ki roto i teia ngutuare e te akatomoanga atu i te Apiianga ki roto ia ratou. Aiai Paraparau i te ora 8.30pm kua rere atu au ki Akarana, kua tae mai te Orometua Rahai Nanua i te tiki iaku i te 12pm.

Varaire i te ora 11am kua aere atu matou ki te Ekalesia Otahuhu no te pure tanuanga o te Orometua vaine Mama meitaki, te vaine a te Orometua Kinikini, e naku i rave i tona pureanga ki roto i te Are Pure Maata o te Anglican, e i muri ake kua apai iatu aia ki te ngai i tanu ia ai tana tane i Mangere e naku rai i rave i te tanuanga. Kia akapumaana mai te Atua i te kopu tangata. Aiai Maanakai o Nu Tireni kua oki mai au ki Rarotonga nei.

Akameitakianga

Ki te Puapii Maata Rev. Iana Aitau tei oronga mai kia riro naku e kave i te au apianga ki Nu Tireni. Ki te au Orometua e te au Ekalesia i Akarana, meitaki maata kia kotou. Ki te au Orometua i Wellington meitaki maata kia kotou. Ki te Ekalesia Porirua, te Orometua Temere Poaru e te tokorua e te anau, te Tauturu Orometua e te tokorua e te anau te Ekalesia katoatoa meitaki poria kia kotou tei akono mai iaku. Taku tamaiti tei riro i te aru aere iaku mei Akarana, Wellington e Dunedin, te Apiianga Elder Robati meitaki humaria kia koe, kua akaruke koe i toou ngutuare tei kore roa i akaruke iaku e tae uatu ki openga. E te openga ki te Orometua Rahai Nanua e te vaine thank you maata no to korua meitaki aite kore ia, na te Atua e tauturu mai.

Kia akameitaki mai te Atua ma te arataki i teia au mapu tei tonono ia ma te tutaki kore ei tanu i te Evangelia o Iesu Mesia. Tika rava ta Iesu i karanga e "I na te tonono nei au ia kotou, mei te mamoe ki rotopu i te au luko, kia pakari kotou mei te ovi e te apakore mei te manu e kukupa".

Kia orana e kia Manuia.



Rev. Tuaine Ngametua

3. AKATAINUANGA TAUTURU OROMETUA O NIKAO

Kua raveia te akatainuanga i te Elder ia Tamaiti Vai Peua ei Tauturu Orometua ou no te Ekalesia Nikao i te Sabati Oroa ra 1 o Me ki roto rai ia Kanaana, te Are Pure o Nikao. Kua riro rai e na te Orometua Ngateitei, Rev. Tuaine Ngametua, i rave i te akatainuanga e pera te akoanga. E ra maata teia no te Ekalesia, no te taeake Vai, tona tokorua Mereana, ta raua anau, are mokopuna e pera to raua kopu tangata e te au taeake katoatoa, tei vaitata e tei mamao.

Kia tau ki te tua tapapa o Vai tei akaraia e te kumiti akaaere iaia i uri i te patianganga a te Ekalesia Nikao no tetai Tauturu Orometua nona, e turanga matutu tona i roto i te Evangelia mei teia i raro nei:

1978	Mema Uapou for the Roto Ekalesia, Pukapuka
1981	Tiaki Pupu Ekalesia for Roto Ekalesia
1982	Sunday School Teacher for the Senior section, Pukapuka CICC
1983-2006	Principal, Sunday School, Pukapuka CICC
1987-2006	Delegate to the CICC assembly for Pukapuka CICC
1989-2006	Secretary, Pukapuka CICC
2006-2011	Continued as Deacon in the Nikao CICC, Rarotonga
2011	Elder, Nikao CICC

Takake mei tona turanga i roto i te Evangelia, e mea manea kia taiku katoaia tona turanga i roto i te oraanga nei i vao ake i te Evangelia. Mei tona akaotianga i te apii tua rua i Aitutaki (Aitutaki Junior High School) i te mataiti 1967, kua angaanga atu a Vai na te Kavamani o te Kuki Airani mei te au taoanga i raro rava, e tae uatu ki runga i te au taoanga teitei, koia te Island Secretary e pera te Mema Paramani no Pukapuka/Nassau.

Te vai ra te au tuanga tana i rave i roto i te reira au turanga nona i roto i te Kavamani, te au tuanga tana uaorai i rave, e pera te au tuanga tei piri atuna aia ki roto i te akatupuanga, no tona enua e pera no te basileia, tei roto te katoanga i tona CV tei akaraia e te kumiti akaaere. Ratou tei kite mata i te reira au tuanga tei raveia me kore pei piri atuna a Vai ki roto i te akatupuanga, teia ratou te akapapuanga e te akameitakianga no ta Vai i rave.

Mei ta te Atua i akameitaki iaia i roto i tona oraanga i te au mataiti i topa, i te tua o te Evangelia e pera to te kopapa, penei ka tuatua tatou e ko tetai teia o ta te Atua akarangatira akaou anga ia Vai na roto i teia taoanga tei rauka iaia. No reira e te taeake, kia manuia i roto i taau mouanga i tena taoanga tapu e te ngateitei rava ki mua i te Atua e te tangata katoa. Tena te au reo akamaroiroi ia koe no te au ra ki mua, tei oronga iatu i te tuatau o te katikati i muri ake i te akatainuanga. Kare ekoko e kua pera katoa te au tuatua akamaroiroi iakoe i te au ra i muri ake mei tou au taeake e te kopu tangata.



L-R: Nga Mataiao (CICC General Secretary), Tongi Rasmussen, Rev. Oirua Rasmussen, Rev. Tuaine Ngametua (CICC President), Tamaiti Vai Peua, Mereana Peua Photo by Oakirangi Mare-Manavaikai.

Tataia e Nga Mataiao

4. PENETEKOTE I MATAVERA

I roto i te akanoonoonga a te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia no runga i te Teretere Apii Sabati i roto ia Me i te au mataiti, me tano mai te Penetekote ki te toru o te Sabati – e Sabati Teretere Apii Sabati oki te reira Sabati – ka neke iatu te teretere ki te Sabati openga o Me kia rauka te akakoroanga o te Penetekote i te rave i te reira toruanga o te Sabati. Kua pera to teia mataiti e to tetai nga mataiti i topa, kare e tai'i, kua maru ua te reira akateretereanga.

Kare e aiteite tika'i ana te porokaramu o te Penetekote mei tetai Ekalesia ki tetai. Noatu ra, aiteite ua te vaerua o te akakoroanga, koia oki e akaepaepaanga na te au mama i teia ra maata i roto i te irinakianga o te Keresitiano. I na, ko teia ireira ta te au mama o te Ekalesia Matavera i rave:

Pure Avatea

- Aao mai i to ratou au kakau akaau, to te nga tapere e 3.
- I muri ake i te pure, kua aere atu te au Diakono Vaine e pera te Orometua Vaine i te atoro i te au mama i te ngutuare tei rokoia te kopapa e te apikepiki maki.

Pure Aiai

- Na te au mama i rave i teia pure, na te Orometua Vaine te akoanga e na nga Diakono Vaine te tiaki atarau.
- Aere pouroa te katoatoa ki tai ia Gibeona, te Are Apii Sabati o te Ekalesia – no te akakoroanga o te uapou kapiti
- Na te au Diakono Vaine e 3 tei ikiia, okoati mei roto mai i nga tapere e 3, i akatere mai i te au angaanga i mua tei piri katoa atu e 4 mapu tamaine/au mama ki roto i te turuanga i ta ratou au tuanga akamaroiroi ki runga i te au uianga tei tukuia kia ratou.
- Kia oti ratou i mua i te akamaroiroi, kua orongaia te tuatau ki te Ekalesia kia akariiri manako ki runga i te au uianga.
- Kua taopenga te angaanga na roto i te koukouanga manako tei raveia mai e te au Diakono Vaine o nga tapere i mua.
- E kia oti te angaanga o te uapou, kua katikati te katoa e kua leva atu ki te wale ma te ki kopu e te maru o te ngakau i tei raveia, kia akameitakiia te Atua.



Pentecost Uapou by Matavera Ekalesia, May 2016

Tataia/neneia e Nga Mataio

5. TERETERE APII SABATI, 22 ME 2016

E rua tuanga o teia atikara; te tuanga mua no runga ia i te tere atu anga te anau Apii Sabati o te Ekalesia Matavera ki te Ekalesia Arorangi, na Natana Mataio te reira e oronga atu. Te rua o te tuanga, no runga ia i te tereanga mai o te anau Apii Sabati o te Ekalesia Arorangi, tapere Betela, ki te Ekalesia Matavera, na te manitia o Natana te reira e oronga atu. No roto mai teia nga tata tua i te tapere Vaenga/Pouara i roto i te Ekalesia Matavera.

1. APII SABATI MATAVERA KI ARORANGI

On Sunday the 22nd of May our Sunday School group travelling to Arorangi gathered down at the Sunday School Hall to wait for the bus. When the bus came, the traveling group took a photo in front of the bus. Then we set off to Arorangi. When we arrived we went into the hall and a papa introduced himself and talked about our programme for the day.

After he finished talking we all went into church. We sang a few hymns then a papa did the Bible reading. Then we sang some more hymns, did the offering and the notices. After the notices we the Matavera group did our tatau then all the Arorangi groups did theirs. After all the tatau were finished, the Papa Orometua did the preaching, the closing prayer, then everybody sang the vesper.

After church we all went to the Arorangi hall to eat. Before we ate, one papa said the grace then we all scooped our food, sat down and ate. After eating we had desert and got our lollies and eis. Before we left, a few people from our group said the thankyou and farewell speeches. Then the Matavera group stood in front of the bus and I took a photo.

After I took the photo we all came back to the Matavera Sunday school. When we got back, a papa from our group gave an information report to the Ekalesia and Papa Hurikapu Meremere said thankyou on behalf of our traveling group. After the traveling groups speakers, Mama Pu gave an information report on what happened here in Matavera while we were in Arorangi. After some more people finished talking, people cleaned up and packed all the chairs and tables in the store room and all went home.

I really enjoyed my time with the group in Arorangi, I hope it's the same with the others in our group. The people in Arorangi church looked after us well and we say thankyou again for having us and for all the food and eis you prepared for us. The following photos show our group going to Arorangi and returning.



Left: Getting ready to board our bus for Arorangi. Right: Arriving at Arorangi, making our way to Moria Hall, the Sunday School Hall of the Arorangi Ekalesia.



Left: Sunday School Teachers who came with us; Mrs Mataia & Mrs Ngamata. Right: Welcoming us to Arorangi by the Ekalesia Secretary, Mr. Oki Teokoitu.



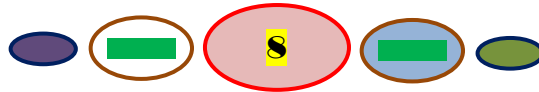
Left: Entering Ziona, the Arorangi Church. Right: Making our presentation (memory verses, choruses) to the audience.



Left: Last part of our presentation. Right: End of the church service.



Left: Lunch time. Right: End of lunch and receiving of eis from supporters of the Arorangi Ekalesia.



Left: Getting ready to board our bus for the trip home. Right: Arriving at Gibeona, our Sunday School Hall at Matavera.



Write-up by Natana Mataio (age 11), Matavera CICC Sunday School, Intermediate Section; him and his mum took the photos.

2. APII SABATI BETELA, ARORANGI, KI MATAVERA

Ratou tei tere mai

Tamanako ua au, mei tetai 50 te katoatoa tei tere mai mei te opunga o te ra i o Tinomana, ki roto i te Ekalesia. Apai ia mai ratou e te Tauturu Orometua John Andrew (kua leva atu oki te soa ra o Tinirau ki Nusilani e Orssie), nga Diakono, nga Puapii Sabati, au metua turuturu, te anau Apii Sabati, e pera nga apianga e to raua nga poe tiare mei Takamoia mai. Penei mei te rua-toru (2/3) o te pupu e tamariki Apii Sabati, e ko te toenga (1/3) e aronga mamaata mei tei taikuia i runga nei.

Roto i te Are Pure

Na te anau Betela i akamata i te au angaanga a te Apii Sabati i roto ia Silo, na muri mai ei te anau a Rangiatea. Aiteite ua te vaerua, te tumu tapura, te akakoroanga e te karere mei roto mai nga Apii Sabati, koia oki te puapinga o te irinakianga ki roto i to tatou Atu ia Iesu Mesia. Kua oronga mai raua i te reira na roto i te irava tamou ngakau, te imene, e te akatutu/drama, e kua taangaanga i nga reo o tatou e rua i teia ra, koia te Maori e te Papaa. Peke kia'ai te re? Kua draw raua i taku paunuanga, full marks, 10 points each. Ko te reira rai oki te korona ka rauka ia ratou katoatoa e oro nei i te oroanga o te Evangelia, ka tu te katoatoa i te korona o te ora mutukore me tapu marie tatou e tae uatu ki te openga.



Betela Sunday School, Arorangi CICC, during their visit to Matavera CICC, Sunday 22 May 2016



Matavera Sunday School, Sunday 22 May 2016

Neneianga tutu

I te tuatau o te akakitekiteanga tuatua, kua taiku te vaa tuatua e me tere te pure, aere pouroa nga tere e 2 – to Betela e pera to Matavera – ki vao ua mai i te Are Pure no tetai neneianga tutu. Te akakoroanga, ei tauru ki roto i teia nutileta ei akarakaraanga na kotou e tatau nei i teia pepa, e pera ei imere atu anga ki tetai uatu i roto i nga tere e, e imere ta ratou. Ka vai katoa oki ki roto i te vairanga no te au ra ki mua, i roto i te reo porenā, capturing the moment that the future generation can reflect back on.



Beleta and Matavera Sunday School after the Sunday May 22 service outside of the Matavera Church

Katikati, aere ra

Kia oti te neneianga tutu, taki aere atura nga Apii Sabati ki tai ia Gibeona – te Are Apii Sabati o te Ekalesia – no te arikirikianga a te tapere Rotopu, tei turu katoa iatu e nga tapere i roto i te oire. Eaa te turanga o te kai? Kare i tuke mei te au arikirikianga i te au ra i topa, koia oki kua peke rai te re i te kai. I na, kia oti te arikirikianga e te au akaariarianga manako, tei runga te Betela i to ratou bus, te leva atura ki tetai tua mai o te enua. Kia akameitakiia te Atua no te au mea katoatoa tei raveia i teia ra ona. Okotai rai o tatou manako, koia oki kia riro te au mea tei raveia i teia ra takapini te enua, ei akamatutu i ta tatou anau tamariki kia pakari ratou e kia apa-kore i roto i to ratou au aereanga i te oraanga nei, mei teia ra e tae uatu ki to ratou openga.

N. Mataio, Deacon, Matavera CICC; nana katoa i nenei i te au tutu

6. REV. DAVID COHEN OF OVERSEAS COUNCIL AUSTRALIA VISIT TAKAMOAO

In April 2016, the Rev David Cohen paid a brief 2-day visit to Rarotonga as part of a Pacific-wide strategy for Overseas Council Australia. His plan was to visit staff and students of the Takamoao Theological College. Overseas Council seeks to build on the capacity of colleges that already exist in the Developing World. Their strategy is to choose the best evangelical colleges in each country and without dominating them, support the college to fulfil its dreams for growth. This is done through scholarships for new students coming into the college, through supporting building programs, libraries and computers, but also through encouraging the training of senior faculty and Board members in how to fulfil their roles more effectively.

He was able to meet the Board of the College to discuss these possibilities: the Chairman the Rev Tere Marsters, Tangata Vainerere, Tuingariki Short and Cecilia Short. Yvonne Marsters was unable to be present, and unfortunately the Principal the Rev Iana Aitau was in Sydney at the time of the visit, due to his wife's need for medical attention. The Rev David Cohen's visit also coincided with that of the former Principal Iotia Nooroa who was taking two weeks lecturing students, in the company of his wife Pai.

The opportunity was also taken to meet with Nga Mataio, the CICC General Secretary, discussing church structures, matters of good governance, and generally to understand something of the history of the church and mission. A brief meeting with the CICC President Rev Tuaine Ngametua rounded off his brief 2 day visit, before proceeding to Tahiti, where a similar visit was planned to the Ecole Pastorale Tererereatau/Ecole Theologique et Pastorale de Maohi Nui (formerly the Ecole Pastorale de Hermon) at Tahaa.

Pastor Cohen has indicated his appreciation to the welcome he experienced during his visit, and hopes that there might be continuing contact between the CICC and Overseas Council. The possibility was raised about student scholarships to study at the CLTC (Christian Leadership Training Centre) in Papua New Guinea, where it would be possible to study for MTh degrees. Part of OCA's strategy is also to extend the library capacity of the College, with the plans for an E-library being discussed, and with space set aside for the purpose.

The visit provided information that will facilitate prayerful support for the strategy ministry of Takamoao, as it continues to build strong foundations for the CICC, with its proud history.

Rev. David Cohen (9 May 2016)

7. ARORANGI CHRISTIAN YOUTH PROGRAM

NEW START WITH A NEW STRATEGY. Arorangi Christian Youth newly elected Executive Members planned and delivered an evening session from Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th March, 2016. The advisor of the group, Diakono Daniel Apii requested, for a training workshop for all the youth on various areas such as the Chairmanship role, Secretary, Treasurer, Liaison officer, Youth role to the Ekalesia, the role of the Ekalesia to the Youth and so forth. The youth and their executive members from each village came and listened to speakers including; Mr Ta Patia Vainerere, Mrs Vaine Arioka, Mr Patrick Arioka, Rev. Tinirau Soatini, Mr Tere Marsters, Ms Jeaninne Daniel, Mrs Tangi Taoro and Mr Daniel Apii. The theme was chosen from 1 Timothy 4:3.

For the 3 nights over 70 members attended. The evening sessions closed with a prayer and followed with refreshments provided by the leaders.

The ACY planned for the new Executives to be blessed at the end of the week on Sunday 13th at the 10am church Service by Rev Tinirau Soatini.

2016 ACY Executive Members
 Chairman – Mr. Teariki Unuka
 Assistant – Mr. Rangi Manavaroa
 Secretary – Ms. Tutai Mauke

Assistant – Mrs Tangi Mataroa
 Treasurer – Ms Mavis Teaurima
 Assistant – Mrs Mii Maui
 Events Co-ordinator – Mr Simona Aumetua Nicholas

Delegates from Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth

1. Mr Teivitu Katuke
2. Mr William Boller
3. Mrs Ngatokoa Ngati
4. Mrs Matakeu Katuke

Four members from each tapere – only the above was submitted. God bless you all to continue his work to others.



Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke. She currently holds the following positions: Sunday School Teacher, Tapere Rutaki, Arorangi CICC; Treasurer, Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth; Secretary, Rutaki Vainetini; Assistant Treasurer, Arorangi CICC Vainetini; CICC Youth Media Officer; President, Cook Is Civil Society Organization (CICSO), the national umbrella for all NGO's in the Cook Islands

8. A SIMPLE SEWING PROJECT

STITCHES FOR LIFE. Friday 11th March 2016, 11.30am at the Are Pa Metua was a busy venue for this program. The launching of the Simple Sewing Project through the Cook Islands Women's and Girls with Disability Organization. This is a new NGO that was established by a strong and active group of women whom they believe that women and girls should not be excluded in any program or arena because of their disability order.

The launching is a partnership with the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute. The training will take place at the CITTI campus in Arorangi from 9-12pm, 2 days a week for 6 weeks. The Continuing Education co-ordinator, Mrs Violet Tisam and her assistant Ms Tekowhai Ohio said it is our honour to work with our Women and Girls members for the first time and the Tutor for this project will be Mrs Tangi Mataroa.



Along this special day was the unveiling of their signage at the Are Pa Metua home, by the President of the CINDC – Mr Bob Kimiangatau, President of the Are Pa Metua – Mrs Ngatamariki Papatua and Tasha Wright who stood in for her mother.

Mrs Nikki Rattle from the Parliament made an excellent speech on that day, sharing her stories on Women and Girls for this special project. Funding was secured from the Cook Islands funds and other donor agencies. There were a few speakers who spoke on that day, however Tasha Wright who spoke on behalf of her mother, Mama Tuki Wright, shared an emotional story about her mum.

The 2-hour program went well with the opening, closing and the blessing prayer by Bob Kimiangatau. All the Mama's and girls that came, enjoyed the string band played by the Are Pa Metua Staff - Barbie and Apii Ben. The MC of the day introduced the Outer Island representatives and the members working for this organization. Congratulations to the executive members of this new organization and all supporters on the day. Kia Manuia.

Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke

9. COOK IS TERTIARY TRAINING INSTITUTE GRADUATION, MARCH 2016

Kua raveia tetai oronga peapa apii ki roto i te Are Karioi Nui i te Varaire 18 Mati i te ora 1.00pm i te avatea. Kua tae te au aronga teitei ki teia angaanga manea tei raveia. Kua riro te reira na te Orometua Vaka Ngaro e te au Apiianga i Takamoa i rave mai i te au akonoanga pure.

Te akakite nei te vaine maata o teia apii, a Caroline Smith e, te akaoki nei i te akameitaki ki te au metua tei riro i te turuturu i ta ratou au tamariki kia autu i teia au peapa teitei mei Paratane mai.

Kare i maata te au vaa tuatua, ko te maine akatere au o te ngai angaanga, ko te Prime Minister e te tamaine mapu tei iikiia e nana e oronga i te karere no te au tamariki apii pouroa, koia a Tevairangi Napa. Kua manea katoa tana au karere. Ko te maine koperepere ko Janet Browne. Kua riro katoa te au aronga angaanga o te Are Karioi Nui ei raverave atu i tetai au tuanga mamaata, koia te akateateamamao i te taua e te vai atura. Kua iikiia mai e na Tani Mussell e Rose i akatangi i te au imene o te basileila e to te ariki vaine.

Teia te au peapa tei orongaia i te reira ra e 131 au ingoa tamariki tei oti ia ratou teia au peapa apii. Kua tae mai to ratou au kopu tangata e te au taeake i te akarakara i teia angaanga maata e te manea tei raveia. Mei te 400 tangata tei tae mai. Kua mataora e kua rekareka te au metua no teia turanga rangatira tei tupu.

- 1 *Faculty of Trades and Technology: Arorangi Campus*
 - *National Certificate in Electrical Engineering Level 2*
 - *National Certificate in Electrical Engineering Level 3*
 - *National Certificate in Automotive Engineering Level 4*
 - *Pre-building Trade Certificate (Stage One)*
 - *Certificate in Applied Practical Skills*
- 2 *Faculty of Hospitality and Services: Ngatangia Campus*
 - *City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Food and Beverage Service*
 - *City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Food and Beverage Service*
 - *City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Food Preparation and Cooking*
 - *City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Hair & Beauty (Hairdressing)*
 - *City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Hair & Beauty (Beauty Therapy)*
 - *City & Guilds international Award in Barista Skills*
 - *City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Bartending (Cocktails with Free Pouring)*
 - *CITTi introduction to Hospitality Management*
- 3 *Southern Institute of Technology: New Zealand Campus*
 - *National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 5)*





Te vai ara tetai au tamariki, kare i oti ana ta ratou apii i roto i te tai mataiti, kua oti mai i roto i te 2-3 mataiti. Ko tetai au pae, kua tomo ratou na roto i tetai au tarereanga i New Zealand i rauka ei to ratou turanga manea. Tetai au pae mei te Pa Enea mai, kua tauta kia rauka ia ratou teia korona. Kua mataroa to tatou Prime Minister i teia tei tupu i teia ra. Te Atua te aroa kia kotou katoatoa. Congratulations to all our students and tutors for your well-earned efforts.

Write-up by Ngara Katuke, photos supplied by the CITTI staff

10. ONE MILLION STARS PROJECT

TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR. The Arorangi Girl Guide planned a productive evening with Maryann, who was in the country introducing her One Million Stars Project. Monday 14th March 2016 at 5.00pm to 6.30pm, all the girls and leaders had this wonderful opportunity with her. Nga Teinangaro from the Punanga Tauturu brought her in and started right away with the girls on how to plait a star to help End the Violence project. She shared her story of how it all began, however we hope to make plait some stars to contribute to the bigger project at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Australia. She provided us with ribbons and other types of resources that can be used to plait these stars, i.e. rau ara, rito, paper and so forth. At the end of the evening, everyone enjoyed an ice cream and pancake. Mama Tinomana Ariki and Mama Orometua Mary Soatini came along to support this worthy project and we are all hoping to continue the advocacy on End the Violence project.





Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke

11. PUREANGA MANEA

POPONGI OU E TE MATA OU. Kua manea te church parade i te popongi Sabati 13 no Mati, 2016. Kua riro te apai anga reva e na ta matou au tamaine mapu Young Leaders i rave mai e pera katoa i te Pure Aiai. Kua maata katoa te anau tamaine Brownies e kua mataora to ratou puupii a Mama Mere Taio i teia maataanga tamaine i teia ra Sabati. Te akakite nei a Mrs Tuaine Marsters, kia akamaroiroi mai te au arataki e te au metua i te apai mai i te au tamariki tamaine i te au Monite ravarai e kia mataora rai ta ratou au porokaramu raverave i te au ra apii.





Kua akaoti te church parade i te avatea e kua riro te Boys' Brigade leaders i te oronga mai i te ice cream na te tamariki katoatoa i roto i nga putupuutuanga e toru – Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade e te Girl Guides. Thank you maata kia Aunty Mata, Aunty Tina e te au opita BB no to kotou tu ngakau aroa ia tatou i teia ra.

Ko teia au Young Leaders tei tae mai e tei rave katoa i tetai tuanga i te porokaramu pure i te aiai. Ko Kapollarni Purua, Lilyana Mataroa, Teiva Maui, Karllean Mataroa e Paura Tamarangi. Te na ko ra tetai araara, "A guides sings and smiles under all difficulties."

Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke

12. ARORANGI GIRL GUIDES WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Greetings and welcome to our new members. Guide Law # 4 says, "A Guide is friendly and a sister to all guides". Monday 29th February 2016 was a special evening for our Girl Guide Company in welcoming new members. The evening continued with a group discussion on planning what they want to do this year. The new Handbook in all areas was introduced by the leaders to the girls. Each section has to develop their own program/projects that suits them according to the Handbook guidelines. At the end of the evening, the girls had a fun game on our Guiding history by Young leader, Ms Tutai Mauke.



Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke

13. TAPERE AVATIU PROJECT 2019

Kia orana te katoatoa rava o te iti tangata o te Atua. Kia akameitaki ia te Atua Mana Katoatoa no teia tikaanga manea e te vaerua meitaki tei na roto mai i to tatou Tekeretere Maata o to tatou Akonoanga Metua koia te Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC), a Mr. Ngatokorua Mataio, kia tuku iatu te karere mua na roto i ta tatou Newsletter no te angaanga maata ta to tatou Tapere Avatiu i oti i te parani no te mataiti rua taumano e tai ngauru ma iva i te marama ia Okotopa (15/10/2019).

Tataraanga

I roto i te uipaanga Tapere a to tatou Tapere Avatiu i te Ruirua ra 30 no Tiurai 2013, kua arikiia e kua akatinamouia teia au manako tei manakonako iana no tetai au tuatau i topa ki muri;

1. Akatupuanga i tetai Kumiti Tapere
2. Akaora akaou i te peu Tapere no te arikianga i te au metua, taeake e te anau tei oki mai no te aravei i te au metua e ma te au ngutuare i te tuatau o te Kiritimiti e te Mataiti Ou
3. Akaora akaou i te peu Tapere no runga i te arikianga i te au Tere te ka tomo mai i te uapu i Avatiu na runga i te pai tai, no te Pa Enuu mai e pera katoa ratou te ka tere mai na runga i te Vaka Moana koia oki ko te **PATAI**
4. Akamaaraanga i te tai anere mataiti o to tatou Are Uipaanga koia a EBENEZERA

Kua riro mai te au manako mua e toru i runga akenei, ei poriti mua (Policies) me kore e au akanoonoo anga kaveinga no to tatou Tapere ko Avatiu. Kua akamata teia au akanoonoo anga e toru i te ta'angaanga ia e toru mataiti i teianei.

Te manako manea no te akamaara anga i te tai anere anga mataiti o te metua vaine a EBENEZERA, kua ariki to tatou au metua pakari toe e noo nei ki roto i te Tapere, e kia akamaara ia te tai anere mataiti o teia metua vaine tei riro aia ei "KAPUANGA" no nga takaianga vaevae tuketuke e noo ana i roto e i vaoake i to tatou Tapere, e pera no te au angaanga Tapere, Kopu Tangata, Tipoti, Evangelia, Mapu, Pure Tumatetenga e te vai atura.

Kua tukuia te tango o Ebenezer a te ra 15 no Okotopa mataiti 1919, e kua akatuera ia tona au ngutupa ki te katoatoa i te ra 23 no Noema mataiti 1923.

Te kaveinga tei akatinamouia

I te mea oki e, kare e maata roa ana te au metua pakari toe e ora nei e te noo nei ki roto i te Tapere Avatiu i teia tuatau, kua ariki i reira te Uipaanga Tapere o te ra 30 no Tiurai 2013, kia raveia te akamaara anga i te tai anere mataiti o Ebenezer a te Ruirua ra 15 no Okotopa 2019, e tai anere ia mataiti mei te ra i tuku iai tona tango.

I teia atianga o teia karere mua kua oti te porokaramu no te kimikimi anga i te moni no teia akakoroanga maata no to tatou metua vaine a Ebenezer. Kua arikiia e kua akatinamouia i roto i nga uipaanga Tapere e pera ta te Kumiti Akaare o te Tapere kia rave kapitiia teia au akakoroanga maata no to tatou Tapere koia oki;

1. Akameitaki atu i te turanga o to tatou Are Uipaanga e te Are Paunu o ta tatou anau tamariki meariki,
2. Akatu i tetai Are Akatoro Ou tapiri mai ki te tua tokerau o to tatou Are Uipaanga
3. Akamaara i te Tai Anere Mataiti o Ebenezer

Te tamanakoanga i teianei ka ara atu i te \$400,000.00 ka anoanoia no te akatupuanga i teia au manakonako anga mamaata e toru i runga akenei.

Kua tukuia i reira te ingoa o teia akakoroanga o ko te "Tapere Avatiu Project 2019 " Kua akatuera iatu teia akakoroanga maata o te Tapere i te ora 7 i te popongi Manakai ra 7 no Me mataiti 2016 e te Orometua o te Ekalesia Avarua, a Rev. Vaka Ngaro. Kua akanoo te papa Orometua i tana karere no teia akatuera anga (Launch) ki runga i te irava 35–36 o te Aratia rai o te reira Manakai ra 7 no Me mataiti 2016, Ebera 10:26-39.



Left: Ebenezer (Avatiu Meeting House), 1950, looking from Avarua direction. Right: Ebenezer today. Photos supplied by John Henry

“EBENEZERA”	
Tukuanga Tango: 15/10/1919, Akatomoia: 23/11/1923	
Te au angaanga i raveia ki runga ia Ebenezer e te Are Paunu o te Tapere:	
1970	Akatoroia tona pae-tai
26/03/1983	Tomoanga i te Are Paunu
1987	Akaouanga mua o Ebenezer
1998	Tauiaanga te punu are o Ebenezer
27/06/2009	Akamata anga o tona Akaouanga maata
02/04/2013	Tauturu maata a te “Kavamani Initia”, akaotianga o tona Akaouanga maata, e pera to tatou Are Paunu
12/07/2013	Akamainu akaouanga ia o to tatou Are Uipaanga e te Are Paunu
<p>Meitaki maata ki te Kavamani Initia, meitaki maata ki te Tapere tangata katoatoa o te Tapere Avatiu, e pera ki te katoatoa e noo ki roto e ki vao ake i to tatou tapere no to kotou tuatau e te tauturu i oronga mai mei te akamataanga o te akatu angaia o teia nga metua vaine o te tapere.</p>	

Source: John Henry, printed in CICC newsletter no. 50 p. 15, published August 2013.



Re-dedication of Ebenezer after renovations, August 2013. Photos by N. Mataia, also published in CICC Newsletter 50.

Te irinaki nei au e, ka oronga akaou ia mai tetai tikaanga kia tuku mai au i te rua o te karere a teia ono marama ki mua me kore ra e mataiti, kia kite mai kotou e to matou au metua ma te au taeake i te Kuki Airani nei, i Nuti Reni, i Otireria e Tahiti i te turanga no te akakoroanga maata o to tatou Tapere Avatiu. I roto katoa i te rua o te karere e oronga iatu ei te numero moni tikai ka anoanoia no te Tapere Avatiu Akakoroanga 2019 me kore, Tapere Avatiu Project 2019. Kia vai mai rai te Aroa tumatatini o to tatou Metua Atua ki o tatou katoatoa.



*Akapapaia e te Diakono John Mokoenga Henry
Pu Tapere e te Tama Akaaere i te Kumiti Akaaere o te Tapere Avatiu*

14. GIRLS BRIGADE WEEK ON RAROTONGA



International Theme: “Girls Lives Transformed, Gods Kingdom Enriched.” Theme 2016: “Be Courage’s - Kia Matutu.” E lamepa taau tuatua i toku nei vaevae, ei turama i toku nei arataa.

Kia orana kotou katoatoa i te aroa maata o to tatou atu ia Iesu Mesia, te tuku atu nei te aroa ki to tatou au Ekalesia i Rarotonga nei, pera i vao ake ia Rarotonga, Pa enua Tonga, Pa enua Tokerau e tae uatu kia koe e Nutireni e Austrailia. Kia orana kotou katoatoa. Aroa takake ki to matou au tuaine i roto i te putuputuanga Girls Brigade i te pa Enuu, kia oronga mai te Atua i te maroiroi kia kotou tatakaitai, i te kimianga i to tatou Atu ma te tavini iaia.



Girls Brigade Week activities

In celebrating and commemorating Girls Brigades birthday, this was celebrated throughout the week with each day of different initiatives in giving back to our vulnerable groups within our community, there are four Girls Brigade Companies in Rarotonga and that is Avarua, Matavera, Nikao and Arorangi Girls Brigade Company. Every year a Girls Brigade company will host GB week; this year Matavera company did the honour in hosting GB week for 2016.

Girls Brigade week celebration consisted of visitation to the Rarotonga Prison, Rarotonga Hospital, Are Pa Metua and Takamoa Theological College. All these places that were visited, were each donated food from our members (officers/girls/parents) in each of our 4 Companies.

As our main Celebration of the Week took place in Matavera on Friday the 10th of June, which is what we call a Festival Night. This night included a Sermon by our Young Leaders, Creative Dance by our Juniors and lastly a Wearable Arts for our Pioneers. The festival night was a night full joy and happiness, especially looking at the talent that god has blessed in each of the girls to pull such an incredible work of art and speaking his word through the sermon. To end this week’s celebration, a Combine Parade was held in Matavera with refreshments for our children to enjoy.

Highlights of the Week

TAKAMOA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – KAI AKAPUTU (NIKAO/MATAVERA COMPANIES)



RAROTONGA PRISON
(Avarua Company)



ARE PA METUA



FESTIVAL NIGHT

Sermon - Akoanga



Wearable Art



Creative Dancing



Spectators



Closing of the week's events with a combine church parade at Matavera





Acknowledgement

First of all we would like to thank our heavenly Father for the love and unity he has bestowed amongst in each and everyone one of our girls in our 4 companies that we had throughout this week of Girls Brigade. We thank our Churches, Parents and friends for their endless support towards our successfull may God Bless us all. Proverbs Chapter 3: 5-6 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”* Te Atua te Aroa kia tatou katoatoa,



*Report/Photos by Naomi Karorangi Manavaikai
Officer, Avarua Girls' Brigade Company*

15. CICC YOUTH CONVENTION, APRIL 2016, MITIARO

The CICC Youth Convention has definitely have gone from strength to strength and have grown over the few years under my watch. This was only possible through the grace and the unflinching love and dedication of the Youth Leaders and the Ekalesia. The theme for this year's Convention "Empower Youth to grow in Christ in this 21st Century" was founded on 2 Peter 3: 18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – Kia tupu ra te aroa ua ia kotou ete kite i to tatou Atua ra, ite ora ia Iesu Mesia".

In 2012, 120 members attended the Youth Convention hosted in Avarua, and in 2014, 164 attended the Convention in Atiu, and this year 2016, 318 attended the Convention in Mitiaro. Not only that we have grown in numbers, we have also grown in terms of representation, with the new members from Tongareva, Mangere and East Tamaki. While Rarotonga continues to be the biggest contingent, Aitutaki, Atiu and Melbourne also continues to follow through followed by Mauke, Mangaia and Dulwich Hill from Sydney and Rotorua. It is also the first time after a period of just over 5 years that our CICC Youth have been reconnected with the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) Youth Worker, and also the first to have international lecturers.

This year's convention has been challenged by the cost of travel to Mitiaro and while most travelled by plane but a few travelled by boat. Apart from the planned program, other special activities and events also took place, and the first to be held, and it includes:

- Celebrated the 60th birthday of the CICC President during the welcome ceremony
- Prayer Walk in the early hours of the morning
- Prayer groups
- Session for the Sunday School children and teachers
- Sharing of experiences of the Convention
- Contemporary worship



- Uapou and Stringband
- Arts and Singing competition for a PCC trip to Vanuatu and PNG
- Bibles presented to all from the Bicentennial Unit

Some vacant positions were filled including new positions were created, and it includes:

- National Secretary – Danny Areai
- National Assistance Treasurer – Tuakana Ngametua
- NZ Representative – Tuaine Manavaroa Jnr
- Australia Representative – Ngametua Arakua
- Media Officer – Ngara Katuke
- Deputy Director for Australia – Teava Nanai (Melbourne)
- Deputy Director for New Zealand – Norman Metuataopu (Rotorua)

The following were also confirmed:

- Holy Land Tour – August 2017
- Youth Convention 2018 – Mauke
- Youth Evangelism Training 2017
- Youth Pastor Program – 2017

What is also of critical important to the Convention is that 30 young people received Christ in their lives, and the Convention raised through the activities and kind donations, gave free heartedly a total of \$16,308.00 to the host, the people of Mitiaro. I must make mention the Orometua Rev. Yakilia Vailoa, Secretary Julian Aupini, the Uipaanga Diakono, the Ekalesia and the Youth Chairman Tokai Ngaiorae and your tireless and hard working committee, may God bless you all. The Catholic church and the AOG church and not forgetting the Aronga Mana, the Ui Ariki of Nukuroa, the Mayor and your Council members, and the people of Nukuroa, may I say, Meitaki Ranuinui ite Aroa Au Ngangaere ote Atua.

I also would like to make special mention of all the Lectures, the President, Rev Vaka Ngaro, Rev Tere Marsters, Senior Constable Matapo Makara, Mrs Taputu Mariri, Titi Toroa Porio, Manasa Vatanitawake (PCC), and Dr Rev. Robert Siakimotu. On behalf of the Convention, thank you very much and God continue to bless you all. I also must not forget to sincerely thank Papa Pae and Aunty Kafo Tuteru for hosting Robert and Manasa during their transition time in Rarotonga, and all the families in Mitiaro that opened up their homes to host the youth with open hearts and with the Mitiaro love. May God richly bless your households.

Finally, as we close this chapter on the 2016 Youth Convention, we will now embark on a new chapter for the 2018 Youth Convention in Mauke. I must acknowledge Trainee Manu of Atiu Youth for the winning design and theme “Empower Youth to Stand Firm in Christ in this 21st Century”. In closing, I invite those Youth leaders and members who have not yet attended our Convention, the next one will be in Mauke, so your youth colleagues look forward to your attendance. To all the Ekalesia churches that have continued to support your youth leaders and members over the years, thank you and God bless. To all my Executive Members who continues to serve this prestigious organisation with love, may God continue to empower you all. Kia Manuia.



Bob Williams, Youth Director

INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ON THE CONVENTION

YOUTH COUNCIL OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE

To GOD be the glory for an awesome and enjoyable youth convention. Congratulations to our Youth Director, Mr Bob Williams and your Executive members, for all the hard work that they have done. To all Leaders and of course the young people that made the trip to Nukuroa may GOD Almighty continue to bless each youth in the Cook Islands, Australia and New Zealand.

It has been an honor and pleasure for us in Melbourne to have met and shared this experience with you all. To all the Ministers, teachers and organizers. Thank you very much for the messages and all the encouragement that you have given to our young people and us the leaders. This experience will only empower our young people here in Melbourne to grow in Christ as those who attended shares their experiences. In saying that we as Leaders must continue to nurture and lead our young people on a righteous and Christian path. As Chairman of the Youth Council of Victoria, I would personally like to say, on behalf of all the Leaders and the young people that made the trip to extend our sincere Thank you and appreciation to our host island Mitiaro for being an awesome hosts.

As hosts a new benchmark has been set for others to equal if not to be better and as we look to 2018 we can only imagine and wonder what our GOD has in plan for us and the miracles that awaits us in Mauke. As we say here in Australia. *“Melbourne on the move. You know! “* We will see you all in Akatokamanava 2018. 2 Timothy 1:7 For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control. To GOD be the Glory.

Mr. Teava Nanai, Chairman, Youth Council of Victoria

The Promised Land

It has been two years preparation for the Youth Council of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia since the last Youth Convention held on Atiu 2014. At the AGM when the hosts for the next Youth Convention would be elected there were three names put forward as proposals for the next host. They were 1) Melbourne; 2) Aitutaki; 3) Mitiaro. Mitiaro were unanimous winners triumphant and victorious over the other two contenders. With humour I as the Chairman for Victoria back then was amazed at how much of our own youth from Melbourne wanted to go to Mitiaro. Main reason behind this was that they wanted to see Mitiaro because they had never been there before hence the slogan being truthful to its statement *“Nukuroa Enea The Promised Land.”* On our journey to *“The Promised Land”* 2016 we were met with a lot of temptations financially, mentally, physically and spiritually. However the FAITH and TRUST in God was so ever prominent within us to see this vision come to pass. This time around the helm of the Victoria Youth was in the hands of my fellow comrade brother in Christ Teava Nanai where we doubled the numbers in comparison to 2014 and also double the task in containing a large number of youth travelling to Mitiaro and back to Melbourne.

Due to the experience in 2014 we were a lot more prepared in finances for our gifts through envelopes however the struggle was paying our fares over. Each youth group was given the task to fundraise and pay their own airfares over and was successful in doing so from Hampton Park (7 members), Dandenong (18), Noble Park (3), Clayton (13) and Mulgrave (1). All glory must be given back to God for enabling us to conquer that part and seeing us travel on this journey to the Promised Land.

On our arrival Sun 10th April to Rarotonga the Twin Peacocks of Nikao Mrs Ngametua Arakua and Mrs Haumata Hosking alongside greeted us with the Director Bob Williams and the Southern Rep Mrs Helen Williams. Also the Chariman of Nikao Youth Tuaine Manavaroa and the Chairman of the Rarotonga Youth Council Mr William was also there. Nikao Ekalesia was our host during our stay in Rarotonga. We were also blessed to witness a historical event that was held in the Auditorium for the Combine Service of the Religious Advisory Council hosted by the CICC Rarotonga Youth Council. It was an awakening and overflow of a revival within our mother church evident through our numbers in attendance that filled that stage all the way to the floor. It was a site to see and one us that witnessed it will remember. First time the whole Auditorium was full for a church event. All youth groups arrived different days with Noble Park first but stayed with family then Hampton Park, Clayton, Dandenong and Mulgrave together. We were hosted by the Rarotonga Youth Council for dinner on Wed 13th April and was a fun enjoyable night where Sydney, Mangere and Mangaia were also present.

Thursday 14th we commenced departing for the Promised Land where Hampton Park except for Hinatea Makara and baby Travel Jnr that went on the boat, along with one from Noble Park Pei Monga and one from Clayton Spoko Dean we would all travel by boat which was a experience, it took us over night to get to Mitiaro. We departed Rarotonga 5pm and arrived to the Promised Land the next day Friday at 1pm. Nikao Youth, Tutakimoa and some of Avarua Youth joined us on the boat. The rest of the group went by plane on the same day

Mitiaro The Promised Land definitely lived up to its slogan or its name as every flight that arrived were welcomed and greeted by the Minister of the Church and fed at the Sunday School Hall. On our arrival for the boat the Secretary of the Church Mr Julien welcomed us from the wharf to the Sunday school hall and had a big lunch. All youth were allocated to the School, which was Melbourne, all of Rarotonga. The Catholic hall was Aitutaki. Salema Meeting house were Mangaia and Mauke, and the Meeting House in Atai was Atiu. The population of Mitiaro is only 100 or around there and they were hosting a record number of 300+. Only The Promised Land could do something like this. Again Mitiaro is not horticulture or rich soil land but more rocks and coral however the Taro, Arrowroots and other vegetable plantation grows like it has rich soil. It reminds me of Israel exactly the same according to my findings and stories by family friends that have been there.

The whole week we spent on Mitiaro was definitely spirit led and encounters that was of the spirit for example the opening night with the praise and worship which was lead by us Victoria with the brother Tuaine Unuia whom I asked to be on the acoustic guitar. I was blown away by the connection that was made that night through the spirit with the whole of the convention. It was amazing and is a testimony that our young people are hungry for the Lord. The worship team was composed of Polohu Abela, Ngatupuna Putaura, John Tamatoa as Vocalists; Pei Monga on the Keys; Tuaine Unuia on the acoustic and myself as the Worship Leader. Amazing gifts God had gifted to these young people serving in this ministry. There is one thing God has shown me in this encounter and the experience here and also at Planet Shakers in Melbourne is that Music influences and connects with all peoples of walk in life. This has been a revelation for me since Planet Shakers and was reaffirmed to me here on Mitiaro The Promised Land.

The actual topics and speakers of the convention were well identified where I believe the most popular topic was definitely the Church structure and positions, roles in the church. The most debatable topic would have to be Same Sex marriage, where it needed more solid responses from the tutors. However was eloquently put by main speaker Evangelist Dr. Robert Siakimotu that we needed to be sensitive when preaching about this. God is love and love us a sinner but He is also Just and hates Sin unfortunately same sex marriage is a sin according to our Bible. The youth policies are definitely there to guide our organization but still needs to be relooked at in some areas such as the speakers for convention just to name one. The policies are put there to help us and happy that our Director Bob Williams has set it up legally and documented everything making things a lot easier for the future leaders and generations.

The Mitiaro people and the whole island definitely hosted the convention well above their numbers and I quote the secretary of the church and Island council Mr Julien Aupuni "Your numbers triple our population here on Mitiaro if this was a war you would have invaded and taken over our small island." Feeding the convention every day since the first group arrived on the island from breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner up until the last group left the island. The only downfall from my opinion was that their youth was not able to participate in the convention due to helping the parents in preparing the umus and cooking. However in saying that the Mitiaro people took the host to another level. The beauty of the island from its caves to the largest and only in lake on an island in the Cook Islands is a feature of the islands that those first timers will remember for a lifetime.

After the convention us from Hampton Park were able to travel to Aitutaki and to be totally honest God gave us the theme of the youth convention to apply in Aitutaki. Theme was "To Empower Youth in the 21st Century to Grow in Christ." As we were given the opportunity to serve in the Arutanga Ekalesia for the early morning services in doing the sermon and the main service looking after the front table and the uapou in the afternoon. It was an opportunity applying the growth factor in Christ in this century. Famillies and groups hosting us for feeds and sharing about the convention was able to inspire into our lives and also the churches lives to seek and grow in Christ

The acquaintances I encountered before, during and after the convention definitely allowed me to see the bigger plan that God wanted for me. Led me to accept the fact that I needed to take my service and faith in Christ to the next level. Accepting the calling to go to Takamoia to study the word of God and to become a minister of the word is a step that I never thought I would take and adamant with the calling of being an evangelist was sufficing. However in the unfolding of all these events made me understand that God wants to use me in a much bigger plan that I ever thought would be. It took this experience to overcome my two main fears of going to Takamoia that is not being able to have enough 1) Patience and 2) Humility. Realising to trust God in His calling and to rely totally in Him for providing everything.

To conclude my article or piece is simply to say what fruits have come out of this convention and from the Promised Land? The leading of the spirit in unraveling my servant hood and faith, is strengthening my faith and walk in Christ. To realise that this may be achieved from a journey in attending our youth convention is a success in itself. Congratulations to Mauke as the next host for the convention in 2018. Those that have been thinking of going make sure you stop thinking about it and DO IT! It could be the experience of a lifetime or a life changing experience. *Phillipians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."*



Travel Makara, Assistant Chairman, Youth Council of Victoria

ROTORUA CICC YOUTH

"Tangi ke, Tangi ke, kua matau ua oki tatou." Attending this National CICC Youth Convention in Mitiaro is my second time since the last one held in Atiu 2013. This year we had a delegation of 4 Youth members from our Rotorua CICC Youth New Zealand:-

1. Chairlady- Mrs Ruta Mare Metuataopu
2. Assistant Secretary-Mr Norman Metuataopu
3. Treasurer-Mrs Mihikore Daniels
4. Youth Member-Mr Daniel Kidwell

Kia Orana and Greeting's in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We arrived in Rarotonga on the 12th April at 3am Tuesday morning. Mr William Pera, Mrs Oakirangi Mare Manavaroa, Mrs Ngatuaine Mare Teao welcomed us all at the Airport and we were taken to our accommodation in Arorangi at the Kia Orana Bungalow down the beach side. It was a perfect place waking up to the sound of the crashing waves it was awesome and peaceful. We enjoyed every second, minutes and hours of the days on the island of Rarotonga.

13th April 5pm we were all invited to the village of Nikao CICC Ekalesia where they hosted all youth members who arrived for the convention we had a massive feed, you name it, all the island food it was all on the table. Our Speaker during our Trip was our assistant secretary Mr Norman Metuataopu. We were all proud of him in being confident to speak on our behalf and connected to the people so well, he gave the people something to talk about in putting our Trust in Our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ. (Rotorua CICC Youth)

Mitiaro Island

14th April 2pm we flew to Mitiaro, only 12seats in the plane. (it was scary for me). Arriving at 2.45pm we were welcomed with Ei Ara at the airport. Mr Makara welcomed and said our arrival prayer. After took us to their meeting house called Salema. We did our greetings, had a feed and went to the School where we were accommodated.



We slept at the school overnight and the next day we were offered to stay with Norman's Uncle Alma Pukeiti. Not everyone can fit at the school and if you have families in Mitiaro, you are mostly welcome to stay with them and that wasn't a problem for us we were happy when we shifted. Our beds were up high we had our own clean shower & toilet our own TV and Kitchen, had our own bike we were pleased and thankful.

Everything didn't start till Sunday so we made the most of it – Thursday, Friday and Saturday went around the island so many times we never got sick of it went to the 2 caves Vai Marere & Vai Nauri also went to see Te vai Roto was beautiful but I found it was scary and smelly. The shower in Mitiaro is mixed water & sea water and that was sticky most people went down to the caves for a shower. The population in Mitiaro 116 including children.

Catering

The biggest part for the Mitiaro people is to ensure we are well feed. Yes, their Catering services was awesome they feed us four times a day. We receive 5 cooked pork or more every evening meals and over 400 participants are provided with meals every day is a huge task for them, but the Mitiaro CICC Youth and the Church Leaders are well prepared ahead with their menu for us.

Competition

One of the program during our Convention to hold a String Band Competition and we came 2nd. Talent quest Competition we came 1st our prize for 1st placing in the singing competition was 1 Youth Member will go to Papua Youth Conference and I am excited that I will be attending the Papua Conference Later on this year at the expenses of (PCC Youth) Pacific Conference of Churches.

New Positions

Tuaine Manavaroa is the New Zealand's representative In Rarotonga as agreed by all the Youth Leaders. Norman Metuataopu is the Deputy Director in New Zealand chosen by the Youth Director Bob Williams and agreed by all the Youth Leaders.

We would like to say “ *Meitaki Ngao* “ to our families, friends, church Leaders and Youth members here in New Zealand for your great support, not forgetting our families & friends in Rarotonga and Mangaia for their continuous support during our trip. Lastly not least to our families, Church Leaders and our people of Nukuroa, Youth members & Leaders for providing us all accommodation, meals, transportations and overall your loving care each day. We thanked our Lord for his blessings and guidance each day.

I would like to say, Thank you to my husband for supporting and helping me to be part of the singing competition. To our Youth Director and other Youth Leaders for the wonderful opportunities that I gained. I salute you all and I raise my hat for the people of Mitiaro for a job well done. Our prayers for you all. Hopefully to attend my 3rd Youth Convention in Mauke in 2018 and bring more Youth members from Rotorua to join the next Youth Convention. God bless you all.



by Ruta Mare Metuataopu

Supported and photos supplied by the Youth Dept Media Officer (Ngara Katuke)

ARORANGI CICC YOUTH

“Wash your Face. Brush your teeth.” *These were some of the popular phrases that was used in one of our session by our Lecturer.* The Arorangi Christian Youth took the challenge to participate in the Youth Convention in Mitiaro this year 2016. Here are the names of our members who travelled and represented various groups from our Ekalesia i.e Girl Guides, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Sunday school and their villages too.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keu Mataroa - Advisor 2. Teariki Unuka - Chairman 3. Teivitu Katuke 4. KJ Mataroa 5. Itiao Unuka 6. Joseph Aniterea 7. Anthony Enoka 8. Nelson Ngaioarae <p><i>Total Youth = 25 members 8 men & 17 women</i></p> <p><i>5 Girls Brigade 7 Boys Brigade 13 Girl Guides</i></p> <p><i>4 Ruaau Youth 5 Muri Enuu Youth 6 Betela Youth 10 Rutaki Youth</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tangi Mataroa – Assistant Secretary 2. Ngara Katuke 3. Rose Tamarangi 4. Tepua Vaine 5. Mama Maura Katuke 6. Tehina Pennycook 7. Moetautua Mataroa 8. Roimata Anthony 9. Teau Paretea Maurangi 10. Takau Samuel 11. Tepeta Nganu 12. Jemimah Rose Taokia 13. Raera Apera 14. Rangina Akava 15. Jevhan Ngaioarae 16. Matatapu Ngaioarae 17. Samantha Tamaiva
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To all those who have supported us during our fund raising programs and other preparation for this trip, we say “Meitaki Maata “for your contribution and support. Especially to our youth members parents and families for your continuous support and allowing them to participate in this special event.



We would like also to send our appreciation and acknowledgement to all the people on Mitiaro for being our parents during the Youth Convention, providing us beddings, transportation, food, Welcoming and fare welling us all at the airport upon arrival and departure. Meitaki Ranuini to Papa Orometua Yakilia Vailoa and the Church Secretary, Mr Julian Aupini for a job well done. Te Atua te aroa. Kia Orana e Kia Manuia.

Write-up and pictures by Ngara Katuke

GIRLS BRIGADE

“Seek, Serve and Follow Chris. “E Kimi, E Tavini, E aru ia Iesu Mesia.” Kua riro teia ei kaveinga no te putuputu-anga tamaine Girls Brigade o te Kuki Airani. Maata uatu ei te mataora o teia angaanga maata i Nukuroa, taku i tomo atu ki roto. ko te au takaianga ta matou i tomo, ei turanga akamatutu i to matou akarongo i roto i te Atua, e pera katoa i e kiteanga i te mekameka o te enua ko Nukuroa. Kare e aiteia te manea.

Kua raverave matou i tetai au tuanga ei turanga apii na te anau tamaine Girls Brigade. Kia tae matou kite ra o te Ripoti a te au Konitara katoatoa. Kua riro e na to matou tauturu National Commissioner, Mrs Helen Williams o teia putuputu anga i ripoti i teia tuanga, ei akakitekite I te au angaanga e rave nei matou i Rarotonga e te Pa Enuua katoa. Kua piri mai te au tamaine e pera te au Opita mei roto mai ite au Pa Enuua e pera te au putuputuanga Girls Brigade tei mata ia ki roto i teia Youth Convention i roto i to ratou uniform ite turuturu i ta matou ripoti.

Te mea mataora ete pumaana i konei, kua rekareka te au metua ite kite anga ite au akairo te tupu nei i roto i teia putuputu anga. Kua rauka i tetai tamaine mapu koia a Naomi Manavaikai tetai tapao ngateitei koia te Queens award i roto i teia putuputuanga. I teia ra katoa teia te au numero tamaine tei tae atu ki teia Youth Convention e tauta nei teia au takainga.

<u>Queens Award</u>	<u>The Duke Of Edinburgh Award</u>
Avarua Company - 4	Avarua Company - 7
Arorangi Company - 2	Arorangi Company - 4
Matavera Company - 2	Matavera Company - 2
Nikao Company - 1	Nikao Company- 2
	Atiu Company - 6

Kua riro teia ei mataora anga ite au mata tei topiri ia mai i roto i teia Youth Convention tei raveia. Akameitaki anga ite enua tangata Nukuroa, no tei akonokono ito matou oraanga mei te ra mua i tae matou ki runga ite tua o te enua e tae ua atu te tuatau i akaruke ei matou ite enua. Na te Atua e akameitaki mai ia kotou e to matou au metua i roto ite roa anga o teia Mataiti. Meitaki Ngao ki te au tamaine katoatoa e te au Arataki tei teretere atu ki Nukuroa ki roto I teia Youth Convention.



*Tataia e te Opita Girls Brigade o Avarua Company, Ms Ruta Areai
Tutu neneia e te Media Officer - Ngara Katuke*

GIRL GUIDES

Kia Orana all. My name is Mama Maura Katuke from the Arorangi Girl Guides Company. I would like to share my experience during my recent trip to Mitiaro for the Youth Convention. I participated in the ANZAC Day parade on the island and I was requested by my leader to be part of the colour party to carry the New Zealand Flag. I was proud that I took the challenge to do that. It was a special day for me and for everyone on the island. This is the first time I have visited an outer island and join in a special event like this. I enjoyed my trip to Mitiaro and made friends from the other youth groups and learnt a lot of things. While participating in this Youth Convention, we had the opportunity to visit historical places on the island.

Greetings, my name is Tepeta Nganu. I have so many things to share with the readers for our news articles, however I was ask to write about our daily meals. Mitiaro people worked hard every day for our meals. We never go hungry. Food! Our second main source is to survive. Over 400 mouth to feed is a lot of work, but for the Mitiaro people did not complain. We have 4-5 meals a day - breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and Dinner. I couldn't believe with my own eyes with 6-10 pork on the table each day. Local dishes, like the Kuru papa, taro, maniota, poke, rukau, ika mata and so much to choose from. We have plenty to eat at all the time. Thank you to our Mama's and Papa's on Mitiaro for your love and care to each youth member. God bless you all!

Kia Orana, my name is Jeminah Rose Taokia. Our arrival to Mitiaro or Mighty Arrow was so cool, we were met at the Airport by Papa Orometua and the Secretary. The Mama's welcome us with their beautiful Ei ara with lots of love. We were all taken to the Sunday school hall for a short welcoming and join with the others at the venue for a beautiful lunch. We made our way to our accommodation at the Mitiaro Primary School, it was a long walk, but we managed to get there. The day was very hot and enjoyable for us to see a new place and meet new people. Mitiaro is the best island I have ever been too. At Dinner time is where I meet new faces and I enjoy doing that, we took a lot of selfies. Meitaki maata to all families on the island for taking care of us.

Welcome! Turou and Oro Mai. My name is Samantha Tamaiva. I was one of the lucky girls who was able to go to Mitiaro and I really enjoyed the opportunity. I would like to say "THANK YOU MAATA "

- ✓ To our Lord for keeping me safe and blessing me each day.
- ✓ To my parents for allowing me to participate in this Youth Convention.
- ✓ To my Girl Guide leaders for the preparation towards the whole trip from fund raising, uniforms, travel itineraries and so forth. For giving me the ANZAC Day ODE to read and I was so happy to accept this challenge.
- ✓ To my friends and families for their support and contribution.
- ✓ To my Arorangi CICC Ekalesia for your support.
- ✓ To my Youth Leaders for giving me the opportunity to be the youth representative to make the Thanking Speech on behalf of the whole Youth Convention. I was proud that I was picked and especially from Arorangi Youth.
- ✓ Lastly to our church leaders and the whole island of Mitiaro for welcoming us warmly with open arms and providing us bed to sleep, food to eat, places to visit and so many more each day. Meitaki maata for everything.

I enjoyed all the programs, especially the singing and praising our God each morning and the Youth Rally.

- To our Group Leaders, Aunty Ngara, Aunty Pepe, Aunty Wake and Uncle Teivitu – Meitaki maata for being our parents on our trip. We love you all and hopefully to participate in the next Youth Convention in Mauke 2018.
- To our Arorangi Youth Leaders – Uncle Keu and Uncle Nat, thank you for your words of encouragement and looking after us.
- To our Arorangi youth members – sister Girls Brigade and Brother Boys Brigade, we have become as "One Big Happy Family ". Your support and caring each other is mostly important to each one.
- To our sister Girl Guide from Avarua. Here and Aunty Wake, thank you for being part of the team and knowing you both was awesome.



On behalf of all the young women and leaders who travelled to Mitiaro under the umbrella of the Girl Guides Association Cook Islands. May I take this opportunity to say “a big Thank you “to our National Council members for your financial support and we all hope that we have done proud for our organization. Our guide motto says “Be prepared “.



*Write-up by Samantha Tamaiva, Arorangi Girl Guides
Photos provided by Ngara Katuke*

NIKAO CHRISTIAN YOUTH

The third rejuvenated biennial Youth Convention that was held in Mitiaro attracted more than 300 participants. This attendance is more than double from the number of delegates which participated at the 2014 Youth Convention held in Atiu, and triple the number that participated in the first revived Youth Convention held in 2012 which was hosted by Rarotonga. The convention was held under the auspices of the Nukuroa CICC Youth, Nukuroa Enea, CICC Youth Department, and the CICC. The objective of the Convention was to strengthen and empower youths’ spiritual growth.

i. Lectures

Seminars were conducted and held by keynote speakers from different backgrounds and of good standing within the Church community and the community itself as a whole. Lecturers were CICC President Rev. Tuaine Ngametua, Rev. Vaka Ngaro, Rev. Tere Marsters, Rev. Robert Siakimotu, PCC Youth Coordinator Mr Manasa Vatanitawake, Youth Director Mr Bob Williams, Cook Islands Police Representative Senior Constable Matapo Makara with the assistance of NZ Army Rep Tatahi Williams, and Evangelist Kiki Porio.

Lessons covered an extensive scope of themes both spiritually and the physical wellbeing of each individual. Theses discussed were based on Christian Leadership, Our Devine Calling, Same Sex Marriage, Born Again, Four/Five Fold Ministries, Empowerment of Youth to Grow in Christ, Youth Growth in the Church, Youth and Crime, Youth Evangelism, and discussing issues impacting the spiritual growth of the Youth of today and how this can be countered.

Lectures were also not limited to the presenters themselves, as there were times allocated at the end of each seminar for Q&A (question and answer time). This enabled youth to pose questions in seeking an in depth understanding of each topic discussed as well as sharing personal experience. The lectures were found to be very productive with the anticipation that each delegate will grow from this experience and employ these teachings to benefit the progression of the Youth within our communities, as one Lecturer emphasised, “*Born Once, Die Twice; Born Twice, Die Once*”.

Another positive factor of the 2016 Youth Convention was the fact that during the course of the seminars, the Sunday School were also having their own “mini” Youth Convention with their own lecturer (Re. Robert Siakimotu). In addition, they also had their own church service during the 10am services on both the first and second Sunday, which they held at the CICC Sunday School Hall. This was made possible by the island people for the children as the church was full. This then did not leave out the young ones.

ii. Accommodation

Upon arrival, the Nikao Convention Team was accommodated at the Nukuroa School sharing a classroom with the Titikaveka Convention Team. Fortunately, on the same night, the dwelling of Mr and Mrs Fred Tereva was offered to the Nikao Convention Team. This then became the accommodation for the NCT for the duration of the 2016 Youth Convention.

The NCT were fortunate enough to be one of the few groups that had their own accommodation. The accommodation was fully furnished including refrigerators, freezer, oven, washing machine amongst other household items. Water was also not an issue as water was delivered to each accommodation by the hosts upon request. Although our accommodation was located quite some distance from the venue of the Convention, transportation was provided continually.

iii. Host

Words cannot express how outstanding the island of Nukuroa has accomplished in hosting the 2016 Youth Convention. To merely say that the host was excellent is an understatement. The island people of Nukuroa certainly displayed the true value of caring and hospitality in hosting us and ensuring that we were well looked after.

Island Council representative Makara Murare had the responsibility of inspecting every accommodation on a daily basis. Any shortages, requirements or needs of each youth group were related to Mr Murare who then ensures these were acted upon. Supplies for accommodation purposes were plentiful.

Other individuals were also assigned special responsibilities in ensuring the smooth operation of the Convention. Drivers were allocated for the continuous transportations of Youth Groups which they operated as early as 4am in the morning and not ending until late night and at times midnight.

The most notable factor by the host was the meal catered by the island people. The Convention team of 340+ were fed by a mere population of only 116 people. The 2016 Youth Convention was treated to four meals a day; breakfast (7am), morning tea (10:30am), lunch (2pm), and dinner (6pm). The island people worked endlessly to cater for this event although they never displayed exhaustion and fatigue they were enduring.

The hosts even made the catering area their place of abode for the duration of the Convention; the men sleeping around the umu area, while the women nestled under a makeshift kitchen. The umu was literally lit from the beginning of the Convention up until all delegates departed. Sleepless nights were braved by the host to guarantee the smooth undertaking of the 2016 Youth Convention. The island people sacrificed in prioritising the Convention before their families.

The saddest aspect during meal times was the fact that delegates from abroad were wasting food and not considering the sleepless nights and efforts the hosts encountered in providing four meals a day. Individuals were over scooping what they could consume, resulting in them disposing of uneaten food items on their plates. The heart-rending factor is that elderly women who had prepared these luxurious meals were going through food scraps to recover unspoilt food disposed by inconsiderate delegates. Words cannot express how distressing it was to see this selfish behaviour by the delegates towards the hosts.





Acknowledgement

Firstly, as initially stated, I give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for shepherding myself and my small team of delegates from our Nikao Ekalesia during our attendance to the 2016 Youth Convention. "With Him, by Him, and through Him, all things are possible."

On behalf of the Nikao Convention Team, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and acknowledgement to our Papa and Mama Orometua Rasmussen, our Ekalesia Secretary Papa Charlie Tamangaro, the Nikao Ekalesia, the whole congregation and all those who supported us from day one until our return from the Convention. We are truly grateful towards your assistance and for being a driving element behind our Convention team.

We would also like to express our earnest appreciation to all the organisations within our Ekalesia who assisted us spiritually, physically and monetarily. You all were truly a compelling force in supporting us in any way possible. Special appreciation to Papa Pae and Mama Kafo Tuteru for sponsoring us from the moment we departed until the moment we arrived back; please accept our utmost appreciation for your kindness.

On that note, we cannot forget our families in Christ on the island of Nukuroa who have done an outstanding task in hosting us. From our accommodation providers Mr Nooroa Pouao and your children Mr and Mrs Fred Tereva, to those that provided us with transportation, those that prepared our meals, and to each and every individual on the island of Nukuroa; may our good Lord bless and refill your chalices in masses triple than what you have offered us during our stay on your beautiful island.

Exclusive words of appreciation also go out to all the mentors and tutors for the teachings and powerful words of encouragement; and last but not least to our family, parents, siblings, children and friends, we thank you all for your support. Once again, to each and every individual who have made our 2016 Youth Convention trip a prosperous and a memorable one, we all would like to say thank you very much.

In saying this, I the undersign am greatly humbled to each individual in our small Convention team and would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere appreciation to them. It has been a dutiful experience for me to lead a team of well-disciplined individuals. I did not endure any hardships in controlling and leading us throughout the duration of the Convention as they gave me respect and abided by every instruction given to them.

I was also humbled to see our Nikao Convention Team lead by examples in displaying true politeness, sincere manners, and genuine conducts. During meal times, they would patiently wait and let everyone else be the first on the table before themselves. They did not moan nor complain what was offered during meal times and understood the hardships that the hosts were enduring. They also ensured that what they had on their plates was what they could finish which did not go to waste.

In addition, as mentioned previously, our team of young individuals were very compliant. They submitted to every instruction given including abiding with curfews and housekeeping matters. Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge our Youth deacon Matapo Makara for being our go to person in Mitiaro, a father figure and rock for us all during the Convention.

Finally, I would like to thank the New Zealand Youth Council for electing me as their representative thus allowing me to be an executive member of the National Youth Council.

Conclusion & Recommendation

In conclusion, the 2016 Youth Convention has been a very successful and beneficial event. It was a truly and valuable occasion which has positive factors in empowering the spiritual growth of the youth of today; it is however up to each individual youth to employ the experience and teachings they have gained from this Convention. In addition, I as Chairman did not follow through with our bid to host the 2018 Youth Convention as there was no indication from our Ekalesia to support the bid, thus the rights to the 2018 Youth Convention went to island of Mauke. Therefore, I strongly recommend the attendance of our Youth in our Nikao Ekalesia to attend this event or other seminars such as this should the opportunity arise in the future.

Write-up by Tuaine J. Manavaroa (NCY Chairman 2016); photos provided by Tuaine and Ngara Katuke

16. AKATAINUANGA OPITA GIRLS BRIGADE I AVARUA

Tangike rava i te aroa maanaana o to tatou Atu ko Iesu Mesia. Ei aka aravei ia tatou tekaranga nei a Paulo, *E taku au taeake akaperepere maataia ra, taku rekarekaanga e taku korona, ei turanga turori-kore to kotou i te Atu, e aku au akaperepere e.* Mei roto atu te putuputuanga Girls Brigade o Avarua nei, kua akatainuia atu tetai tamaine maroiroi i roto i teia putuputuanga koia a Naomi Manavaikai ei opita Girls Brigade i te Tapati ra 8 o Me 2016. Kua piri katoa mai te Commissioner koia a Mrs Kopu Vogel i te akararangi anga iaia. Kua rauka oki teia turanga iaia no tona tu maroiroi e te tavini ma te inangaro i tana putuputuanga Girls Brigade.

Kua riro katoa a Naomi i te mata atu i teia putuputuanga i tetai au enua mamao i te au tautau i topa. I teia mataiti katoa i topa kua rauka iaia tetai tapao ngateitei mei te Queen's Award e pera te Brigader Abrooch. E au takainga teia tei tauta aia i roto i tona turanga Girls Brigade tei riro ei akaraanga na te au tamaine ka aru mai. Kua tupu mai aia i roto i teia putuputuanga mei tona tamariki mai anga e tae mai i teia ra e kua tau rai teia turanga tei rauka iaia. E tamaine maroiroi katoa oki aia i roto i te Ekalesia Avarua e pera tona au turanga i roto i te au putuputuanga katoatoa. Kua riro teia ei ngakauparau anga nona e pera katoa tana Ekalesia e te kopu tangata katoatoa.



Tataia e Nga Manavaikai, nana katoa te nga tutu i oake mai no teia atikara.

17. CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF BLESSINGS

Happy 80th Birthday, Mama Nahea Tamarangi. "My Prayers, my Prayers," *This is what she always says....as part of her daily vocabulary to her children and grandchildren.... Pure, Pure ki te Atua, kia akaroa ia toou oraanga!* "Tau Mai, Tau Mai, Tau Mai na runga i te mata o te pora" these were the chant her son Ben chanted as her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, in laws and friends provide a Guard of Honour as she was lead in by her children.

On Friday afternoon, 29th April 2016 we celebrated our Mama's birthday. We have families from Australia and New Zealand who specially flew in for this special occasion. Mama Nahea Tamarangi nee TUNUPOPO was born and raised on the island of Rakahanga. She came to Rarotonga in her teenage days and met a handsome prince from Arorangi, Rarotonga from the Ngati Napa line in the Tinomana Ariki and his name is the Late Mr Teokotai Beniamina Tamarangi. They married and had 12 biological children and had feed many other children in the Village of Rutaki.



She is a singer and loves attending church. She comes from a very strong line of singers and musicians. She is a member of the Arorangi CICC, an active women in many areas in the village of Rutaki, such as the Vainetini, Apii Sabati, Mapu and Girl Guides. She contribute and support many events and programs in the

Vaka Puaikura and a dedicate women to any Ngati Napa’s activities. She encourages her sons and daughters and their children to follow the footsteps of their Grandfather and serve our Lord, whom she always pray to keep her safe and provide her long life. Today she had about 52 grandchildren and over 55 great grandchildren.

Her children invited over 300 people to join this celebration and the evening program was MC by Mr Daneil Apii. Among the invitees are QR Papa Tom and Mama Tuaine Marsters, Tinomana Tokerau Ariki, Rev Tinirau Soatini and wife, Assistant Pastor, Mr John Andrew, Kaena Mataiapo, Tiotekai Mataiapo, Kaimarama Mataiapo, Auntie Mau Munokoa and various high dignitary people was there to celebrate this special day for Mama Nahea.

A number of speakers spoke fondly about her and her work in the past years, even some of her own children spoke shared their story about their mother. Her sister and a brother flew from New Zealand for this celebration as well their children too. The birthday celebration includes a show from her granddaughters from Australia, New Zealand and Rarotonga. Her children gifted a special carving that symbolises her children in her life.



Mama Nahea celebrates her 80 years that the Lord has blessed her with, surrounded by some of her many descendants.



Her 80th birthday celebration ended on Sunday with 4 of her great grandchildren from Australia and New Zealand was baptized in the Arorangi CICC Church. One of the children commented, that they love their mother very much and would always treasure special times and thanked God for keeping her alive and for their children to see her every year. They always look forward to come back home - Rarotonga every year and celebrate her birthday and attend other family events i.e reunions, unveiling, birthdays and so forth.

We say “ Meitaki Korereka “ to all our families and friends for your support in this special event for our Mum. To the Rutaki Tapere and the Vaka tangata of Puaikura for their support too, throughtout the life of our Mum, especially the church she loves the most. The Arorangi CICC Ekalesia for your caring love and importantly to our Almighty God for his blessing upon her life and all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ka mou, Ka mou te serenga!

Write-up by Ngara Katuke (family member/grand niece). Pictures also by Ngara Katuke.

18. COMMISSIONING OF NEW DEACON AT ARORANGI

T herefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Roman 15: 7. Sunday 1st May 2016, at 10am Church Service in the Arorangi CICC was a special Sunday for Mr Nooroa & Mrs Tangi Samuel, who was ordained as a new Deacon for the Village of Muri Enuā. Nooroa was born and raised in the district of Arorangi. He attended Rutaki Primary School and Tereora College. He is a member for the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia, was a Sunday school member, Boys’ Brigade and a Christian Youth member for the Muri Enuā village. He holds a traditional title in the Puaikura Vaka called Manava Mataiapo. After his college days, he moved to New Zealand and Australia in search of the green pastures, returning in early 2004.



New Deacon for Muri Enuā in the Ekalesia Arorangi, Nooroa Samuel and wife Tangi, flanked by H.E. Tom Marsters (Head of State) and Mrs Marsters.

His wife was born and raised in the village of Ngatangia and grew up in the Ngatangia CICC Ekalesia. She is the daughter of the late Papa Kapu Joseph and Mama Tangi. She was a member of the Sunday School, Youth, Vainetini and the Girl Guides in that Ekalesia. Her growing up in the church with her parents provided her the courage and confidence to become a leader one day in the church. They are both passionate about serving the Lord and share their time with their families in both villages and dedicate their time too for sports activities, community programs and traditional events.

After the Holy Communion service, the Ekalesia put up a special welcoming lunch for them and all the other Deacons and members of the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia. Special acknowledgement to the Muri Enuā Village for their great support and they look forward to serving the Lord and work with their community, families and friends. Turou, Oro Mai.

Write-up and photo by Ngara Katuke, Arorangi Church Member

19. PENETEKOTE I RUTAKI

S abati ra 15 o Me 2016. I roto i ta matou Ekalesia i Arorangi, kua paraniia e kia riro teia epetoma pure e na te au vainetini e rave, mei te Ruitoru e tae uatu ki te aiai Sabati.

E au kakau vaito to matou no te pure avatea e te aiai. I te pure aiai, kua raveia te uapou i roto i te Tapere Muri Enuā, ko raua ko te au vainetini o Betela. Ko Ruaau kua teretere mai ratou ki te Tapere Rutaki. E angaanga tinamou teia na te Vainetini o roto i ta matou Ekalesia Arorangi i te au mataiti ravarai.

Kua teretere mai te tere Evangelia o te Mama Orometua, Mary Soatini e tona Kumiti ki roto i te nga tapere tei reira te Uapou. Kua kaikai kapipiti matou katoatoa e mei te 30 au mama tei tae mai i teia angaanga manea i Rutaki.



Clockwise from top left: Rutaki Vainetini, Betela Vainetini, visitors to the uapou function, Assistant Minister John Andrew with Betela Diakono Vaine.



Kua patia tetai au tamaine mapu mei roto mai i te tapere Rutaki ei Kimi Ekalesia e kua ariki ratou i te reira. Teia to ratou au ingoa:-

1. Karliean Mataroa
2. Paura Tamarangi
3. Nga Tearaitoa
4. Lily Mataroa

Te Atua te aroa.

Tataia/neneia e Ngara Katuke, Tekeretere, Vainetini o Rutaki i roto i te Ekalesia Arorangi

20. GG HELPS OUT WITH INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON

Go, Go, Go. Hurray. Keep it up! These are some of the cheerful words that we shout out to the runners. On Saturday, 7th May 2016 at 3.30pm the runners started to come our way at the Kent Hall. This was my first time to join to hand out glasses of water and the sponges for the runners.

After our netball game about 1.00pm, we were transported to Titikaveka to our spot at the Kent Hall to support this special event on Rarotonga. Our Girl Guide leaders Aunty Tapu and Aunty Tai requested us to participate and the Girl Guides on Rarotonga were requested too, to contribute their lending hands by manning some of the water stations along the route of the runners on the main road. We also help out the Nikao Girl Guides who were opposite our water station – Aunty Marae and her daughter.

Our Leaders, Aunty Lilyana and Aunty Ngara were already there waiting for us and we organized ourselves for this event. Thank you to the organizers for providing us with lunch. Meitaki maata to Aunty Mona for offering her time and transport to drop us all home in Arorangi and also to Aunty Joe for transporting us to Titikaveka after our game. All the best to the winners and all the athletes who participated in this event.



Write-up by Raera Apera, photos by Ngara Katuke

21. MA'PU NO TE VAKA PUAIKURA

Three-Dimensional Model for Puaikura. Kua raveia tetai iririkapua i te ra 13-17 no Tiunu 2016 ki roto i te ngutuare Aroa Nui. Kua riro teia tuanga angaanga na roto mai i te Aronga Mana o Puaikura.

Kua aere mai tetai au aronga tei oronga i to ratou tuatau no teia tuanga, e pera katoa te au tamariki apii o Arorangi e tetai uatu au tangata. Te akakite nei tetai metua vaine, koia a Tina Tamanui, e kua o mai aia i te akaraanga e, eaa i riro ei e na tetai au taeake no vao ake ia Puaikura e tata i toku tua. Kua inangaro au i reira i te tauturu, kia rave ra au i teia angaanga, kare i maramarama roa, inara i roto i teia nga ra e 4, kua kite au i reira e, ka akapeea au i te rave i teia, kua riro katoa teia ei apii mai iaku, i te teitei i teia au maunga nei o Puaikura. Kua rekareka au, e kua akara au, mei te angaanga raverave rai o te Tivaevae....te akanooanga, te toroanga e te pakotianga. Kua mataora toku ngakau ko au i tomo mai ki roto i teia angaanga manea. Kare i te angaanga mama, e aka angaanga teia, inara kua oti ia matou i roto i teia e 4 ra.

Kua apai mai teia tipatimani i tetai au taeake mei Samoa e Tonga. Kua akaari ia teia ma'pu ki te katoatoa i te aiai Varaire. Te akakite nei te pu o teia tipatimani, ko te mea mua teia i te Kuki Airani nei, e ko Puaikura te mea mua no runga i teia ma'pu. Kia riro ei turanga no ta tatou anau tamariki no te tuatau ki mua.

Kua riro te akatueraanga i teia ma'pu, na roto i te pakotianga i tetai ripene e 3.

- Ripene Teatea – na te Orometua Tinirau Soatini
- Ripene Mura – na Tinomana Tokerau Ariki
- Ripene Kerekere – na Joseph Brider – te arataki o te tipatimani

Kua orongaia tetai au peapa akairo no te au tangata e te au tamariki tei piri ki roto. Kua oronga katoa a Tinomana Tokerau Ariki i tetai pakau aroa no te au taeake e 5 tei teretere mai mei te pa moana Pasifika no te tauturu i teia angaanga manea.



Scenes from a workshop held at Arorangi on the development of a 3-dimensional model for the village.

Tataia/neneia e Ngara Katuke

22. TANU URI UTO I RUTAKI

I roto i ta tatou peu Maori, te vai ara te au akonoanga ta to tatou ui tupuna i akanoonoo no tatou. Ko teia tetai, koia te tanu i tetai akairo mei te uri uto ou. E tupu ana teia me anau mai tetai pepe ou, me kare akatupuia tetai akakoroanga maata i roto i te Oire, Evangelia me kare kopu tangata.

I te Maanaki ra 11 no Tiunu, kua raveia te angaanga tama i roto i te Tapere Rutaki i to matou Are Uipaanga e te anau Mapu o Rutaki e Aroa Christian Youth. Kua manako tetai arataki, kua tae te tuatau e kia monoia tetai au uri uto tei mate, e kia akataeia te au pa nu ou ki tetai ope. Kua riro teia angaanga e na ta matou au tamariki rikiriki i rave mai, ei akairo na ratou e kua tanu ratou i tetai tumu nu no te tuatau ki mua, ei aaki rai na ratou. I roto katoa i teia, te vai nei tetai au pa nu tei tanuia e te anau mapu o Arorangi i te mataiti 2013 i te tuatau o te Easter tei akateretereia e te anau Mapu o Rutaki e Aroa. Ko teia tetai akairo maata tei raveia ei akatuera i te reira porokaramu a te Mapu i te reira mataiti e tanu uri uto. I teia ra, kua akamata teia au nu i te ua, tena te au tutu i raro nei.



Te vai katoa nei ta te anau tamariki apii no Porirua mai, e te vai nei ta te au taeake no Papua mai. Kua riro teia anau tamariki i teia ra, i te mono i tetai pae, e te akatae i te pa nu. Kare e aite ia te mataora i ta ratou i rave. Na ratou rai i ko i te au vaarua e te tanu katoa, kua matarua ratou.

Tataia/neneia e Ngara Katuke, Treasurer, Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth



23. GIRLS BRIGADE WEEK ON RAROTONGA

B *e courageous, be strong!* The first week of June every year is called the GIRLS BRIGADE WEEK. This year we witness our girls and leaders contributing, supporting and participating in a planned program – providing prayer service, donating financial support, providing lunches and visiting the Hospital, Prison, Are Pa Metua, Te Kainga, Creative Centre and the Takamoa Theological College. This is part of their service to the community.

Their daily program was agreed by the 4 Girls Brigade Companies on Rarotonga. As part of week-long program, they had a Singing Festival hosted by the Matavera Girls Brigade on Friday evening 10th June. They all came prepared and shared the girls' talents on creative dance, wearable art, the string band and their pioneers did a sermon.



Combined Church Parade at Matavera for Uniformed Organisations of the CICC on Rarotonga, Sunday 12 June 2016

Sunday 12th June 2016 at 10am was a special day for all the girls and leaders in the Cook Islands Girls Brigade companies on Rarotonga when came together to celebrate the World Day of Prayer at the Matavera CICC Church. The Boys' Brigade and Girl Guides were also there to join in this Combined Church Parade.

Congratulations to all those who participated in this Girls Brigade Week and thank you to everyone else who have supported the program. Jesus is the light of the world!

Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke – Youth Dept Media Officer

24. GG FLYING UP & WELCOMING CEREMONY

Our special program begin at 5.00am in the Arorangi CICC Church on Sunday 10th April 2016. The Arorangi Girl Guides Company held a Flying Up and a Welcoming Ceremony after the Dawn Service in the Arorangi Calvary Hall. The Ekalesia was invited to witness this special ceremony for the 5 Brownies and 2 new Girls who was welcomed in the Girl Guide section by the newly elected National Commissioner, Miss Tutai Mauke.

The Flying Up was for:-

1. Itirangi Pennycook
2. Teaupare Wichman
3. Jemimah Rose Taokia
4. Tepeta Nganu
5. Takau Samuel



Flying ceremony

These girls have reached the age of almost 12 years old, and they are fit to move to the Girl Guides section as the Leader said, Mrs Tuaine Marsters. I am sad to let them go, because they are my helpers in the Brownies section and these girls has been with me for almost 3-5 years and I will surely miss them, however I encouraged them to move on and learn more about guiding and have fun in the older section and also experience to any challenges coming their way so they can be groomed to become good leaders for the future and I love to see them climbing the ladder in this organization.

We also Welcomed 2 new girls, Raera Apera and Samantha Tamaiva whom are friends of our girls who flew up to Guides. That is some of the Brownies aims, making new friends in the community, lending a hand and these 5 girls have done a great achievement in their brownie days. Today they look forward to participate in the National Youth Convention in Mitiaro as part of their new initiative joining the Guide section.

After the special ceremony, the Ekalesia was invited to have Breakfast with the girls and leaders who did an overnight camp to prepare the girls for this special ceremonies and for the church parade. The day program continued with a Church Parade at 10am with the 3 Uniform organization.



Left: colour party by the 3 uniform groups. Right: After the 10.00am service with the rest of the company members and supporters.



The girls with the papas (above) and the mamas (below)



Above: Girl Guide company on the day's program; Young GB (left) and GG members (right).

Today was also special for our Youth members who are travelling to Mitiaro for the Youth Convention in a week's time. Our youth members in the Uniform organization carried the flags and all members attended the church service.

- Nelson Ngaiorae from the Boys Brigade helped out carrying the Boys Brigade Flag.
- Rangina Akava, Matatapu and Jevhan Ngaiorae did the Girls Brigade.
- Rose Tamarangi and Roimata Anthony carried the Girl Guide flags.

Meitaki maata to our Arorangi CICC Ekalesia members for showing your great support on our special day.

Write-up and photos by Ngara Katuke – Youth Dept Media Officer

25. EKALESIAS ROTORUA & HAMILTON COMBINE FOR EASTER AND PENTECOST

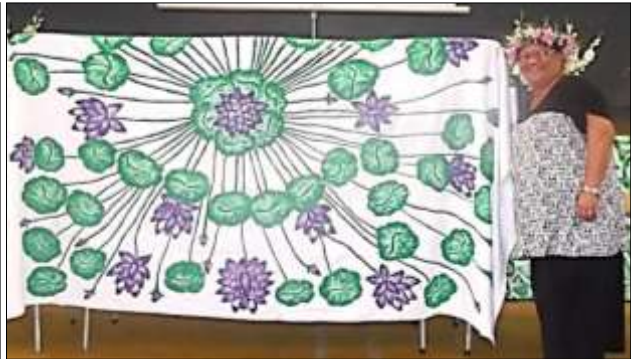
Taokotai anga i te Easter e te Penetekote: Ekalesia – Rotorua e Hamilton CICC, New Zealand. Kia orana te au taeake i roto i te Mesia. Kia Akameitaki ia te Metua Atua no teia tikaanga manea rava kua aravei tatou na roto i te au nuti e te au akakitekite anga mataora tikai. Kia riro ei pumaanaanga kia tatou i te kite anga e, te ora nei te Mesia to tatou Atua i roto i tona iti tangata.

Easter: 24th – 27th March 2016 a time of Reflection and Celebration through sharing the love of Christ to all who accepts him as their Saviour and Lord.





Kua Taokotai mai nga Ekalesia ki Rotorua nei i te tuatau o te Easter e kua manea e te mataora te au tuanga tei akanoo ia mei te aiai Paraparau e tae uatu kite aiai Sabati. E maata te au tuanga tamataora tei rave Taokotai ia e nga Ekalesia; pera te Apii Puka Tapu tei rave ia e nga Orometua, i toku irinaki anga e, ko te tuanga inangaro maata rava ia teia e te au taeake. i roto katoa i teia tuatau kua rauka mai tetai Diakono ou no Rotorua koia a Matapakia Terepai Utakea ma tona tokorua ko Haumata e kua oti raua i te Akatainu ia i teiane.



(Hand painted sheets by the Mama Orometua of Rotorua)

Kua rave katoa ia te Uipaanga a te Konitara o te Upper Central, (Rotorua e Hamilton) e kua ariki ia e kua tae kite tuatau e, na Hamilton e oe i te vaka o teia Konitara i raro ake i te tamaru anga a te Orometua Rev. Terepai Kauvarevai. Kia akameitaki ia te Atua!



Two Bible study classes were held on Saturday and these were some of the soldiers that attended.

Fundraising event: kimikimi anga ei akamatutu i te pute a te Konitara Upper Central.





E mea mataora toou ra au Puakapa e lehova Sabaota! Mei tei matau ia e tatou te taopenga i te au angaanga ka Akameitaki i te kopu koia ia. Kia Akameitakiia ra te Atua no te ua Meitaki tei anau mai i roto i teia taokotaianga, e Diakono ou kua puapinga ia te vaerua o te Tu akaou anga mai o to tatou Atua, ko Iesu Mesia. Amene.

Tuatau o te Penetekote: 13th – 15th May 2016

Kua mataora tikai to matou aravei akaou anga ki te Ekalesia Hamilton, kua tiaki tapapa mai ratou no to matou aravei anga i te aiai Varaire. Kua papa te kapu ti maanaana e te varaoa opue no te Akameitaki i te kopu. i muri ake i te akonoanga o te Akaaraveianga kua taomi te kopu i tana tuanga ka moe meitaki atu ei ki runga i te au roi manea tei akateateamamao ia. Kaore atu ei na tera autara ei!



Kua akamata te angaanga i te Maanakai e na Hamilton i akatere mai te Porokaramu, kua flexible ua te reira. Kua rave akaou ia te nga tuanga o te Apii Puka Tapu e nga Papa Orometua i te avatea e te aiai i te mea e kote tuanga inangaro maata ia teia e te au taeake. Kia Akameitaki ia ra te Atua!

Kua rave mai a Mama Ngametua Goodwright i tetai Workshop no te tauturu i te iti tangata no te tuanga pati tauturu (Funding Application) ki roto i te Kavamani. Te vai ra te tauturu a te Kavamani penei ra kare i rava to matou marama e ka kapeea e rauka mai ei te tauturu. No reira kia Akameitaki ia te Atua no teia mama e te tauturu tana i oronga mai. God is good!

(Mama Ngametua e te Mama Tauturu Orometua, Mama Tiraa Tanga).

Kua rave katoa matou i tetai kimikimi anga tei akateateamamao ia e te Hamilton note tauturu katoa i te pute a te Taokotai anga Konitara Upper Central i te Maanakai.



Sunday school children getting ready for their drama for Sunday.

Pure anga o te Sabati – kua rave mai te Anau Mapu e te Apii Sabati i ta ratou au tuanga tei akateatea-mamaoia, e kua maruarua tikai. Kia Akameitaki ia te Atua!



I roto i teia pureanga kua rauka mai na Hamilton e rua nga mapu, Kimi ou e Okotai mema Ekalesia kua re-dedicate akaou i tona oraanga ki te Atua. Ko te inangaro teia o te Atua ia tatou kia riro ei au tamariki kimi i tona basileia.

All good things must come to end. Te rauka nei iaku i te akaoki i te Akameitaki anga ki to tatou Metua Atua no tona au takinga meitaki kua rauka te pumaana e te mataora. Ta te vaeua Tapu i akaanau mai ki roto iakoe e Hamilton, Mou i te Ko, Mou i te Ere, aere ki mua e tenana maroiroi. Meitaki ngao Papa e Mama Orometua pera te Ekalesia Hamilton kua kitea ia toou Ngakau maoraora i to tatou noonooanga. Thank you, Shalom.



Tataia e Mrs Koringo Marsters, Tekeretere o te Ekalesia Rotorua

26. NUTI MEI TE EKALESLIA CAMPBELLTOWN I SYDNEY

Kia orana tatou katoatoa i te aroa maata o to tatou Atua tei akatika ia tatou kia aravei na roto i ta tatou Nutileta. E tau te akameitakianga ki to tatou Atua to tatou Ora mou tikai. Karanga Paulo, “*Nona i rauka i te ora ia tatou i tona toto*” (Eph 1:7). Mei te au tavini katoatoa o te Atua, ki te au Ekalesia tupu taito ki tei tupu ou – kia orana i te aroa maanaana o te Mesia ko tei oronga mai i tona uoarai ora no tatou.

Turanga o te Ekalesia

Te meitaki nei te turanga o te Ekalesia i roto i teia tuatau. Te vai nei tetai au tuanga apikepikē, inara e maata atu te au tuanga meitaki e tupu nei i roto i te Ekalesia. Te rave nei te au Diakono i ta ratou au angaanga, pera katoa ki te Vainetini, te au Rangatira Apii Sabati e te anau mapu. I te mua o teia mataiti kua akaou atu te Ekalesia i tona au taoanga. Tena i runga nei te au taoanga mamaata i roto i te Ekalesia tei tau kia akakite ia atu.

TE AU TAOANGA	To te Ekalesia	To te Vainetini	To te Mapu ¹
Secretary	Mataurike Moeara	Tua Tumutoa	Ngatokoiva William
Assistant Secretary	Rima Rimaati	Mama Peggy	Teokotai (Tai girl)
Treasurer	Angela Parima	Annie Rimaati	Pua Moeara
Assistant Treasurer	Tangi Moeara		Teokotai Parei (Boy)
	Kua iki ia atu Tangi Moeara ei Chairlady no te mapu, taturuia e Teokotai Aitau		

Te au Tere o te Ekalesia

I roto i teia mataiti (6th – 25th April 2016) kua tere atu te Ekalesia ki roto i Aotearoa no te kimi puapinga ei ravenga no te oko atu i tetai ngutuare no te au tavini o te Atua. Kua akamata atu te anau ki roto i to tatou oire i Invercargil e tae ua atu ki to tatou iti tangata e noo i Akarana. Te akameitaki nei i te Atua no te ngakau oronga tei kitea e te Ekalesia i roto i

te iti tangata o te Atua – kare e aiteia. Te Konitara Ekalesia maata o Aotearoa, te au Konitara Ekalesia i roto i te au matakeinanga, te au tavini Orometua e to ratou au Tekeretere, te au Ekalesia, te iti tangata katoatoa– meitaki maata. Teia tei rauka mai i te Ekalesia. Total \$112,914.92 (NZD). Kua tau ia atu teia ki te moni Australia, e kua rauka mai \$100,250.55 (AUD). – Kia akameitakiia to tatou Atua.

I roto i teia tuatau te tapapa nei te Ekalesia no te na roto atu ia Australia i raro ake i te turuturu e te tika a te Konitara maata i Australia nei ei akamatutu atu i te akakoronga o te Ekalesia. Teia i raro nei te aereanga o te tere.



Days	Dates and Locations	Dates and Locations	Dates and Locations
Monday	N/A	25 th July - Travelling to Cairns	1 st August- flight to Melbourne
Tuesday		26 th July in CAIRNS	2 nd August in MELBOURNE
Wednesday		27 th July in CAIRNS	3 rd August in MELBOURNE
Thursday	21 st July in BRISBANE	28 th July in CAIRNS	4 th August in MELBOURNE
Friday	22 nd July in BRISBANE	29 th July in CAIRNS	5 th August in MELBOURNE
Saturday	23 rd July in BRISBANE	30 th July. Drive to TOWNSVILLE.	6 th August in MELBOURNE
Sunday	24 th July in BRISBANE	31 st July in TOWNSVILLE	7 th August back in Sydney

Te pati atu nei ki te katoatoa tei noo ia e te Ingoa o to tatou Atua ko Iesu Mesia ko tei tuatua katoa mai e, “E oronga atu na tei pati mai” (Mat 5: 42) – Kia tika i to kotou ngateitei tauturu mai i ta kotou anau. Otira ua – Serving God together



Tataia e Rev. Tau William o te Ekalesia Campbelltown

27. **NUTI POTOPOTO** *(e tetai au tuatua akakite – announcements)*

T etai au nuti potopoto/tuatua akamaaraara ei kiteanga na te katoatoa:

Uipaanga Maata 2017

16-23 Tiurai, Rarotonga. Akatueraanga/topirianga ki te Ekalesia Titikaveka. Iriiri kapua/workshop ki Ngatangia i te Monite 17, uipaanga Ruirua ki te Varaire 18-21.

Akatainuanga i te anau apianga (class of 2014)

Mei tei imereia ki te au Ekalesia katoatoa i roto i te marama Me i topa, ka raveia teia akakoroanga maata i te rua o te Sabati o te uipaanga maata 2017, koia oki Sabati 23 Tiurai ki te Ekalesia Titikaveka. No reira akateateamamao mai ia kotou e te anau apianga, e pera kotou e te au Ekalesia na kotou teia au apianga.



Tia 2017

Te nenei/print ia maira i Nutireni, ka oti e ka tuku tika iatu ta kotou e te au Ekalesia i roto ia Aukute/Tepetema, kia tau ki te maata o ta kotou i akapapu mai ki Takamoa nei i nga ra i topa. Kotou kare i akapapu mai, na Takamoa i akatinamou i ta kotou ka tuku iatu.

Pure Epetoma e te Karere 2017

Te angaanga nei te au Orometua i Rarotonga nei ki runga i teia nga tataanga, kua akakoroia kia neneia i roto ia Okotopa/Noema e tu mai nei. Tuku mai i ta kotou order ki Takamoa nei me kua anoano kotou e na Takamoa e nenei. Ka tuku katoa iatu teia nga tataanga na runga i te imere kia rauka ia kotou i te nenei i kona rai i to kotou tua.

Akamaaraanga i te ra taeanga Evangelia ki Mangaia

Na te iti tangata Mangaia e noo ki Rarotonga nei, kua raveia atu i te aiai Ruitoru ra 15 o teia marama Tiunu ki te Are Tapaeanga o te Mangaia Tupapa. E 2 tuanga mamaata o te porokaramu; pureanga, e te tamataora kaparima / imene tuki na runga i nga oire e 3 i runga i te enua. Ka taopenga te au angaanga katoatoa o te reira aiai na roto i te kainga manga.

Akamaaraanga i te ra taeanga Evangelia o Rarotonga nei

Ka raveia ki te Ekalesia Arorangi a te aiai Monite 25 o teia marama ki mua Tiurai. Tumu tapura: "I aere mai nei oki te Tamaiti a te tangata e kimi i tei ngaro ra e akaora" (Luka 19:10). Ka raveia te akamaaraanga na roto i te uapou e ka taopenga atu na roto i te katikati.

Akamaaraanga i te ra taeanga Evangelia o te Kuki Airani

Ka raveia ki te Ekalesia Arorangi a te Ruitoru ra 26 no Okotopa, e ra orote te reira no te basileia, public holiday. Kua ariki te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia i te porokaramu tei akanooia mai e te Ekalesia Arorangi no te reira ra, tei irinakiia e ka riro ei ra manea e te mataora no te au tunga tei akanooia no te reira ra.

Youth Rally a te Mapu CICC o Rarotonga nei

Kua raveia ki te Ekalesia Arorangi i te aiai Sabati i topa ra 26 o teia marama Tiunu. Ko tetai putuputuanga mapu maata teia tei kitea i roto i ta tatou nei akonoanga CICC, kia akameitakiia te Atua.

28. OBITUARY

Akamaaraanga i te au vaeau o te Atua tei akangaroi atu ki te akangaroianga roa i teia tuatau. Remembering those soldiers of the Lord who have recently passed on.

PAREI JOSEPH

Kua takake atu i te marama Aperira i topa. Diakono no te Tapere Tikioki i roto i te Ekalesia Titikaveka i te au mataiti i topa, Diakono katoa i roto i te Ekalesia Presbyterian i Sydney i raro ake i te akatereanga a te Orometua Temanu Soatini. I angaanga ana na te Tipatimani o te Tanu i te Kuki Airani nei no tetai au mataiti roa i mua ake ka neke atu eia aia e tona ngutuare tangata ki Sydney. Te mii nei tona tokorua iaia e pera ta raua anau e te are mokopuna i te Kuki Airani nei e pera i te au enua mamao.

BRUCE GRAHAM

Husband of the late Louise Graham, sister of the late Sir Albert Henry, peacefully passed away early May and was put to his final resting place next to Mama Louise in Arorangi. Papa Puru – as

he is affectionately known by many Cook Islanders – is quite different from many other expatriate Cook Islanders in that he easily gets on quite well with the locals that he came across in his life, both on Rarotonga as well as in the few outer islands where he was based as the Government's Chief Administration Officer. He is a patriotic Cook Islander, keen to see that his own children and the young people of the country make a life for themselves and help the country move forward. His children, grand-children and the many friends that he did have, no doubt hold fond memories of him for all time to come.

NOOROA KAIRENGA



E tavini meitaki e te maroiroi mei roto mai i te Ekalesia Arorangi. E tangata maroiroi i te rave i te au angaanga i roto i teia Ekalesia e kua tomo ana na roto i te au putuputuanga e pera kua mou ana i te au taoanga i roto i te Boys' Brigade, Apii Sabati, Uipaanga Diakono, e te mata ki roto i te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia. E Elder te metua tane i takake atu ei. I tona tuatau i Rakahanga i te mataiti 1951-1957, kua mou katoa ana aia i nga taoanga i roto i te reira Ekalesia koia te; Diakono, Tekeretere no te Ekalesia, Puapii Maata no te Apii Sabati, e te Captain no te Rakahanga Boys' Brigade. Anauia i te mataiti 1924, e 92 ireira te roa o te au mataiti ta te Atua i akameitaki mai i tona oraanga i te ao nei. Tena te maataanga o tona tua tapapa tei roto i te CICC Nutileta numero 21, kapi 13-15, tei tukuia ki vao i roto ia Okotopa 2008.

If Heaven Had A Window

If heaven had a window and God granted me a view,
of all the beauty it beholds, I'd only look for you.
I'd listen for your laughter that was always music to me,
your beautiful hair and hazel eyes is what I'd wish most to see.
If I could only view once more the smile that warmed my heart,
I'd treasure that moment as long as I live and we must be apart.
Here on earth I search for you and pray to God for signs,
and every day that passes you're still with me in my mind.
I know you're happy in heaven; you've earned your mansion indeed,
I imagine your kitchen table and you waiting there for me.
I love you and I miss you more than words can say,
and what I wouldn't give just to talk to you today.
I hope that you can hear me and listen to my thoughts,
and wherever this life takes me you know I've not forgot.
That once upon a time I was blessed and loved, it's true,
and if heaven had a window I'd only look for you.

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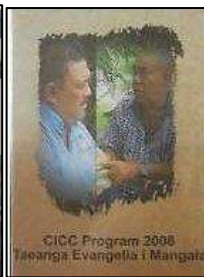
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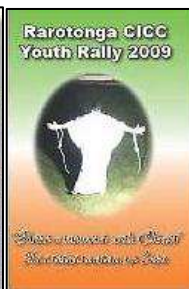
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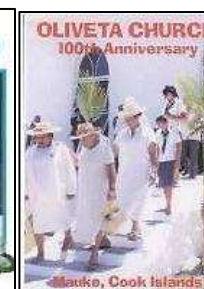
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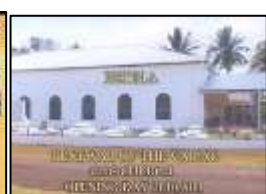
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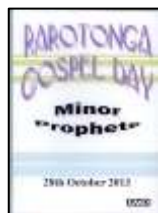
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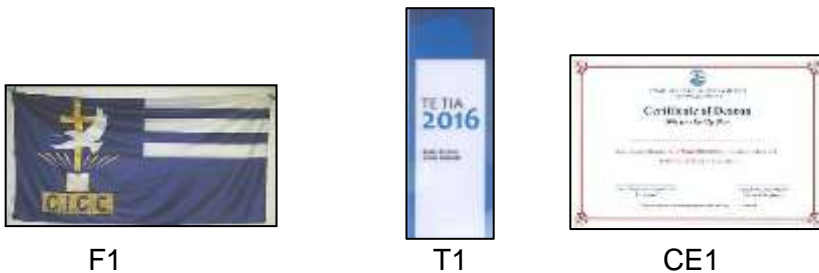
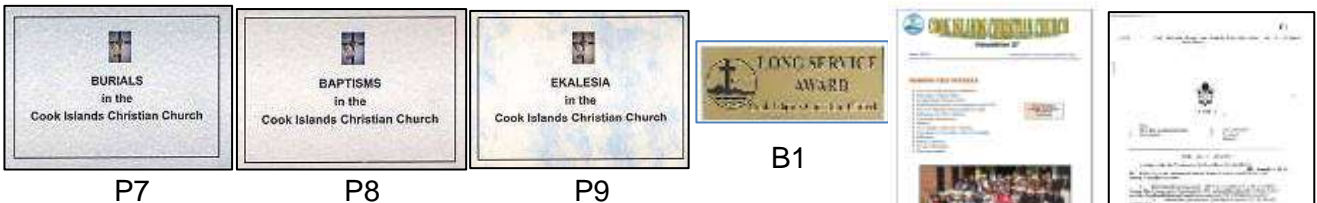
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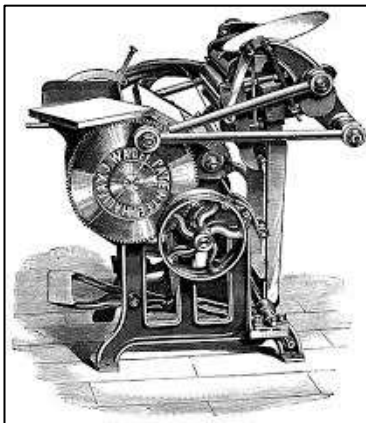


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PART 1

Taking note and learning from the events around us

1. FLORIDA PASTOR AND HIS WIFE ADOPT TWO HOMELESS TODDLERS FOUND OUTSIDE THEIR CHURCH: 'OUR HEARTS WERE BREAKING'

Last November, Pastor Ronnie Stewart and his wife Krystal Stewart looked out the glass doors of their church and were concerned when they saw a homeless family with two small children camped out under the awning of the church. As the day turned into night and storm clouds appeared, the couple, who founded the Rufuge Church in Pasco County, Florida, asked the parents if they could take the two boys home so they didn't have to suffer outside during the storm. "Our hearts were breaking," the couple shared on their GoFundMe page.



"We began imagining the night these boys were about to have as we were getting ready to go home to a warm, dry house." The boys' parents agreed. "She had to bathe them twice, I think three times, just to get the dirt off of them," Ronnie told [Bay News 9](#). The Stewarts, who already have three children, didn't stop there. The next day, they fed the boys, now ages 2 and 11 months, and tried to get the family into housing.

But according to Krystal, the couple didn't want the help. "They chose to, because of their lifestyle of substance abuse and drugs, they wanted to live out with their homeless population," she told the news outlet. But the parents knew their sons needed help, and after speaking with a social worker, who informed them that their children would be put into foster care, they asked the Stewarts if their kids could live with them. "They had a quick conversation with us and said, 'After talking with our social worker we wanted to find a safe place for the children to be and would you guys mind taking them home for a while?'" Krystal said.

"They met with an attorney and signed their parental consents," she continued. The young boys lived with the Stewarts for five months and just last month, the adoption was finalized. The Stewarts couldn't be happier with their growing family. Just a few months prior, Krystal, who was recovering from a hysterectomy after an early cancer diagnosis, remembers sadly telling her husband, "Well, no more kids for us." Now, they're enjoying life as a family of seven. "Our prayer is that our story inspires others to also take generous leaps of faith when your moment arises," the couple wrote on the fundraising page. A [GoFundMe page](#) which has raised over \$15,000 was set up to help the Stewarts.

Caitlin Keating, 4 April 2016 / Google

2. 'THE LOWEST': WOMAN ACCUSED OF STEALING FUNERAL MONEY FROM HER DEAD FRIEND'S FAMILY

Guy and Sheila Fauteux's 26-year-old daughter, Tabatha, died last fall in California. In the aftermath of her death, the Fauteux family arranged for a celebration of life in New Hampshire, where Tabatha's parents live, according to WMUR. And their daughter's friend Krystal Gentley set up an online fundraising account, an apparent effort to help with the funeral expenses.

"I had thought that was nice of her to try to help out, I really did," Guy Fauteux told WMUR, an ABC affiliate.

Friends and family members donated to the fund, Sheila Fauteux told The Washington Post on Tuesday. She spoke with Gentley about the account and offered her thanks. "I said, 'This has been a blessing that you've done this,'" Fauteux said.



Tabatha Fauteux. (Courtesy of Fauteux family)

But when the celebration of life occurred, Gentley was absent, even though she was expected to attend, the couple told media outlets in New Hampshire. Then, Fauteux said, she had trouble getting in touch with Gentley, who kept telling her she was busy and was dodging her calls.

Finally, the family went to police. "I said, 'I can't do this, I can't allow her to get away with that,'" Fauteux said.

The Fauteux family eventually got in touch with GoFundMe about the account, according to the Nashua Police Department. That's when they learned that it was closed — and that the money was gone.

"It's not the money," Sheila Fauteux told The Post, "it's betraying Tabatha, who wasn't here to stand up for herself." Gentley, 26, now stands accused of stealing the money that was supposed to go toward funeral costs. She has been charged with theft by deception, a felony, Nashua police said in a news release, and has been released on bail.

"I was angry; we were both very angry," Guy Fauteux said, speaking for himself and his wife, during an interview with the Union Leader. "To take advantage of a friend like that is not acceptable." Sheila Fauteux said Gentley had a long friendship with her daughter, at one point even living with her. "It makes me feel nauseous to think that someone could stoop that low," she said.

According to the Union Leader, police think Gentley took about \$5,400 — money that was supposed to go toward transporting Tabatha Fauteux's body back to the East Coast as well as other expenses, including cremation. "You can't go any lower in life, I think, than to do something like that, that was the lowest," Sheila Fauteux told a CBS affiliate. "It just made it harder, it made things go deeper than deep. They were already at their saddest point, but to do what she did was even deeper."

Gentley is expected to appear in court in May, Nashua police said. If convicted, she faces up to 15 years in prison. It is unclear if whether she has an attorney. "She should have never done this," Sheila Fauteux told The Post. "She should have never done this. And you don't use a deceased person, that's for sure."



Sarah Larimer, April 5, 2016, The Washington Post, Google

3. THE BIG BANG BLOWS ATHEISM SKY HIGH: EVEN SCIENCE MAY EVENTUALLY CATCH UP TO GOD'S WORD

They say there are no atheists in the foxhole. Even fewer when death is certain. None once the final curtain falls. God's Word declares, "The fool hath said in his heart 'there is no God'" (Psalm 14).

For three decades, until his death in 1953, Josef Stalin was the mass-murdering atheist dictator of Soviet Russia. He was also a fool. In his 1994 book, "Can Man Live Without God," famed Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias recounts a story he heard firsthand from British Journalist Malcomb Muggeridge "that stirred [him] then and still does even yet."

Muggeridge had collaborated with Svetlana Stalin, Josef Stalin's daughter, on a BBC documentary about her God-hating father. She recounted his last act of defiant rebellion against the Creator: "[A]s Stalin lay dying, plagued with terrifying hallucinations, he suddenly sat halfway up in bed, clenched his fist toward the heavens once more, fell back upon his pillow, and was dead." "[H]is one last gesture," observed Zacharias, "was a clenched fist toward God, his heart as cold and hard as steel."



Earth is pictured from outerspace. (Wikimedia Commons Photo)

In my experience it is something common among atheists: an inexplicable, incongruent and visceral hatred for the very God they imagine does not exist. Indeed, Romans 1:20 notes, “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” Yet excuses they make.

Psalm 19:1 likewise observes: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” The manifest intentionality and fine-tuning of all creation reveals design of breathtaking complexity. The Creator is of incalculable intelligence and infinite splendor. As I see it, atheism provides a case study in willful suspension of disbelief – all to escape, as the God-denier imagines it, accountability for massaging the libertine impulse.

“Wouldn’t the atheist ‘suspend belief?’” you might ask. No, the phrase is properly “suspension of disbelief.” It is defined as “a willingness to suspend one’s critical faculties and believe the unbelievable; sacrifice of realism and logic for the sake of enjoyment.”

In the case of the atheist, or the “freethinker,” as they paradoxically prefer, that which is unbelievable is that somehow everything came from nothing – that there is no uncaused first cause; that God does not exist, even as knowledge of His being is indelibly written on every human heart and proved by all He has made.

Be they theist, atheist or anti-theist, on this nearly all scientists agree: In the beginning there was nothing. There was no time, space or matter. There wasn’t even emptiness, only nothingness. Well, nothing natural anyway. Then: bang! Everything. Nonexistence became existence. Nothing became, in less than an instant, our inconceivably vast and finely tuned universe governed by what mankind would later call – after we, too, popped into existence from nowhere, fully armed with conscious awareness and the ability to think, communicate and observe – “natural law” or “physics.”

Time, space, earth, life and, finally, human life were not. And then they were. Writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, Christian author Eric Metaxas notes, “The fine-tuning necessary for life to exist on a planet is nothing compared with the fine-tuning required for the universe to exist at all. For example, astrophysicists now know that the values of the four fundamental forces – gravity, the electromagnetic force, and the ‘strong’ and ‘weak’ nuclear forces – were determined less than one-millionth of a second after the big bang. Alter any one value and the universe could not exist. For instance, if the ratio between the nuclear strong force and the electromagnetic force had been off by the tiniest fraction of the tiniest fraction – by even one part in 100,000,000,000,000,000 – then no stars could have ever formed at all. Feel free to gulp. ... It would be like tossing a coin and having it come up heads 10 quintillion times in a row. Really?”

Secular materialists claim it can’t be – that such explanation is a “God of the gaps” explanation and, therefore, must be banished from the realm of scientific inquiry. They demand that anything beyond the known natural is off-limits. Atheists attribute all of existence to, well, nothing. It just kind of happened. Genesis 1:1 of the materialist bible might read: “In the beginning nothing created the heavens and the earth.” Even in the material world that’s just plain silly. Nothing plus nothing equals something? Zero times zero equals everything?

And so, they have “reasoned” themselves into a corner. These same materialists acknowledge that, prior to the moment of singularity – the Big Bang – there was no “natural.” They admit that there was an unnatural time and place before natural time and space – that something, sometime, somewhere preceded the material universe. That which preceded the natural was, necessarily, “beyond the natural” and, therefore, was, is and forever shall be “supernatural.”

Reader, meet God. In short: the Big Bang blows atheism sky high. Fred Hoyle is the atheist astronomer who coined the term “Big Bang.” He once confessed that his disbelief was “greatly shaken” by the undisputed

science, writing that “a common-sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with the physics, as well as with chemistry and biology.”

Albert Einstein, who is often dishonestly characterized as having been an atheist, agreed that God-denial is foolishness. He once said of non-believers: “The fanatical atheists are like slaves who are still feeling the weight of their chains which they have thrown off after hard struggle. They are creatures who – in their grudge against traditional religion as the ‘opium of the masses’ – cannot hear the music of the spheres.” “I’m not an atheist,” added Einstein. “The problem involved is too vast for our limited minds. We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn’t know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God. We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws but only dimly understand these laws.”

Illustrious NASA scientist (and agnostic) Dr. Robert Jastrow (1925-2008) put it this way: “For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountain of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.” Yes, with time and chance, even science may eventually catch up to God’s Word.



By J. Matt Barber, April 26, 2016, Google. Matt Barber is founder and editor-in-chief of BarbWire.com. He is an author, columnist, cultural analyst and an attorney concentrating in constitutional law. Having retired as an undefeated heavyweight professional boxer, Matt has taken his fight from the ring to the culture war. (Follow Matt on Twitter: @jmatbarber).

4. BILLY GRAHAM'S DAUGHTER: GOD IS TURNING AWAY FROM AMERICA AND LEAVING US TO OUR SINS

Commenting on the moral state of America and God's judgment on sinful nations, evangelist Anne Graham Lotz, the daughter of pastor Billy Graham, said America is imploding "morally and spiritually," that God is removing His "blessing and protection" from us, leaving us to our sins, and that this encroaching judgment is evident in the chaos of the political scene, the economy, and even the weather.



Anne Graham Lotz.

"Romans 1 describes the type of judgment where we sin, and we refuse to repent of our sin, then He backs away from us," said Anne Graham Lotz in a recent interview on CBN News with host Mark Martin. "He removes Himself from us and He turns us over to ourselves. That's what I think I see in America. I believe we're entering into that phase of judgment, where God is backing away."

At the start of the interview Anne Graham Lotz said that she herself and all Christians need to take prayer very seriously and pray for the United States because, she added, the solution to so many problems is not political but spiritual.

"Our nation, Mark, is in a mess, and you and I know it," she said. "You probably know better than I do because you follow the news very closely. But it's unraveling. We're imploding, and morally and spiritually, first and foremost. And I believe this is the time for God's people to humble themselves, pray, seek His face, turn from our sin, that He would hear our prayer, forgive our sin and bless America."

"I don't think the solution is primarily political or social or racial or economical or military, or some of these other things," said Lotz. "I believe the solution will be found on our knees before God." "Romans 1 talks about the kind of judgment I describe in [my] blog, because we think of the judgment of God sometimes as like Sodom and Gomorrah, when you rain down fire and brimstone, or like in Exodus when He opened up the ground and swallowed all those people, or an earthquake or lightning strike," said Lotz.

"But, actually, Romans 1 describes God's judgment – and those are God's judgments – but Romans 1 describes the type of judgment where we sin, and we refuse to repent of our sin, then He backs away from us," she said. "If we continue to sin and refuse to repent, He backs further away. Go into Romans 1 until, actually, He removes Himself from us and He turns us over to ourselves."

In Romans 1, St. Paul writes, "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness" because they had "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator." He continues, "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. ... God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."

"That's what I think I see in America," said Anne Graham Lotz. "I believe we're entering into that phase of judgment, where God is backing away. He's removing His hand of blessing and protection and His favor on our country as a whole, and He's turning us over to ourselves because we have enormous knowledge, enormous technology, but some of the things we're doing have never seemed so foolish."



Pastor Billy Graham and his daughter, Anne Graham Lotz.

"It's as though we have no wisdom to handle the knowledge we have," she said. "Wisdom, as we know, comes from God. Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. When you lose your fear of God, when you lose your reverence for God, you lose your awareness of God. Then, increasingly, you lose your wisdom and

you have no ability to handle the great knowledge that we have now at our fingertips." She continued, "So, it's a judgment that to me is very frightening. I think we see it in our weather patterns, we see it in our political scene, we see it in the terrorist attacks. We see so many things that are happening in our economy that indicate what we're losing is the blessing, and the favor, and the protection of God." "But, said Lotz, in Joel 2 it says if you rend your heart and not your garments and return to the Lord and repent of your sin, and cry out to Him that, who knows, He might return to us and leave behind a blessing."

Anne Graham Lotz, 67, is the author of 11 books and the president of AnGeL Ministries. She is married and has three children (her husband, Dr. Daniel Lotz, died in August 2015). The *New York Times* has described Anne Graham Lotz as one of the five most influential evangelists in the United States.



By Michael W. Chapman, April 26, 2016, Google

5. HERO DOG BITTEN SAVING 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM RATTLESNAKE

When a venomous Eastern diamondback rattlesnake appeared in the backyard of a 7-year-old girl, her German shepherd came to her rescue, refusing to back down even when the snake bit him three times. In short, Haus is a hero. "It shows you that a rescue dog, for us, paid it forward by protecting my family," said Adam DeLuca of Tampa.

Now hundreds of donors are coming to the family's rescue, quickly topping the goal of \$15,000 Friday on a GoFundMe account to help pay for the antivenin needed to keep the dog alive. By Friday afternoon, \$35,000 had been raised for the dog's care.

Haus is still recovering in the Intensive Care Unit of Tampa's Blue Pearl Emergency Veterinary and Specialty Hospital, and is being treated with anti-venom and painkillers, said Dr. John Gicking.

"Without the pain medication, he's in pain. He's responsive, he's alert, and his leg is swollen and uncomfortable," the doctor said.

Molly DeLuca's grandmother was watching her play with the 2-year-old shepherd in their backyard when the dog suddenly jumped in front of the girl and reared up several times. It wasn't clear what happened at first, but they could tell Haus was bleeding, and brought him to the vet.



When his leg was shaved, three bite marks could be seen — telltale signs of the rattlesnake.

The family lives near a state park that is a habitat for rattlesnakes and cottonmouths, and dangerous critters can slip under their fence from the wilderness, her father said.

The snake's venom damaged the dog's kidneys. Vets now expect a full recovery, but it won't be cheap: Each day in the ICU costs between \$1000 to \$1500, and each vial of anti-venom costs \$618. Haus is averaging 4 or 5 vials per day as the poison leaves his system.

A family friend started the fundraising effort. The response, said DeLuca, has been "overwhelming." Haus is expected to be hospitalized for another couple of days. The family plans to forward any unused donations to a local rescue organization.

The family adopted Haus just two months ago from a rescue organization, but they already had no doubt he would risk his life to save Molly or her four-year-old brother.

"He just exceeded our expectations all the way around," said DeLuca. "Right away, the kids were hugging and loving on him, he always took it, he never did anything. Whenever anyone came to the door, he would start barking and try to be protective. He has just been an amazing dog. He's the type of dog that when you want to go buy a dog, you pay thousands of dollars and that's the dog you get. But we adopted him and got him for free."

By Tamara Lush, Associated Press, TAMPA, Fla, May 13, 2016 / Google/Yahoo

6. MOMMA GOOSE ASKS OFFICER FOR HELP UNTANGLING BABY FROM BALLOON STRING

Police officers are ordered to serve and protect — and that doesn't leave out animals. A mother goose in Ohio personally sought out the help of the Cincinnati Police Department Monday when one of her goslings was tangled in a balloon string.

Cincinnati Police Sergeant James Givens told InsideEdition.com: "I was sitting in a patrol car in a parking lot, I heard something pecking on the side of the door and I looked down and I thought the goose was hungry. I was eating a bagel and I tossed it a piece but it didn't have any. It walked in front of me so I followed it and it took me to its baby that was tangled in rope."

Sergeant Givens called the SPCA Wildlife, which had no one to assist. He then made a call over the radio and Officer Cecilia Charron arrived to lend a hand. Officer Charron approached the mother goose to see what the issue was.

"It's weird because it kept the distance and it kept the baby calm. I've never seen anything like this before," Givens said. "I said it must be a motherly instinct, the mother didn't attack her or nothing, seeing the thing run off that was the best part."



Givens filmed the encounter and posted the video on Facebook. The string came from a Mother’s Day balloon that must have floated away from its recipient.

“I don’t know why I didn’t just drive off and keep going. It kept looking up, it kept quacking, the only thing I can think of, is that I go down there and drink a cup of coffee sometimes,” he said. “They never came that close to me in the police car before, I was just amazed how she didn’t attack us. I was a little nervous.”

Givens, who has served on the force for more than 25 years, is nearing retirement. Charron has been on the force for 24 years and said that was the most memorable moment of her career.

Inside Edition, Google/Yahoo, 12 May 2016, author not stated

7. BUD, THE PARROT WITNESS IN A MURDER CASE

A murder case in Michigan took a bizarre turn when the victim’s family suggested his pet parrot might have been an eyewitness to the crime and is able to recount what he saw and heard, according to local media. Murder victim Martin Duram’s family believes Bud, an African grey parrot, has been re-enacting a chilling exchange that occurred just before Duram was fatally shot in his Ensley Township home in May 2015. “That bird picks up everything and anything, and it’s got the filthiest mouth around,” the victim’s mother, Lillian Duram, told NBC affiliate WOOD-TV.

The family says a video recorded weeks after the murder shows Bud re-enacting an argument between Duram and his wife that they believe led to the shooting. In the video, the bird alternates between high- and low-pitched voices before uttering, “Don’t f***ing shoot.” The 45-year-old was found dead on-site. His wife, Glenna Duram, 46, was found with a shotgun wound to the head, which she survived.

Now, because of the bird’s repeated re-enactments, the victim’s parents tell local media they have reason to believe Glenna Duram killed their son before turning the gun on herself in a murder-suicide attempt. They believe the bird is repeating their son’s last words as he begged his wife not to pull the trigger.

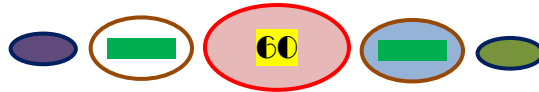
In police reports obtained by WOOD-TV, Michigan State Police say Glenna Duram is a suspect and that she denies killing her husband. She also left suicide notes for family members that she does not recall writing, according to the reports. His family thinks the parrot’s low- and high-pitched voices correspond with their son and daughter-in-law, respectively.

“Then, all of a sudden, this came out of the bird’s mouth,” the victim’s father, Charles Duram, told local ABC station WABC, referring to the shooting comment. “I personally think he was there and he remembers it, and he was saying it.”



Screen grab of Bud, the African grey parrot, currently owned by Christina Keller. (Photo: woodtv.com)

Bud’s previous owner, Martin Duram, was shot and killed in his home in Ensley Township, Minn., in May 2015. Doreen Plotkowski, the owner of Casa La Parrot in Grand Rapids, told WABC it is not uncommon for African grey parrots to mimic men’s and women’s voices. “It’s definitely an argument between a man and a woman,” Plotkowski said to the station. “In my mind, it’s something that he’s heard, definitely heard before.”



But plenty of people have been skeptical of the family's story. Glenn Reynolds, a spokesperson for the World Parrot Trust, a conservation and welfare organization, said it is extremely rare, though not impossible, for a parrot to hear something once and then repeat it. "An African grey is probably the best at it," he told Yahoo News. "I just think it's highly unlikely that the bird would say that after hearing it one time."

Reynolds, who used to breed parrots, said his wild-caught African greys didn't pick up any speech patterns at all, but that those he raised were incredible talkers. "I have heard them mimic voices that were so close to the person's voice that you would think it's that person," he said. "A friend of mine had an African grey for many years. When the phone rang, the parrot would say, "Chris, telephone" in his mother's voice and, "OK, I got it" in Chris's."

A representative from Michigan State Police could not immediately be reached for comment.

Michael Walsh, Yahoo News, 7 June 2016

8. THIS GOOD SAMARITAN WAS BILLED AFTER HELPING A FAMILY IN A CAR CRASH

A lesson in no good deed goes unpunished.

When Derrick DeAnda pulled up to a rollover car crash in Elk Grove, California, his first instinct was to do whatever he could to help. What he didn't expect, though, was to be billed \$143 for his actions at scene of the crash.

Upon seeing an overturned car with a man and his three small children inside, DeAnda broke through the car's windows and helped the family get out, CBS Sacramento reports. When first responders arrived, they checked him out for injuries (all he had was a small cut, according to the news station) and gave him water.

Weeks later, he received a bill from Cosumnes Community Services District first responders in the mail. DeAnda was shocked. "I mean; why would I want to stop to help somebody if I'm going to get a bill for \$150?" he said in an interview with CBS Sacramento.

Commenters on CBS Sacramento's Facebook page overwhelmingly agree with DeAnda and believe the charges are absurd. "He should bill the first responders since he was the first responder and he was doing their job," one commenter even posted.

Cosumnes Deputy Chief Mike McLaughlin tells CBS Sacramento that, though DeAnda's situation is unique, issuing first-responder bills is just standard practice for his district. "We're obligated to provide the same level of service, the same billing, the same everything — for every patient we encounter," he said.

Thankfully, though, DeAnda can appeal the bill by writing a letter to the district chief that explains the situation. "There is a mechanism for appealing this, a mechanism for making this right," McLaughlin told CBS Sacramento. "Our desire it to make it right."

DeAnda has already begun the appeal process and is waiting on a response from the district. In the meantime, he's just happy that he was able to help. "All I can say is the look on the man's face when I was able to break that windshield and get him and his kids out of that vehicle was all the thanks I needed," he wrote in a June 17 Facebook post. "I'm glad I was able to help."

Heather Finn, Google/June 22, 2016

PART 2

Personal Reflections

KO TEIA PAKAU E TEREPONI APAIPAI

1. Akatomoanga

Kia orana. To tatou tumu tapura ei tavarenga ia tatou i teia atianga koia oki ko teia pakau tei angaia e te Papaa, te tereponi apaipai, mobile telephone me kore ra ka karanga ua tatou e mobile; ka oake au i tona ingoa Maori e “mopala.” I akapeea tika'i aia i riro mai ei i teia tuatau e koia tetai e akariro nei i te akatere i to tatou oraanga? Eaa tona turanga i roto i to tatou oraanga tangata, e eaa ta tatou akara atu anga i tona turanga apopo?

I mua ake ra ka akairiiri manako ei tatou ki runga i teia tumu tapura sumaringa, ka oki ana tatou ki muri ka karo i te tua tapapa o te mopala. Ka copy ua mai au i tei tataia ki roto i te reo Papaa, ka pou toku taime i te urianga ki roto i to tatou reo Maori. Kare ra oki e manamanata, te varenga nei oki tatou ki te reo Papaa i teia tuatau, no reira reo Papaa reo Maori tatou i roto i teia atikara, kairo ua mei te fruit salad, koai oki ka akaapa mai ia tatou, all gud i na te reo ei o te mapu.

2. History of the Mobile Telephone

Although most of us feel like we couldn't live without our mobile phones, they've not really been in existence for very long. In fact, mobile phones as we know them today have only been around in the last 20 years.

When were mobile phones first invented?

Mobile phones, particularly the smartphones that have become our inseparable companions today, are relatively new. However, the history of mobile phones goes back to 1908 when a US Patent was issued in Kentucky for a wireless telephone. Mobile phones were invented as early as the 1940s when engineers working at AT&T developed cells for mobile phone base stations. The very first mobile phones were not really mobile phones at all. They were two-way radios that allowed people like taxi drivers and the emergency services to communicate. Instead of relying on base stations with separate cells (and the signal being passed from one cell to another), the first mobile phone networks involved one very powerful base station covering a much wider area.



Motorola, on 3 April 1973 were first company to mass produce the the first handheld mobile phone. These early mobile phones are often referred to as 0G mobile phones, or Zero Generation mobile phones. Most phones today rely on 3G or 4G mobile technology.

Landmarks in early mobile phone history

- Japan became the first country to have a city-wide commercial cellular mobile phone network in 1979.
- The Nordic Mobile Telephone (NMT) system launched in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland in 1981.
- The next major step in mobile phone history was in the mid-eighties with the First Generation (1G) fully automatic cellular networks were introduced.
- The first ever mobile phone to be approved by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) in the USA was the Motorola DynaTac in 1983.



Modern mobiles



Mobile telephony developed in leaps and bounds over the next decade, particularly with the arrival of handover technology. This allowed users to keep their connections as they travelled between base stations – so as a user walked from one mobile phone mast to another, the connection and conversation would not drop or be interrupted.

The birth of the Second Generation (2G) mobile phones was in Finland in 1993. It was also the year that the first SMS text messages were sent and that data services began to appear on mobile phones. Mobiles that we use today are 3G mobiles, or Third Generation mobiles, or even more advanced 4G handsets. 3G launched in 2001 and allowed operators to offer a huge range of advanced services such as video calling and HSPA data transmission. 4G became commercially available in the UK in late 2012 and offers super fast connections and similarly speedy downloads.

The first mobile phone invented for practical use was by a Motorola employee called Martin Cooper who is widely considered to be a key player in the history of mobile phones. Handsets that could be used in a vehicle had been developed prior to Martin Cooper's phone, but his was the first usable truly portable mobile telephone. Cooper made mobile phone history in April 1973 when he made the first ever call on a handheld mobile phone.



3. Tona tupuanga mai i te Kuki Airani nei

laku i akamata i te angaanga na te Kavamani o te Kuki Airani nei i te mataiti 1977, ko te tereponi e angaaanga ara i te reira tuatau koia oki tera poni ra e ka takaviri/dial koe i taau numero tei anoano i te ringi, e oti ka pau mai te operator i tetai tua i te na ko anga mai e, *“Operator, number please.”* I na kua oake koe i te numero taau i anoano kia tae toou reo ki reira ei komakomaanga naau ki te tangata i tetai tua mai o te raini. Ko te tuatua o te mopala, kakole mea peia, non-event i te reo Papaa. I kite ana ra au i te walkie-talkie e taangaangaia ra i te reira tuatau, ka angaanga ua aia me komakoma koe ki tetai tangata auraka aia kia mamao atu i tetai akakotingaanga mamao, mei te 100 metera ra te tu. Me mamao atu oki, kare rava e ravenga e inangaro ei aia i te angaanga, ka parara ua mai aia mei te TV kare e angaanga ana me oni ia.



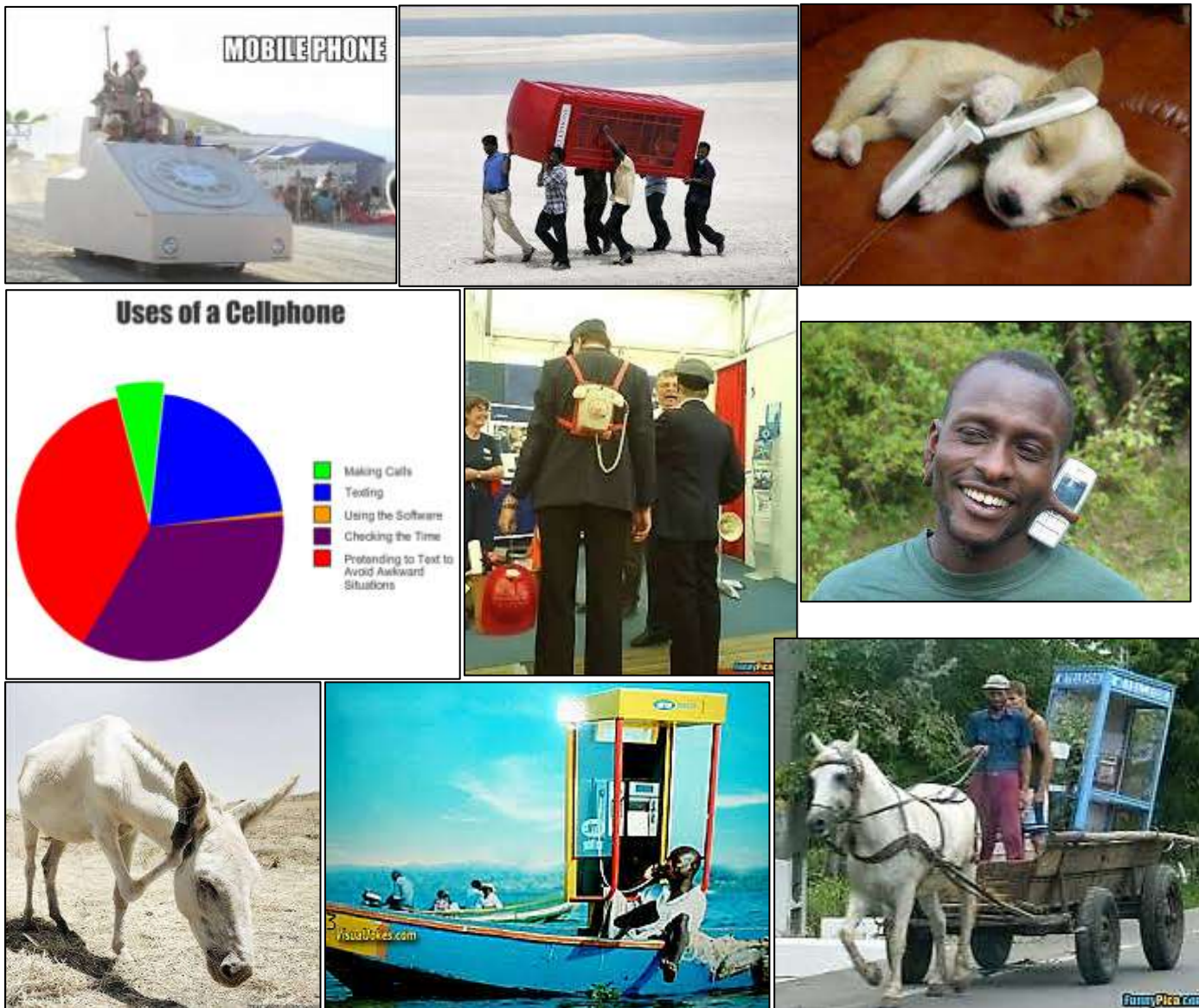
Mataiti 1995, tu au i te mopala no te ngai angaanga. Ko te reira mopala te maara nei iaku, mei te 3 inches te atea, 6 inches te roroa, e te 2 inches te petetue, 2”x3”x6”. Ae, koia’i te maatamaata me akaaite iatu ki te mopala o teia tuatau. I na no tona size oki, me tamou ireira au iaia ki runga i toku kiri piripou – tei reira oki te ngai e tamou putuputu ana te tane i ta ratou mopala i te reira tuatau – no te maatamaata oki ka manga topa me kore paru rai te kiri piripou no te weight oki o te mopala. E oti akaraanga James Bond me kore Secret Agent rai taua i to taua au aereanga e teia pakau e tautau aere nei ki runga i to taua kiri piripou! No te teiaa oki i teia na’ai pakau, ka akapiri ireira i te kiri piripou, pipiri ua’i e te uncomfortable te piripou. Teia katoa tetai, me tangi mai te tone e te ringi maira tetai tangata e, e au tangata tetai i te pae mai iakoe, eaa ia pakau oroa atu rai e, e apinga maata ia, a big deal. Kare oki e maata ana te tangata i te reira tuatau e mopala ta ratou, no reira riro atu nei ireira taau mopala ei akatangata anga naku e na ratou katoa tei tu i te mopala i te reira tuatau. Mei te fashion rai paa te tu kia akaaite iatu, me e mea ou oki tetai, ka inangaro rai taua e kia tu taua.

I roto i te au atianganga araveianga o te tangata i te reira tuatau, tetai manako ka o mai koia oki, mei teia te tu, *“ka ringi atu ua iakoe, eaa ake nei te numero phone i te kainga?”* Me karanga atu ireira koe e, ringi mai ki runga i taku mopala, teia te pauanga ka na muri mai, *“Oh yeah, do you have a mobile, that’s cool man, what’s the number?”* Ka poitirere rai te tangata e, e mopala taau, no te mea e pakau ou rava oki ia ki runga i te enua, a new innovation that most people didn’t have one yet at the time. So people think you’re rather cool to own one!

Aere mai ki te au mataiti akamata mai ki te 2000, kua maata mai te au tangata tei tu i te mopala, e ko te uianga ka uiia koia oki, *“Do you have a mobile?”* Kare au e rongo akaou ana i te reira uianga i teia tuatau, ko te uianga e uiia ana i teia tuatau koia oki, *“What’s your mobile?”* Tera oki te aiteanga, kua maata e kua putuputu takiri te mopala i teia tuatau, tae rava atu ki te irinakianga e kua tu te tangata katoatoa i te mopala, no reira oki i akatangiia’i tera tutu uianga. Ko au e tata nei i teia atikara, kare aku mopala, e me karanga atu au kia ratou e, *“Sorry, I don’t have one,”* tuke ake rai te mata o te tangata me akara mai kiaku, mei te mea atura e, e manga makimaki toku upstairs no teianei uara oki e kare aku mopala. Okotai ua toe, ko ratou kia tuatua mai kiaku something like, *“Are you crazy, no mobile, how do you live without one these days?”* Mea au ka karanga e, *“I sleep like a baby, no worries about top-ups and unpaid Bluesky bills,”* kare ra au i komakoma atuna, ko te karanga mai aea e, *“You really are crazy!”*



No te aa, that's how common mobiles these days that almost everyone thinks everyone else has got one, and if you don't have one, then there must be something wrong with you! No te aa, i apai mopala ana rai au i mua na mei taku e akamarama atura i runga nei. I teianei ra kare au e apai akaou ana i te reira na'ai pakau. Eaa te tumuanga? Pauanga, e landline phone to te kainga e to te ngai angaanga, e mopala ta te tokorua, e mopala katoa ta te tamaine e ta te tamaiti, no reira kakaro reka au, aore paa toku oraanga e puapinga-koreia me kare aku mopala no te mea kua koropiniia oki au e te phones, landlines and mobiles. Tamanako atura ireira au kiaku uaorai e, "A, e maru ake paa te oraanga me kare aku mopala." Maara katoa mai iaku te imene ko tei na ko tetai ngai e, "eiaa ia vaine, tamanamanata mai iaku, ka noo rai au e, ko au anake." I na, me akapiri au i tera imene ki te mopala, ka na ko ireira au e, "eiaa ia mopala, tamanamanata mai iaku, ka noo rai au e, ma te kore e mopala." Eaa ia ting i na tera reo ei! Eaa ra to kotou manako?



4. Tona Puapinga e te Tai'i

E puapinga ainei to te mopala, i na kare ua e tangata i maki me kore i mate ana i te au ra i topa no tei kore aia i tu i te reira apinga? Me e puapinga oki tona, eaa ra ireira te reira au puapinga kia kite atu tatou? Kare oki e apinga e angaia ana e kare takiri ona puapinga me kore akakoroanga, no reira e tano ei e, te vai ra tona au puapinga, i oko ei tatou iaia, i top-up ei tatou i te account kia kore e tangi mai e, "beep, beep,"

Me te vai ra tona puapinga, e tano ei e, e au ngai tu kaui katoa tona. Mei te coin rai, e rua ona tua. I ta te Papaa akatauanga, e puapinga to te mopala, e au ngai tu kaui katoa tona, e ko teia i raro nei tona au ngai meitaki e tona au ngai ta'i'i:

Advantages and Disadvantages of Mobile Phones

Almost everyone has a mobile phone these days. Everywhere you go, you'll see people sporting the latest mobile phone models. Mobile phones have completely changed the way people interact. You can call, send text messages, read emails, play games as well as read and edit documents on the go. Today, the mobile phone has become part and parcel of many people's lives. Leaving home without your phone is akin to leaving without your shoes on. Clearly, the mobile phone is one of the phenomenal inventions of this age. So what are the repercussions of constantly using these devices day in day out? Let's find out the advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones below.



ADVANTAGES

1. Easy Communication

Most people have at least a simple, if not sophisticated, mobile phone. These devices are convenient to carry around and you can use them on the go as long as there is network coverage wherever you are. Many parents allow their kids to own mobile phone because they feel secure in the knowledge that they can reach their kids wherever they are and at any time. Mobile phones have clearly made it easier to communicate.

2. Always Connected

With the upgrades made year in, year out, mobile phones are becoming more like computers with the added benefit of portability. One can receive and send emails, browse websites, download games and videos, book flight tickets, money transfer to banks and even chat with friends. With a mobile phone, you are connected to the internet throughout. You can search for places and directions for places that you are not familiar with, you can check out what your friends are up to on social media and you can even access your work PC remotely.

3. Multiple Uses

Mobile phones are convenient devices that can be used for a variety of tasks. You can listen to music, watch movies, play games, browse, store notes, make video calls, and also set an alarm for your waking up. You can even use some phones to control your TV. Mobile phones have become the modern day personal assistant.

4. Emergency Situations

Although the mobile phone doesn't guarantee safety, you can use it to make calls whenever there is an emergency. Travelling with your phone is very important. In case you have an accident, you can always contact someone who will help you.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Constant Interruption

Since you're always connected when you have your mobile phone, it becomes harder to ignore interruptions. People are always on their phones receiving calls, checking out their friends on Facebook, chatting on WhatsApp, checking emails and listening to music. It has become virtually impossible to avoid unneeded

interruption. If you're unable to control yourself, this can become a problem as you won't have time to get anything important done. Furthermore, you can't avoid work related emails and phone calls when you're at home with your family or on vacation.

2. Possibility of Privacy Leak

Having all your information on your device is very convenient. However, it's also dangerous because there's a possibility of someone else accessing your phone. Mobile phone theft is quite common and it could leave you exposed. It is therefore important to secure your phone from unauthorized access. You should also avoid storing sensitive data such as bank and credit card details. It is also possible for someone to hijack your email and social media accounts using your phone for malicious reasons.

3. Distraction

The accidents caused by usage of mobile phones when driving is innumerable. The temptation to pick an important call when driving is huge. While you may have done it successfully in the past, it is not a good idea. The distraction could easily cause you to lose control of the car and consequently cause an accident. While it is possible to put your phone on hands free mode, it is usually best to wait until you get to your destination or even pull over in order to pick the call. The mobile phone can also disrupt a meeting or class if proper etiquette is not followed. The phone ringing during a class or meeting can distract the attendees and waste precious time. Always put your phone in silent mode when you are in such a circumstance.

4. Affect Real Interaction

Today, socializing that involves real interaction is very rare. People have been reduced to interacting on social platforms such as Facebook and Twitter, or chat applications such as Viber and WhatsApp. While there's nothing expressly wrong with chatting with your friends on these platforms, it can be a problem if it is done at the expense of face to face interaction. It can easily take you away from the real life activities and you will find it hard interacting with real people. In a family where every family member has a mobile phone and uses it every time they are together, it might cause breakdown of relationships and families.

Source: Google/EnkiVillage.com

I na, tena ireira e te au taeake ma te au tuaine te puapinga o te mopala e pera tona au ngai ka riro i te akaneneva i to taua oraanga me makokore tona taangaangaia anga.



Don't be a slave to cell phones!

5. Popani

I te tuatau mua, kare e apinga akaoro a te Papaa i anga ana, no reira ka na raro aere ua tatou i te aere (walk i te reo Papaa). Ratou i te au motu, ka na runga i te vaka mei tetai nagi ki tetai. I muri mai kua rauka tetai au tu pereoi i te angaia; koneke, pereoi na te oroenua e kika, poti matini, patikara takatakai, patikara matini e te toroka/motoka, pairere i muri mai e tae rava mai ki teia tuatau. Te kite nei tatou e me kare e apinga akaoro, ka oroa puapinga-kore rai te oraanga i te ngutuare – i na tetai au tangata mai ei. Vaitata rai e ko te reira te vaerua o teia pakau e mopala i teia ra, oroa atu rai e ka puapinga-kore katoa te oraanga tangata me kare aau mopala – ko te manako ia o tetai pae, ratou tika'i tei tuku pouroa i to ratou irinakianga ki runga i te reira pakau.

I toku manako ko teia te ngai e ta'i'i nei, koia oki me tuku pouroaia te uamoia ki roto i te kete okotai, me tuku pouroaia te irinakianga ki runga i te mopala. Me topa oki te kete ki raro, i na pou pouroa te uamoia i te ngaangaa, me kare ainei? Me tuku pouroaia te irinakianga ki runga i te mopala, tera tetai ka tupu mai, mei te tataanga a te Papaa i runga nei, ka oro te motoka ki roto i te ngai tita, ka uti ratou i roto i te iriiri kapua me tangi mai taau mopala, ka hack ia taau mopala e oti kite uake koe kakole nga siringi akaou i roto i aau bank account, kakole te anau ma te matua e komakoma reka akaou i te ngutuare, e te vai atura te au headaches ka anau mai mei roto i teia pakaua me makokore tona tiakiangaia e te taangaanga angaia.



Is life possible without a mobile phone today? Well they didn't have one yesterday!

No te aa, te kite atura au i to kotou manako i te uianga mai kiaku e, ka akapeea ireira au, what do I personally think and am going to do? Good question. Aaaaee, te reka atura au i tera imene taku i taiku atu i runga nei e, *“eiaa ia mopala, tamanamanata mai iaku, ka noo rai au e, ma te kore e mopala.”* Ariana, a tetai ra ka akamanako atu ei au e me ka oko akaou i tetai, me te mako ua nei te oraanga kakole e mea peia. No teia atianga ra, ka tuku au i te reira manako ki roto i tetai pakau tei anga katoaia e te Papaa tona ingoa e *“pending tray,”* koia oki te ngai e vaooia ana te au apinga papukore to ratou tuatua. Well, time for another cuppa, no reira ka kite anoa – will call you later!

Ko teia pupuaa'anga, na Nga Mataio

KO TEIA RARE E KAIKAI MAATA

1. Akatomoanga

Ko te kaikai ko tetai mea puapinga rava atu ia i roto i te oraanga tangata. Kua kite marama ua tatou i te reira, kare ka apii akaou kia kite tatou i tona puapinga. Ko tera taeake ra ona ra ko kaikai maata, a, e mea ke ia, e oa kino ia, aita e ona maitai. Aaaaee, eaa ka kore'i teia kia akairoia ei tumu tapura kia karokaroia i teia atianga, i mua ake ka akaoti atu ei teia nutileta? No reira tena to tatou manako ei tavarenga ia tatou, koai oki ka karanga mai e, e tumu tapura puapinga-kore teia, i na ko tetai angaanga maata teia ta tatou e rave ana i roto i te Evangelia, me kare ainei? So sit back, relax and enjoy the read.

2. Puapinga o te kaikai

Eaa tika'i te puapinga o te kaikai? Teia te akamaramaanga mua: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EATING - The first thing we need to consider in relation to discernment in diet is the significance of eating. To know this significance is to know the real meaning of eating in Leviticus 11. *A. To Contact the Things outside of Us That Could Affect Us Inside.* To eat is to contact the things outside of us that could affect us inside. This especially refers to our contacting of people. When we eat we contact something that is outside of us, something that has nothing to do with us. However, if we eat that thing, it can affect us inside. In Leviticus 11 the things we eat signify people, and eating signifies our contacting of people.

B. To Receive Things from the Outside That Can Be Digested Inside to Become Our Constituent Expressed in Our Living. To eat is not merely to contact something but also to receive something into us. Once a thing is received into us, that thing can be digested inside to become our constituent, that is, our being, our constitution. We all are a constitution of the food we eat and digest. Eventually, what we digest becomes us; it becomes our very constitution. This indicates that contacting people is an important matter. If we intend to live a holy life as required by the holy God, we need to be careful about our contact with people. Our contact with certain kinds of people can cause us to be reconstituted and thus make us another kind of person. Whatever we contact we will receive, and whatever we receive will reconstitute us, making us a different kind of person from what we are now. *By Witness Lee of Living Stream Ministry / Google*



World Food Day, Puanganui Market, early 2000s. Photos by N. Mataio

Ok, tena ia tetai akamaramaanga, me kua marama kotou, well good on you, no te mea kare takiri au i kite eaa ta teia jokey i runga nei e araara maira. No reira ka tamata akaou i ta tetai tataanga, teia ia i raro nei:

Eating occurs throughout the Bible. Relationships in the Old Testament were affirmed by breaking bread together. Treaties were sealed with meals. The covenant with God was reaffirmed by ritual feasts. In fact, the word for "covenant" possibly had its origin in the Hebrew word for eating that occurs 810 times in the Old Testament Hebrew and nine times in Aramaic. Usually eating refers to the physical consumption of food, but often eating is used metaphorically to mean being fill with spiritual knowledge. *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."* (Matthew 5:6) The blessing of satisfaction is

pronounced on all who have a passion for righteousness, this hunger can be satisfied for those who feast on Jesus Christ. *Margaret Minnicks (2012), Hubpages, Google.*

Well, angari ake teia, e clear ake kia akaaite iatu ki tera i runga atura. Ok, te mako uara te akatauanga o te kaikai oraanga kopapa ki te kai a te Vaerua. Ko taku ra e titau atura koia oki ta tatou ta te tangata nei au ravenga me kore taangaanga anga i teia pakau e kai, tera tika'i ra e kai uatu rai ma te kore takiri e akamanakoanga e me te mako nei me kare. No reira, kaianga kai ko tei maata atu i ta te kopapa i anoano, ko te reira te oonuanga o te manako ki konei, i roto i te reo porena, over-eating, tira rai, kare atu kare mai. Eaa ireira te tai'i o te over-eating?

3. Te au ta'i'i o te kaikai maata

Kare e puapinga me akakite atu au i toku manako no runga i te au ta'i'i ka rauka mai na roto i te kaikai maata, no te mea kare oki kotou e irinaki mai ki taku, i te mea oki e kare au i te taote. No reira e ngari ake kia akakite atu au i ta te au taote o te kai (nutritionists) i tata, ei reira oki kotou e irinaki mai ei. Teia reira to ratou manako i raro nei:

WEIGHT GAIN

Unhealthy weight gain is one of the biggest dangers associated with eating too much. When you take in more calories than you're able to burn, you'll start packing on the pounds. In fact, a 2001 article published in "Obesity" notes that overeating is linked to obesity and people who overeat on a regular basis are less likely to get enough exercise. That exacerbates the problem, making weight gain even more likely.



Eat time Cook Islands style in the churches.



ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL DANGERS

Gaining weight isn't the only physical complaint you're likely to experience if you overeat on a regular basis. If you overeat unhealthy foods, such as high-fat fast foods or sugary desserts, you'll get an initial rush of energy, but crash shortly after, leaving you feeling sluggish and fatigued. These unhealthy foods can also cause uncomfortable digestive problems such as bloating and gas. Overeating can also lead to bone and joint pain,

according to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. This occurs when you gain too much weight from overeating because the excess pounds put additional pressure on your skeleton, which can lead to pain and discomfort, particularly in the lower back and hips.

MENTAL HEALTH DANGERS

Chronic overeating can impact mental health. A large portion of your self-image and self-esteem is connected to how you feel about your looks. If you've gained extra weight from overeating, you might not feel confident about yourself. Over time, this can actually lead to depression, according to Brown University. Having a negative self-image can also lead to anxiety, sexual and intimacy difficulties and an unnatural preoccupation with food and calories. On the other hand, shedding excess weight can boost self-image and improve overall mental health.

DISEASE DANGERS

The long-term dangers of overeating don't have anything to do with your appearance, but they can be equally as devastating. Overeating, particularly when you overeat high-fat, high-calorie foods, can increase your risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes. When obesity is the result of overeating, you're also at an increased risk for certain types of cancer, gallbladder disease, high cholesterol and sleep apnea. You might also develop high blood pressure, which can contribute to an elevated risk of having a stroke.

by Sara Ipatenco, Demand Media / Google



Over-eating is a health hazard.

I na, tena ireira ta te aronga marama e akamarama maira, maramarama ua iaku, e tano ei e kua pera katoa kia kotou. Me te ngata ra te maramaanga, tatau akaouia me kore ui iatu kia ratou e angaanga maira i roto i te Marae Ora, Ministry of Health. Ei tapae poto ua ki vao i konei, karanga oki te President o te CICC a Rev. Tuaine Ngametua e, kare teia ingoa Marae Ora e tano ana kia kapikiia teia tipatimani, no te mea i nana'i ko ratou te aere ana ki teia ngutuare, te ora ra tetai pae e te mate ra tetai pae. No reira ko te ingoa ka tano ake kia avaia teia tipatimani i nana'i koia oki Marae Kimi Ora, no reira oki taua ka aere ei ki teia ngutuare, no te kimi kia rauka mai te ora no te kopapa, kare ka aere taua ki reira kia mate! A, ngata iaku i te taumaro ki te manako o teia tangata no Akatokamanava rava mai i te ngai i kapuaia mai ei – e pirianga ra tona ki roto ia Ngati Makea i nana mai ei!

4. Kaikai i roto i ta tatou akonoanga CICC

Teia ta tetai oku taeake i akakite ki roto i tetai uipaanga a te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia, iaia i turu pakari i te manako e kia taopenga rai te reira akakoroanga e uriurii ra na roto i te kaikai, auraka te katikati: *“Me ka ana taku umu, kua kite au e, eaa taku ka tuku ki raro.”* Ko te vaerua teia o te karapi'i-kore, tei aru i te manako e, *“ko te venereka teia o te Evangelia ta tatou e kite nei.”* No te aa, te mako uara te manako.

Mei toku meangiti anga e tae mai ki teia tuatau, almost 60 years later, kua ki te au i te tauiaanga o te turanga o te kai i runga i te kaingakai – i te ngai tangata, i roto i te au angaanga o te Evangelia, i te kainga, e pera i roto i te au akakoroanga i vao ake i te Evangelia. Ko teia katoa taku i akarongo mei toku au taeake i roto i te akarongo i roto i to tatou nei pa moana Pasifika. Teia oki te au tauiaanga tei kitea atu:

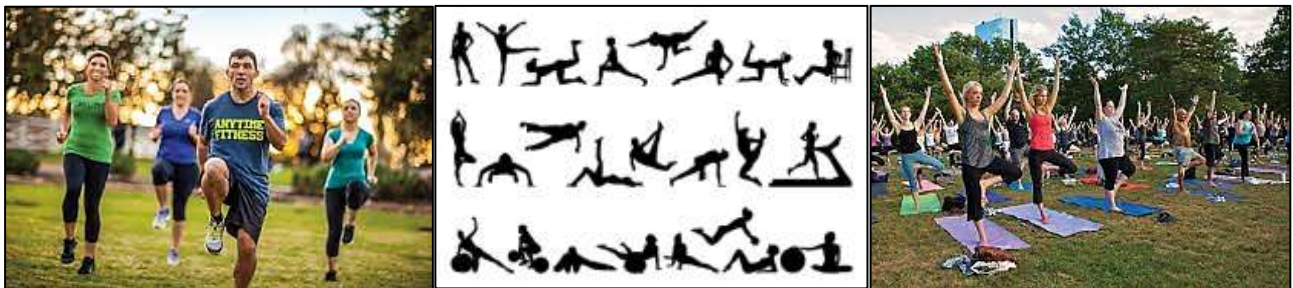
- Kua akaaka mai te putunga o te kai i runga i te kaingakai; mei teia oki tetai akatauanga, i te tuatau mua kare e o te kai ki runga i te kaingakai, no reira ka akaputuia na runga ake i te au kai e vai ra i runga i te kaingakai.
- Kua iti mai te au puaka katoa e pera te au moa kainga i runga i te kaingakai. E moa oko teia e kitea nei ki runga i te kaingakai.
- Kare e putuputu akaou ana te nu, e vai tavene/refresh teia e kitea nei, e pera te ti, kaope, milo, cocoa, fizzy drinks.
- Puaka, moa, taro, tarua, kumara, ika – ko te reira ua te kai ka kitea ki runga i kaingakai i te tuatau mua; i teia tuatau ka kitea te kai papaa, meite mayonaise, chopsoy, fruit salad, e te vai atura.
- I te tuatau mua, kare te tangata tei patii e tari ana i te kai ki te kainga, i teia tuatau, te kitea nei e ka na mua tetai pae i te akaki i te mereki ki te kai apai, apai ki roto i te motoka, oki mai ei ki runga i te kainga kai kaikai, eaa ia ting i na te mapu ei!



Vegees are good for health – according to the Health experts.

5. Mei konei kiea?

E'i'a taime i umuumuia ana kia akaitiia mai teia angaanga kaikai i roto i te au akakoroanga o te Evangelia, kua tuatuaia ana i roto i taku Ekalesia, kua tuatuaia ana ki roto i te au uipaanga a te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia, kua taikuia ana ki roto i ta tatou ta te CICC au uipaanga maata i topa. Kua akapeea atura ireira? Kare e tukuanga tika matutu; teia oki tetai au kotoeanga – no te Vainetini tena tipatimani kare no tatou e te Tanetini, kare te Vainetini e ariki i te manako, vaoo ua na te tuatau e akaiti kia tau ki te akapouanga e pera te oraanga o te reira tuatau, e te vai atura te au manako tei akaariarii i te au ra i topa; te mako ra tetai au manako, kua mamao roa ki vao tetai au manako, all gud ra i na te uki ei o teia tuatau. Ko tetai mea maata oki e kitea nei no reira i umuumuia kia iti mai te kaikai, koia oki te putunga nei te kai ki runga i te kaingakai kare i pou me oti te reira akakoroanga, kaimoumou ireira, noatu e ka akaoki ki te kainga tamaana rikiriki ua'i no te au ra i muri mai.



Eaa ireira taku e taau ka rave? Kare oku manamanata, kare oki au e over-weight ana. Ko kotou ra e kai ra ma te manako e ko te ra openga rai teia, eeeiii rapu mai ia kotou. Kare ia i te angaanga naku e kia na ko kotou e kia na ko, each is responsible for his/her own eating habits. Kua papu meitaki oki iaku e I eat to live, not live to eat. Over to you, I rest my case.

Ko teia pupuaa'anga e pera tetai au pae tutu, na Nga Mataio. Te au images, no runga mai i te Google.



PART 3

About the Four-fold Ministry

INTRODUCTION

Kia orana to all my colleagues, fellow ministers, clergies, saints, brothers and sisters in Christ in the adorable name of our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ. The given topic for me to discuss and present in this workshop is based upon the Five-fold Ministry. There is also the on-going argument today about this study. Some people argue that it is not a Five-fold ministry, but Four-fold Ministry. I believe that the best way to ease our thoughts is to see what the Word of God has to say about the issue. The passage of scripture that we will look at for our discussion is Ephesians 4:11–13.

We will look at the text in the Greek, English and Maori:

Greek Text:

11 καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφῆτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, 12 πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, 13 μέχρι καταστήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ,¹

English Text (KJV)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Maori:

“E kua akono oki aia i tetai pae, ei aposetolo; tetai pae, ei peroveta; tetai pae, ei apii evangelia; e tetai pae, ei tiaki, e ei orometua; Ei akatau i te aronga tapu, no te angaanga orometua, kia meitaki oki te kopapa o te Mesia ra. Kia riro tatou ravarai ei tangata pakari i te akarongo okotai, e te kite i te Tamaiti a te Atua ra, kia taea te aite ra i te ki o te Mesia ra i te maata.

EXEGESIS OF THE TEXT IN ITS CONTEXT.

When the Lord ascended to heaven, He gave the church four gifts (or gifted men). The term pastor and teacher according to Granville Sharp's Rule² is the same person.

The Greek text:

καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους τοὺς δὲ προφῆτας τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.” (verse 11)

The Greek καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν And he gave.... The word for ‘gave’ is edoken □□□□□□ and is an orist active indicative of the word διδόμι (didomi) and it means the assignment of a person to a task as a special

¹ http://www.scripture4all.org/OnlineInterlinear/Greek_Index.htm

² <http://spartacus-educational.com/REsharp.htm>, http://www.theopedia.com/Granville_Sharp's_rule

benefit to others (LAUW)³. He granted this based on decision of His will and not on the merit of the recipients.⁴

This form of the finite verb (*edoken*) is sufficient to render “he gave.” The inclusion of the personal pronoun (*autos*) suggests some emphasis although most English translations/versions do not so indicate. The reading is simply “he gave,” (KJV) or “It was he who gave” (NIV). However, some translators have sought to express an emphasis by phrasing “He Himself gave.”⁵

Since Christ is the giver of the spiritual gifts and spiritual functions, there is no place for human pride, as if the gifts were self-generated or in some way earned. Similarly, there is no place for envy since Christ has gifted all and that in various and different ways.⁶

Paul enumerates four spiritual functions: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Some scholars suggest that Paul refers to five functions, since the last mentioned, “pastors and teachers,” consists of two distinct roles, but it’s not so in the Greek.

The nouns used for the stated functions are all masculine. This fact does not necessarily specify male recipients only, as some writers would have it. The stress is not on the gender of the gifted one but on the gift. Although some translations have included the expression “some men” to define the recipients, most common English versions, rightfully highlight function rather than gender. Such a rendering is supported by the fact that the quotation in verse 7 speaks of Christ giving “gifts to men (*anthropois*),” a term meaning human beings regardless of gender.⁷

We have in verse 11 the fourfold repetition of *τους δε* and this gives us the concept of connection of this phrase to the immediate text adding strength to each of the gifts. In the King James Version (KJV) each of these gifts is enclosed with the semi-colon. It also puts emphasis on each of these gifts.

The *τους δε* (*tous de*) then speaks about the gifts employed which occurs in a list of people gifted by God to enable the church to grow (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers). This indication includes a communication function related to the revelation of God.⁸

And he (The ascended Christ) gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.

The Apostle (Gr.apostolous from *apostolos*) meaning ‘envoy,’ ‘one sent,’ ‘delegate’ or ‘special messenger.’ In the New Testament this word is used for three different messenger or envoy.⁹

1. These are men who were handpicked by the Lord Jesus for training, to be with him during His earthly life and had witnessed His resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:21-22). There is no person in the church today who holds this position.
2. Paul who had a special call from the ascended Lord (Acts 9:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:8-9). Those who received the gift of apostleship.
3. This term has primary application to the twelve apostles which include Paul. Matthias was not the Lord’s choice, but that of men.

³ <http://www.wordhippo.com/what-is/the-meaning-of/dutch-word-lauw.html>

⁴ http://www.preceptaustin.org/ephesians_411.htm

⁵ <http://www.directionjournal.org/20/1/no-clergy-or-laity-all-christians-are.html>

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid

⁸ <http://moments.nbseminary.com/archives/130-the-scope-of-pastoral-work-ephesians-411/>

⁹ http://www.preceptaustin.org/ephesians_411.htm

This term is also used in secondary sense to those who proclaim the word of God today.

The prophet (Gr. *prophetas* from *prophetes*) means inspired preacher. This term denotes a person who proclaims inspired words on behalf of God. There are two kinds of prophetic ministry in the word of God:

1. Those who foretold God's message e.g. Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2, foretold the birth of our Lord; and
2. Those who forth tell the message of God. A large part of prophetic books of the Old Testament are proclamation by the servants of God.

Both apostles and prophets must be understood in the sense which appears in Eph. 2:20 and 3:5.

1. Ephesians 2:20, "*And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone*"
2. Ephesians 3:5, "*Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit*"

These two gifts are our Lord's foundation gifts to His church.

This passage uses a building analogy that is carried on in Ephesians 4:11-13 where he uses the phrase "building up." The word in Ephesians 4:11 is from the base of the same Greek word that was used in Ephesians 2:20. Here in Ephesians 2 apostles and prophets are the foundation with Christ being the cornerstone.¹⁰

This passage has several interpretive issues:

1. Does it mean, "the foundation that the apostles and prophets lay," or
2. Does it mean, "the foundation that consists of the apostles and prophets"?

And, "Who are the prophets here? Are they Old Testament ones? or New Testament ones? Or just the apostles and prophets?"

The Greek can allow either interpretation, so we need to look at the context to decide. In Ephesians 2 Paul is primarily concerned with the fact that this one building consists of both redeemed Jews and Gentiles.

The next mention of apostles and prophets in Ephesians is instructive: "*And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel*" (Ephesians 3:4-6).

The mystery of the gospel is that God is saving Gentiles as well as Jews and adding them to the church. This was revealed to the "apostles and prophets."¹¹

Several scholars have written astute observations on this. F.F. Bruce wrote, "Apostles and prophets constitute the foundation ministries in the church, not only in Ephesians but in 1 Corinthians: "God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets . . ." (1Cor. 12:28). Apostles and prophets, then, might well be viewed as the first stones to be laid in the new building."¹²

In Ephesians 'the foundation' is to be understood in the same sense, the one laid by God. Then the genitive is appositional: "The foundation which consists of the apostles and prophets," not, indeed of their persons as being the first believers, or of their faith as being the original faith, but of their office as "the apostles and prophets," the recipients of the entire divine saving revelation for inspired transmission to all future ages.¹³

¹⁰ <http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue66.htm>

¹¹ <http://biblehub.com/ephesians/2-20.htm>

¹² <https://rejoiceforevermore.wordpress.com/tag/manifest-sons-of-god/>

¹³ Ibid



The ministries of the apostles and prophets continue throughout the age only in the sense that they gave us the New Testament revelation that serves as the once for all laid foundation, Christ as the cornerstone. Considering that Paul called Christ the cornerstone, and in Corinthians the foundation itself, we can see that the foundation must be laid once for all.

The evangelist (Gr. from euaggelistes) a preacher of the gospel. This term denotes one who heralds the gospel. These men in New Testament times went from place to place in order to announce the gospel. Church today seldom recognize or use the men with this gift.

The evangelist is linked with the work of the pastor-teacher. Evangelists and teaching pastors, work together just as the apostles and prophets work together. Evangelists are men and women with a special gift of communicating the Gospel in relevant terms to those who are not yet Christians. Since the evangelist is primarily responsible for the numerical growth of the body of Christ, the ministry of the evangelist corresponds to the digestive system within the human body, taking food which is quite unlike flesh and transforms it into flesh and bones, making it a living part of the body.¹⁴

All Christians are expected to evangelize, but not all have the gift of an evangelist. Christians are to evangelize as witnesses, but a witness is different from an evangelist. Any individual Christian should be able to explain to others what happened when he or she became a Christian. As the apostle Peter says, a Christian should "always be ready to give ... a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Witnessing should be as easy as talking about any other meaningful life experience. If you can talk about how wonderful your husband is, or your wife, or your children or grandchildren, you can witness for Christ. To talk about your Christian experience simply and naturally is Christian witnessing.

But the gift of an evangelist goes further. He knows how to explain the why and how of the great redeeming story of Jesus Christ. He is able to proclaim the truth which results in new birth. He is forever dealing with the truth that God has not left man in a hopeless condition but has made a way at great and incredible cost to His Son by which men and women can be set free from sin and death, and given a new start and a new basis for the battle. That is the work of an evangelist.

The evangelist's task is not to go about denouncing sin, but to point the way out of sin. The evangelist may call people's attention to that which is creating so much misery and heartache in their lives, but his work is not to denounce and condemn sinners. Evangelists are not to thunder away at people, telling them what miserable creatures they are and how God is waiting to strike them with thunderbolts of judgment. He is not to expose the horrors of hellfire and dangle sinners over those fires until they writhe and tremble. That is not the calling of the evangelist!

If the preaching of "fire and brimstone" is ever called for, it is the task of a prophet, not the task of an evangelist. The evangelist's role is to tell people about the overpowering grace of God and the overpowering love of a heavenly Father, a Father who calls men and women back to Himself, offering to set their twisted lives straight through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

Many Christians today possess the gift of an evangelist, both men and women. Evangelism can be done anywhere. It is not restricted to mass meetings, such as in the great Billy Graham crusades, though Dr. Graham's ministry is also true evangelism.¹⁵

The gift of an evangelist can be exercised toward a single individual, as is clear in the book of Acts (8:26-31) when Philip the evangelist spoke to the Ethiopian eunuch as he was riding along in a chariot and told him of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.¹⁶

Philip is not only an evangelist, he is also a deacon in the church.¹⁷

(to be continued in the next newsletter)

¹⁴ <http://www.raystedman.org/thematic-studies/body-life/how-the-body-works>

¹⁵ <http://www.raystedman.org/thematic-studies/body-life/how-the-body-works>

¹⁶ <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/264.html>

¹⁷ <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/IVP-NT/Acts/Philip-Ethiopian-Eunuch>



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