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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 66 tei akamataia i te mataiti 2005. Ko te rua teia no teia mataiti 2017.

Tetai tuanga ei akaaravei ia tatou, te na ko ra te manako maata/theme o te uipaanga maata e tu mai nei i teia marama ki mua, *“E oki ki te Atua, akaou e te akatupu i taau i tia; Return to God, renew and fulfill your vow.”* Irinaki au e te vai ra te au tumuanga i manako ei to tatou Kumiti Orometua i Rarotonga nei kia riro e ko teia te kaveinga no ta tatou uipaanga maata i teia mataiti. No reira ka pure tatou ki te mana katoatoa kia riro aia i te turama mai i to tatou ngakau tatakita ma te tauturu mai ia tatou i te akatupuanga i ta te manako maata e anoano maira kia pera tatou.

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 i te au nutileta i mua atu e kua anoano kotou kia kite, aravei atu i te Orometua o taau Ekalesia me kore akakite mai ki Takamoia nei; ka rauka oki te reira au nutireta i te tuku iatu na runga i te imere. Noatu e tei muri teia au nutireta, 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 peapa.

2. REKOTIANGA IMENE TUKI NA TE EKALLESIA MATAVERA

Kua roa te tuatau i to te Ekalesia manakonakoanga kia rekotia tetai o te au imene reo metua tana e imenemene nei ki roto i te Ekalesia i teia tuatau. I roto ireira ia Aperira i teia mataiti, kua rauka te reira moemoea i te akatupuia na roto i te tauturu tei rauka mai i raro ake i te UNESCO funding assistance tei akaaereia mai e te Ministry of Internal Affairs. Kua riro e na te taeake Tereapii Pita e tana kamupani i rekoti i te au imene ki roto rai ia Gibeona, te Are Apii Sabati o te Ekalesia Matavera.



Members of the Matavera Ekalesia who took part in the recording onto 2 CD volumes of some of its traditional church hymns in April 2017. Photo by Natana Mataio.

E 30 imene i te katoatoa tei rekotiia atu, e 15 i runga i te CD okotai kia tau ki tei akamaramaia mai e Tereapii e kia na reira te akapapaanga o te au imene. I runga i te Volume 1, e au imene tei atuia no te Kiritimiti (hymns no.1-7) e pera te Mataiti Ou (no.8-15), e i runga i te Volume 2, e au imene tei atuia no te au akakoroanga tuketuke, mei te ra taeanga Evangelia, tomoanga are, au imene akameitaki i te Atua, e tetai au tua/events i roto i te Bibilia. I runga i teia nga Volume e 2, te vai ra te au imene na te Ekalesia rai i atu, te vai katoa te au imene tei apai'ia mai e te au taeake mei vao mai i te Ekalesia. Ko teia nga volume imeme te oko nei te Ekalesia e \$20 i te pair okotai, tera te aiteanga, vol. 1 & vol. 2, \$20 for the two, not \$20 each. Ringi atu i te Orometua o te Ekalesia ki runga i te 20158 me kore iaku ki runga i te 26547 me kua anoano koe i tetai set naau.

Tataia e Nga Mataio, Matavera CICC

3. AKAMAROKURA'ANGA IA VAIKAI MATAIAPU

I roto i te nutileta 56 kapi 14-16 tei tukuia ki vao i roto ia Titema 2014, no runga ia i to te metua vaine Kura Bullen akamarokura'angaia ki rungai te taoanga Vaikai Mataiapo o Ngati-Tangiia. I te mataiti i topa 2016 kua takake atu a Kura ki te moeanga roa, e i roto ia Aperira i teia mataiti 2017 kua iki e kua akairi te kopu tangata Ngati Vaikai i ta ratou tamaiti Sonny Daniel ki runga i te taoanga ei mono atu i tona aunty ia Kura. Kua raveia te au angaanga katoatoa ki runga rai i te marae o Vaikai Mataiapo koia a *Porotaka Marae* e kua turuia e tona nga Rangatira e 6, koia a Teamaru-Ariki, Utariki, Manatu, Tatia, Tekaara e Tupaitoa.



Kia oti te akamarokura'anga, kua neke atu a Vaikai Mataiapo ou e tona ruru tangata ki tetai tua mai ia Porotaka Marae no te eeu'anga i te ingoa o te mataara tei karangaia e, Ngati Vaikai Road. Kua vai takere ana teia mataara inara kare ona ingoa i topaia ana, ko teia ireira te atianga ta te kopu tangata Ngati Vaikai i manako e kia akatuaia tetai ingoa/akakiteanga tuatua no teia mataara tei riro ei ara no ratou e noo ra ki muri mai.

Manea tika'i te au tuanga katoatoa tei raveia mai, e pera te tuanga a ratou tei akatakaia kia tuatua; tangata akakitekite tuatua (MC), Vaikai Mataiapo, tangata nana i arataki mai i te tua tapapa (history/genealogy), e pera te vaa tuatua tei akatakaia no te tukuanga mai i te pe'e o Ngati Vaikai, koia a Teamaru-Arii Rangatira (Michael Short). Ko tetai mea manea tei akaariia mai i te reira ra koia oki te ngere o te aronga patoi i te akakoroanga, riro atura i te akapapu mai e tei muri a Ngati Vaikai katoatoa ia Sonny ei mou i te taoanga.

I muri ake kua patiiia te katoatoa tei tae ei kite i teia angaanga manea, kia aere mai aravei ia Vaikai Mataiapo ou e tona au Rangatira, e pera tetai raurau kai ki to ratou rima i mua ake ka oki atu ei ki te ngutuare. Mei tetai 200-tuma tangata tei tae ki te akakoroanga tei riro e na te Tauturu Orometua Rau Nga i rave i te pureanga i te mea e tei Nutireni te Orometua o te oire i te reira tuatau, koia a Rev. Tereora Tereora. E tamaiti a Sonny na te taote Roro e te late Akaiti Daniel.

Tataia/neneia e N. Mataio

4. AKAMAROKURA'ANGA IA TAMAIVA MATAIAPO

E toru ra i muri ake i to Vaikai Mataiapo akamarokuraia'anga, kua raveia to Tamaiva Mataiapo o Arai-te-tonga ki runga rai i tona marae i Apa Tupapa, koia a *Muri Vai Marae o Tamaiva*. Kua riro te Orometua o te oire, Rev. Vaka Ngaro, i te rave i te pureanga tei tae mai tetai rua anere-tuma tangata mei to Vaikai Mataiapo rai no te matakitaki i te akakoroanga. Ko Teariki Simiona tei mou maina i teia taoanga mataiapo e i tona takake atu anga ki te mataara o te akangaroianga roa, i manako ei te kopu tangata Ngati Tamaiva e ko tetai ana tamaiti, lotia Atera o Matavera, tei tau kia mou i te taoanga. E Tekeretere katoa a lotia no te Ekalesia Matavera CICC.

Kua aite rai te manea e te mako i te au angaanga katoatoa tei raveia mei to Vaikai. Kare katoa e tua patoi i kitea i taua ra, riro atura i te akapapu mai e tei muri a Ngati Tamaiva i te taeake lotia ei mou i te taoanga. Kare e ekoko e, ka riro te turanga mou Evangelia o lotia i te tauturu i te akaruruanga i te kopu tangata Ngati Tamaiva iaia ka rave i te au tuanga angaanga tei anoano te kopu tangata iaia kia rave ei meitaki no ta ratou anau i teia ra e to apopo.



Tataia/neneia e N. Mataio



5. TAUTURU OROMETUA – EKALESIA ONEROA, MANGAIA



ripoti poto teia no runga i te akataoanga anga i te Tauturu Orometua ou o te Ekalesia Oneroa, Mangaia, tei raveia i te marama Me i topa.

A. Te akangaroi anga o te Tauturu Orometua o te Ekalesia

I te Varaire ra 24 no Peperuare i teia mataiti 2017, kua tae mai te Tauturu Orometua o te Ekalesia Oneroa mei Nu Tireni mai koia a Papa Torotoro Kimipiiti i te apai mai i tana leta akangaroi (resignation letter) no te taoanga Tauturu Orometua. I te mea oki e te noo nei raua ko te mama ki Nu Tireni no tetai tuatau akakotinga kore ia, kua uriuri manako atu aia ki tona akaperepere no runga i teia taonga o te Ekalesia. Kua akakite mai a Papa Torotoro Kimipiiti kiaku te Orometua o te Ekalesia e kua ariki raua e, e mea tau kia akaoki ia mai te taoanga Tauturu Orometua no to raua turanga makimaki. I te Pureraa ra 1 no Mati, kua akakite atu au te Orometua o te Ekalesia i te leta akangaroi a Papa Torotoro ki roto i te Uipaanga Rekapi a te au Diakono. Kua uriuri ia teia manako e te au Diakono kia akara ia tetai tuatau no te ikianga i tetai tangata ei mono i teia taoanga. Kua rave te Ekalesia i tetai ariki anga no Papa Torotoro ma te oronga atu i tetai au reo akamaroiroi anga nona e pera ki te mama. I te Monite ra 6 no Mati, kua oki akaou atu a Papa Torotoro ki Rarotonga, tapapa atu ei i te oki anga atu ki Nu Tireni.

B. Te iki anga o te Tauturu Orometua Ou

I te Sabai ra 5 no Mati i teia mataiti 2017, kua raveia te uipaanga a te Ekalesia no te iki anga i tetai Tauturu Orometua no te Ekalesia. Kua iki ia mai a **Teuanuku Koroa** ei apai i teia taoanga. Kua tamanako katoa mai te Ekalesia e kia rave ia te akatainu anga o te Tauturu Orometua ou i te Sabati Oroa o Me, e kia riro na te Orometua Ngateitei e rave i te reira. Kua tuku ia atu te akakite anga ki te Tekeretere Maata i Takamoa no tetai akapapu anga mei roto mai i te Kumiti Maata e kia riro a **Teuanuku Koroa** ei apai i te taoanga Tauturu Orometua. Kua tae mai te akapapu anga no Takamoa mai e kua ariki ia te patianganga a te Ekalesia.

C. Tae anga mai o te Orometua Ngateitei ki Mangaia

I te Varaire ra 5 no Me, kua tae mai te Orometua Ngateitei ki Mangaia no te akatainu atu ia **Teuanuku Koroa**. Kua tano mai te tuatau i aere mai ei te Orometua Ngateitei i te ra i rave ia ei te pure a te au vainetini (Pacific Day of Prayer) ki roto i te Ekalesia Ivirua. Mei te ngai akatoanga pairere, kua apai atu au te Orometua o te Ekalesia Oneroa i te Orometua Ngateitei ki Ivirua. Ko te mea pumaana tei kitea ia i taua aiai, kua noo rai te vainetini i te tiaki i te tae anga mai o te Orometua Ngateitei i mua ake ka rave ia ei ta ratou pure. Kua riro to te Orometua Ngateitei piri anga mai ki roto i teia pure anga ei ngateitei maata no te au vainetini. Na te Orometua vaine akangaroi o te Ekalesia Ivirua koia a Mrs. Ngara Aratangi i rave i te akoanga i te reira pure anga. E kia oti te pure, kua aere atu te katoatoa ki roto i te hall o te Ekalesia no te kai manga. Kare e rauka kia tuatua ia te meitaki o te Atua tei kitea ia i runga i te auau. Kua mataora te katoatoa e tae uatu ki te akaoti anga o te reira akakoro anga.

D. Te akatainu anga ia o te Tauturu Metua Ou.

I te Maanakai ra 6 no Me i te ora aiai, kua rave ia tetai workshop na te Orometua Ngateitei ki roto i te Hall o te Mapu Oneroa. Kua mataora te Ekalesia i te akarongo anga i te au manako ta te Orometua i akakite mai no runga tikai i te au akateretere anga o ta tatou Akonoanga C.I.C.C. I te sabati ra 7 no Me, kua rave iatu te akatainu anga o te Tauturu Orometua o te Ekalesia Oneroa.

E rua akakoroanga tei rave ia i taua ra koia oki te akatainu anga i tetai mema Ekalesia ou koia a Ms. Rimaanu Bennet. Kua rave te Orometua Ngateitei i tona akatainu anga i mua ake o te tuatau akamorianga. E i mua ake te akoanga a te Orometua Ngateitei, kua rave atu aia i te akatainu anga ia **Teuanuku Koroa** ei Tauturu Orometua no te Ekalesia. Kua manea te au angaanga tei rave ia, e kua ngao katoa te tangata tei tae mai ei kite no teia angaanga tei tupu.



Kia akaoti te pure, kua aere atu te katoatoa ki roto i te hall o te mapu ei taopenga i te akakoro anga o te reira ra. Mei tei tupu ki roto i te Ekalesia Ivirua, kare e rauka kia akakite ia te meitaki o te Atua. Kua piri katoa atu te Orometua Ngateitei ki roto i te Pure Akaaki anga Kaka a te iti-tangata Mangaia i te reira aiai. Kua rave ia teia pure anga ki roto i te Hall o te au Mapu Oneroa no te kinokino o te reva. E rave ia ana teia akakoroanga ki runga i te Court o te Tavaenga i te au mataiti katoatoa. Kua riro te Orometua Ngateitei i te oronga mai i tetai au tuatua akameitaki ma te akamaroiroi i te au tangata katoatoa tei tae mai ki taua pure anga. Kua mataora te katoatoa tei tae mai ki roto i teia pure anga. I tona tuatau poto i te nooanga ki roto i te Ekalesia, kua riro te au Puna e toru o te Ekalesia koia Veitatei, Keia, Tavaenga ei akonokono i te oraanga o te Orometua Ngateitei e tae uatu ki tona oki anga ki Rarotonga i te ra 8 no Me.



E. Tua tapapa no te Tauturu Orometua Ou.

Kua anau ia a Teuanuku Koroa ki Arorangi, Rarotonga i te ra 14 no Tianuare 1964. Ko Teuanuku Koroa te tamaiti mataiapo a Papa Raumea e Mama Porohu Koroa. E 7 a raua tamariki i te katoatoa anga. I te mataiti 2001, kua akaipoipo atu aia ki tana vaine ko Matapo Tangatakinu. E 4 a raua au tamariki angai, e 3 tamaroa, e 1 tamaine. Teia i reira i raro nei tetai o tana au angaanga i rave ana i te au tuatau i topa e tae mai nei ki teia ra.

A. Tana au angaanga no te Tauturu i te Oraanga

- Ministry of Agriculture 1984-2009
- Mangaia Island Admin.(Agriculture Manager) 2009-2017
- Mangaia Island Council Member 2004-2007

B. Tana au angaanga i roto i te Evangelia

- Oneroa Sunday School, Youth, B.B. last rank Sergeant (1983)
- Oneroa C.I.C.C. Member 1985; Assistant Deacon 1998; Deacon 2001-2017
- Treasurer 2007-2013; Assist.Secretary 2004-2010; Deacon Secretary 2004-2012, 2016-2017



- Oneroa Delegate to C.I.C.C. General Assembly (2005 - Observer), 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013
- Mangaia Church Council Treasurer 2004-2014 and still an active member in the this organisation today
- Mangaia R.A.C. member and Treasurer 2005-2017

C. Tana au angaanga i runga i te Enuā

- Mangaia-Vanilla Growers Association - Treasurer
- Veitatei Growers Association - Treasurer
- Veitatei Uirangatira (Aronga Mana)
- Mangaia Nono Growers

Tena i reira te turanga o te Tauturu Orometua Ou o te Ekalesia Oneroa ei kite anga no tatou e te iti-tangata o te Atua i roto i ta tatou akonoanga Cook Islands Christian Church. Tangike Tangike Tangike, kua matau ua oki tatou.



Tataia e Rev. Tereapi Matakere, Ekalesia Oneroa. Ko te au tutu, na raua ko te Rev. Tuaine Ngametua i tuku mai.

6. TERETERE APII SABATI I MATAVERA



te Sabati ra 21 o Me kua raveia te Teretere Apii Sabati mua o teia mataiti 2017 i Rarotonga nei, kua tere atu te anau Apii Sabati o Matavera ki Titikaveka tei apai iatu e te Orometua Takaikura Marsters.



Above: Apii Sabati Nikao. Below: Apii Sabati Matavera

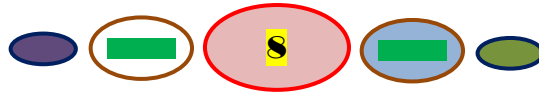


e kua tere mai to Nikao ki Matavera nei tei apaiia mai e te Orometua Oirua Rasmussen. Mei tei matauia, kua na mua te tamariki Nikao i te rave mai i ta ratou tatau i te au irava tamou ngakau ta te au Puapii Sabati i oronga kia ratou, e kua na muri atu te tamariki Matavera. Noatu kare ta tetai pae tamariki irava i mou meitaki, ko te mea maata kua ariki e kia rave rai ratou i te au tuanga tei orongaia kia ratou. Manea te angaanga a nga pupu tamariki tei rave mai.

Kia oti te tatau kua takiruru atu te katoatoa ki tai ia *Gibeona*, te Are Apii Sabati o te Ekalesia Matavera, no te katikati i mua ake ka oki atu ei te tere mei Nikao mai. Te arikirikianga o te tere, kua riro ia e na nga Tapere Vaenga/Pouara i akatere mai, turu iatu e nga tapere Rotopu, e Titama/Tupapa i roto i te oire.

Ko te tu o te katikati, kua katikati te tamariki tei tere mai e pera te tamariki i roto i te Ekalesia Matavera, kareka te au metua e pera te au tuturu i roto i te Ekalesia Matavera, kua tiaki ratou kia oti te tamariki e kia oki atu te tere, ireira ratou i aere mai ei ki runga i te kaingakai. Ko te akanoonoo-anga teia mei mua mai, kare oki e tumuanga e rauka'i tetai akaapaanga. Ko te tuatua ua rai ka tano kia tuatuaia koia oki, "kua leleiwua te au mea takatoa."

Tataia/heneia e N. Mataio



7. E AU MANAKO MEI ROTO ATU I TE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS UNIT

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o teia i raro nei, e tuanga mei roto mai i taku ripoti ki te uipaanga a te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia tei raveia i te ra 15 o teia marama Tiunu ki te Ekalesia Avarua. Ko tena ia te turanga o tetai o te au angaanga a te BCU e rave nei i teia tuatau.

1. Toka aka'ari i te tua tāpapa no Anederea e nga Orometua no Aitutaki (Taria), Mangaia (Materua) e Tahiti (Matatuhi) tei taia e te etene i te Oire Kalo i Papua Niu Kini i te ra 7 no Mati mataiti 1881

Te ngatā nei te maanianga i te tua tapapa no teia toka no te mea kare e akapapuanga i rauka mai mei Papua Niu Kini mai no runga i te tikaanga tikai o te tua no Materua, te Orometua Mangaia. Te kimi ravenga uatu nei rai te BCU i te tikaanga tikai o te tua. Te tumatetenga nei te BCU penei kare e papa mai teia toka no te akatueraanga i te ra 25 no Tiurai 2017, te ra Taeanga Evangelia ki Rarotonga nei te ka akatereia mai e te Ekalesia Titikaveka. Te pure nei no te tauturu a te Atua no teia akakoroanga kia manuia.

2. Bibilia Tapu Maori ki te Roro Uira

Te vai nei rai te mataora anga no teia angaanga e akatere ia nei e te Orometua Rev. Robati Mani, tei turuia e tona tokorua ko Mama Marina Mani. I roto i te ripoti a te Orometua i teia marama i topa, kua akakite mai aia e 4 rai puka toe o te Kororomotu Taito e akamanea ia nei. Kua tae i reira teia angaanga ki te openga o te tuanga akamanea e te etita. Ka tuku iatu i reira te au puka toe ki te Bible Society of the South Pacific e te United Bible Societies i te ra 1 no Tiurai. Ka riro i reira na ratou e rave i te tuanga ka aru mai e tae uatu ki te openga o teia angaanga.

Ei teateamamao ia tatou, te mataora nei te BCU i te akakite atu ki te katoatoa e ka raveia te akatuera'anga o te Bibilia Tapu Maori Roro Uira ki Takamoa a te Ruitoru ra 13 no Titema i teia mataiti 2017.

3. Tata'anga i te Puka no te akama'araanga i te 200 mataiti o te Evangelia kia tatou

Te akamaara akaou ia atu nei ki te katoatoa e me ka anoano koe i te turu i teia pupu tata tua, akakite mai ki te Director kia akamarama atu aia kia koe i te ka anoanoia kia raveia e ka akamata ei koe i te tātā i taau tuanga. E maata te aronga tātā ka anoanoia no reira tāki mai te rima ki runga kia mataora teia angaanga.

4. Teateamamaoanga no te Uipaanga Maata

Te oronga atu nei au i te reo aroa o te BCU ki te au Orometua tei tae mai ki Rarotonga nei i teia au ra no te tapapaanga atu i te tuatau e raveia ei te Uipaanga Maata i teia marama ki mua. Te inangaro nei te BCU i te uriuri manako ki te au Orometua katoatoa o te Pa Enuā, to Nu Tireni e to Autireria no runga i te au porokaramu tei oti i te akamanaia e te Uipaanga Maata ei akaepaepa i te taeanga mai o te Evangelia ki to tatou Pa Enuā.

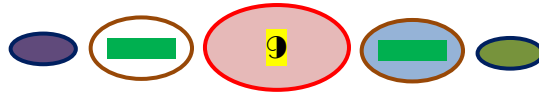
Ka tamanako te BCU ki te Uipaanga Maata kia ikia mai tetai Kumiti no te BCU ki Aitutaki, Nu Tireni e Autireria ei akateretere i te raveanga angaanga no te Bicentennial Celebrations e tu mai nei. Te oronga atu nei te BCU i te reo akamaroiroi ki te katoatoa i te tavinianga i to tatou Atua i te au ra ki mua. Aroa Nui ki te Konitara Ekalesia - Te Atua te Aroa. Amene.



*Tataia e Tangata Vainerere
BCU Director*



The Mission Ship "John Williams," one of the sailing boats used by the London Missionary Society to spread the Gospel in the South Pacific including the Cook Islands (from Polynesian Missions in Melanesia, USP, 1982).



8. AU NUTI MEI TE EKALEZIA ROTORUA

Kia orana i te aroa maata o te Atua i to tatou Atua ia Iesu Mesia tei akaaravei ia tatou na roto i te nuti reta mataora. Te au taeake ia Iesu nei, ko tatou nei i aravei. Kia rauka tikai ia tatou. Tei tau tikai, te aroa mou. Ko tatou nei tei uipa, i teia ngai, i teia ra. Kia mareka tatou ravarai, ko Iesu i waitata mai. Te oronga atu nei i te reo aroa mei roto atu i te Papa e te Mama Orometua Nio Mare pera te Tauturu Orometua, Tupu Tanga e te Mama Tauturu. Te na roto katoa atu nei iaku te aroa pumaana o te Ekalesia Rotorua kia kotou katoatoa, ma te irinaki maata e, te ora nei te Mesia i roto ia tatou katoatoa. Tena mai te au nuti e te au angaanga tei akatupu ia ki roto nei i te Ekalesia.

Uapou Kapiti - Tokoroa PI Ekalesia, Hamilton & Rotorua CICC, Sunday 19 February 2017, host: Rotorua CICC

I teia mataiti kua riro e na matou te Ekalesia Rotorua CICC i utuutu atu i te tuanga o te Uapou i rotopu i nga Ekalesia Tokoroa PI Presbyterian e te Hamilton CICC, tei matau ia e matou i teia au mataiti i topa. Kua mataora tikai i te aravei akaou anga i te au taeake, inara kare te Tokoroa PI i tae mai no tetai au tu kua kare i kite iana, oatu ra; kare te reira i riro ei akaparuparu i te akakoroanga o te Atua. Kua riro e na te au Mapu i akatere i te tuanga o te uapou e kua mataora tikai. Kua mataora te vaerua e kua rauka katoa te puapinga tei na roto i te ngakau taeake. Te angaanga kapiti nei teia nga Ekalesia, Rotorua e Hamilton CICC raro ake i to raua tamaru, Upper Central Konitara, e te aere nei te angaanga ki mua.



Mama Ve & Papa Eddie and friends



Te au taeake mei Hamilton, te kapu ti nei matou

Easter Weekend – Varaire ra 14th – Sabati 16th April 2017

Kua riro e na te Ekalesia Hamilton CICC i host i te tuanga o te Easter. Prior to Easter weekend the news of Cyclone Cook put a dampen on our travelling plan BUT! Thank be to our Almighty God he is always our protector and helper in times of need. We left for Hamilton on Friday evening and was welcomed with delicious meals and warm beds.



Akateateamamao nei i te manga



Relaxing and catching up



Ruta & Norman in charge of Music ministry for Sunday



Mamas ready for church.

We had two very inspirational Bible Study sessions on Saturday conducted by our two most Learned Papa Orometua; the word of God is our spiritual nourishment and studying it is a way to know God better. Through His words we come to know not only the nature and attributes of God, but we also come to understand His plan for each of us. In a larger sense, we also come to know God's plan in history, His sovereignty, His providence, His love and more. There is only so much we can learn about God apart from the Bible. But with it we can know God better.

The Upper Central Council committees met in the afternoon to discuss and confirm its Yearly programme and have in place Action Plans for various events throughout the year. God is good! Easter Service on Sunday morning was exuberant heralding the Good News of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is indeed alive!

Tere no Australia mai – Orometua Mau Vaerua, Monday 1st – 2nd May 2017

Kua tae mai te Tere mei Australia mai kia matou i te popongi Monite 1st May, e kua rave ia te arikiriki a te Ekalesia Rotorua CICC i te ora 6:00pm i te aia. Kua tae katoa mai te au taeake mei te Ekalesia Hamilton no te kave mai i ta ratou tauturu i te akakoroanga o te Tere. Kua mataora no te aravei anga i te au taeake kua roa ake nei te tuata. Kare ratou i maata rava mei te Taingauru ma itu te numero (17). Popongi ake i te Ruirua i muri ake i te kapu ti kua oronga ia te Rima aroa a te Ekalesia pera ta te au taeake i akakoro no te Tere. Kia Akameitaki ia te Atua!



Arikiriki anga i te au taeake



Te pukapuka nei te au taeake



Te Tamataora nei te au taeake

Tere no Papa Temere Poaru no Wellington, Friday 12–13th May 2017

I roto i te Action Plan a te Upper Central Council 2017, no te ariki Tere, ka tauturu raua ia raua uorai ei reira e mama ei te apainga. I roto i teia tuata i reira na Hamilton i host i te Tere o Papa Temere Orometua mei Wellington mai, kua tae mai te Rotorua i te popongi Maanakai no te turu i te akakoroanga. Kare katoa i maata te au tangata i roto i teia tere, e akakoroanga kimi puapinga to ratou. Kua rave ia tetai kimianga moni viviki i muri ake i te kai ti, na te Host i akatere mai i te reira. Kia Akameitaki ia te Atua no te au Meitaki tana i oronga mai, kapiti atu ta te nga Ekalesia e rua e ta te Konitara katoa, kua maruarua te akakoroanga o te Tere. Aere ra e tenana maroiroi.



Papa Orometua & delegates



Papa Nio Mare from Rotorua.



Te au mamas



Closing speech by Papa Temere Orometua



Host of the Day Papa Kauvarevai

Tuatau Penetekote i Rotorua nei, Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th June 2017

Tumu Tapura: Kia kitea ia te oraanga ou i roto ia tatou. Ko tetai tuatau mataora tikai teia tei kitea ia te maanaana o te Vaerua o te Atua na roto i te au ravenga takake tana i rave ki roto i tona au tavini. E rua ra tei akanoo ia no te Penetekote, Maanakai e te Sabati, irinaki anga e kua tau teia ki te katoatoa. Kua tae mai te Ekalesia Hamilton i te popongi Maanakai e kua rave ia te arikiriki anga na roto i te au pe'u tei matau ia. Kua riro te Porokaramu tei akanoo ia ei Kaveinga matutu tikai no te au tuanga tei raveia. Kua ta tuanga ia te au angai anga na roto i te au putuputuanga o te Ekalesia, ko te Apii Sabati, Mapu e te Rekapi e te katoatoa rava e kua mama te au apainga.

Tuanga Apii o te Maanakai – workshops na Nga Papa Orometua

Kua aere maru ua te au apii anga a nga Puapii, e kua maata katoa oki te tuatau no te au uianga e te akamarama anga. Kua tau te apii kite turanga o te tangata tatakaiti mei te mea e, te tuatua tika ua mai nei te Atua kia koe na roto i te apii. Te karanga nei te Tumu Tapura e, kia kitea ia te oraanga ou. Ka akapeea ra e rauka'i te oraanga ou? Ka rave i ta te Vaerua auraka i ta te kopapa, kare oki ta te Vaerua e tau ki ta te kopapa. No reira ka aru tatou i ta te Vaerua Tapu akatere anga no tatou Amene! Kia Akameitaki ia te nga Puapii.

Tuatau kimi moni no te tauturu i te pute a te Konitara. Na te Vainetini i akateateamamao i teia tuanga, e kua rave ia na roto i te AUCTION, koia oki te tangata nana te moni maata tei iaia te re e kua mataora tikai. Kia Akameitaki ia te au mama no teia tuanga.

Sunday Pure Penetekote

Irinaki anga ki konei e ko te tuatau teia tei akakite ia e kua riringi mai te Atua i tona vaerua tapu ki rungao ia ratou tei umuumu i te kite iaia. Irinaki katoa au e, kua tupu teia ki te nga Ekalesia i ta te Vaerua akatere anga. Kua akaari mai te Atua i tona inangaro maata i tana tamariki, kia aite tatou mei iaia tikai kia tau to tatou aereanga i mua iaia, e Atua Tapu oki aia. I roto i te akatere anga a te Vaerua Tapu kua rave te nga Papa Orometua i te Pure no te au tangata tatakai tai tei anoano i te pure iaia, e kua aere pu ua te katoatoa ma ta matou au tamariki ki mua.

It was an awesome time of prayer, God touched many and released the heavy hearts. Some cried while others wept before the Lord it was a beautiful experience and was the first time the church have experienced this move of God. God is awesome he is worthy of all Praise. Praise the Lord.



Time of prayer- healing and Releasing the people of God into his everlasting light.



*Rev. Terepai Kauvarevai and Papa Diakono
Turama na raua i akatere i te tuanga o te Pure
i teia Sabati.*

Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light, Amen." God's grace brings so much peace and joy into the human soul. God's grace renews our soul, purifies our conscience, enlightens our minds, strengthens in us the Faith, directs our will to goodness, warms our hearts with genuine love, elevates our thoughts, and revives our whole nature.

Kua mataora te iti tangata o te Atua no te au mea umere tana i rave i roto i teia tuatau o te Penetekote. I know that we have been truly blessed throughout this weekend experiencing the presence of God among his people. God is awesome!



By Mrs Koringo Marsters, Secretary, Rotorua CICC

9. BOYS' BRIGADE NATIONAL CAMP 2017

The Boys' Brigade Cook Islands (BBCI) National Camp was held between the 14 and 30 April 2017. Companies from around Rarotonga, Aitutaki, Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke, Mangaia and from Tongareva attended the camp, a total of 135 members in total housed at the Aitutaki Hostel. The BBCI Tri-annual Conference was held on the first 3 days (weekend) followed by a Flying Camp for one week around Rarotonga. Different activities were held along the way and Camp was set up at different places.



Monday morning 17 April - Boys getting ready to hit the road (walk with own backpack) to Nikao for games at the Cook Islands Beach Volleyball Court opposite Social Centre in Nikao, and then walk back to Avatiu to camp for the night.



Tuesday 18 April – Boys getting ready to cross the Island to Vaimaanga. Along the way the boys were to learn about native plants and the environment, especially after a long week of rain. The weather just perfect to cross and also remained fine for the rest of the camp.





Wed 19 April – The camp moved to Titikaveka and along the way the boys provided service to the community by picking up rubbish to keep the environment clean. The Boys also assisted a group in cleaning the road side and also attended a session with Noni Cook Islands, a session by the Cook Islands Police and the Temurimotia Volunteer Fire Services. The boys camped on the beach for the night. Other activities were also held – Paintball and Lazer Tag at night.



Thursday 20 April – The Boys moved to Ngatangia at the Vaka Village and on the way they were given an activity where each team was to compose a song, appointing boys to be a doctor and a nurse for the final rescue mission. The patient was to be transported on a kayak to safety and finishing it off with a presentation of their activity. An outdoor camp was set up for the company boys and team section where the senior boys were to cross the lagoon with their bags for an overnight camp on the motu. The camp was received by the Tauturu Orometua Papa Rau Nga, Mauri Toa (Secretary of Ngatangia CICC) and one of the Mataiapos. The Camp was hosted by the Ekalesia Ngatangia.



Friday 21 April – The boys walked to Matavera for a soccer game before continuing back to the Camp base and joined the Avarua Youth Week competition as a guest artist.



Saturday 22 April – The Camp marched from the Camp Base to the Avatiu Wharf Marina and was privileged to take part in the opening of the Rongohiva Water Park and was the first to use the park at discount price. The camp was also hosted to a Palace burger and chips for lunch again at discount price. A special thank you to Rangohiva and Palace Takeaway. The Camp was hosted by the Nikao Ekalesia for a dinner. A big Meitaki Poria to Nikao Ekalesia.



Sunday 23 April – The Camp joined the main service at the Avarua CICC and then joined the Arorangi Ekalesia for the evening service and dinner. Meitaki Maata to the Ekalesia Arorangi.



Monday 24 April – The Senior Boys joined the Youth Leaders Training and the other CICC Youth Leaders from around Rarotonga. The remainder of the boys had a game of archery at the Takamoa ground. The Camp was hosted by the Ekalesia Titikaveka to a dinner. Thank You Very Much Titikaveka Ekalesia.



Tuesday 25 April – The Camp joined the ANZAC Day Parade and also as the Brass Band for the day. The biggest attendance at the ANZAC Parade of over 500 people. The boys also assisted Volleyball Cook Islands with their run-a-thon fundraising around the island of Rarotonga. The camp was hosted by the Matavera Ekalesia for dinner. Meitaki Ngao to the Ekalesia Matavera.



Wednesday 26 April – The boys were involved with First Aid Training with the Red Cross held at the Red Cross Office for the Team Section and the junior boys, while the Intermediate and Senior Boys at the Atiu Hostel. The Camp was hosted by the Ngatangia Ekalesia for a dinner. Meitaki Korereka to the Ekalesia Ngatangia.



Thursday 27 April – The Camp visited the funeral of Mama Shan Ponini at Atupa for a service as a strong supporter of the Nikao BB. The rest of the day was spent on preparations for the Camp Concert for Friday night. The Camp was hosted by the Ekalesia Avarua for dinner. Meitaki Ranuinui to the Ekalesia Avarua.



Friday 28 April – A concert night and \$1,000 was raised from gold coin entry which was donated to the Takamoia Building project.



Saturday 29 April – Official closing of the Camp 2017 and the lowering of the Camp Flag. Looking forward to the National Camp 2019.



Write-up submitted by Bob Williams, BB President

10. AU NUTI MEI SYDNEY MAI

Te karanga nei te Aposetolo Paulo, 1 Korinetia 4:18, *“Tatou oki e akono nei, eiaa i te au mea i akaraia ra, i te au mea akara koreia ra: Ko te au mea e akaraia nei oki, no teia ua nei ia tuatau; kareka te au mea akara koreia ra, e tika ia i te vairanga”.*

Aroha poria ki te katoatoa rava, Mei te tua Tonga ki Tokerau, to Tumutevarovaro ki Aotearoa, tae mai ki Autireria nei, Kia orana. Tetai manako akairi ki runga i to tatou Nutireta CICC, te au mea ou i rauka mai i teia tuatau nei. Te tuatua nei au ki runga ite ngateitei i akaupokoia noku, koia oki (a) Orometua no Liverpool Ekalesia, e te (b) Chairman no te Konitara Ekalesia NSW. 2017. E 7 au tumu manako taku i inangaro kia tata ei mataara kia kitea te tu maroiroi o te Evangelia tana e akatupu i Australia nei.

1) Bankstown Ekalesia, Akamaaraanga i tona tai anga mataiti

E Pepe ou tei anau mai i te mataiti i topa i te ra 30/04/2016. Teia te ingoa i tapaia nona, ko Bankstown Ekalesia CICC. Kua akatupuia, kua tiaki katoaia e te tamaiti Apiianga Orometua Makiiti Mangaara, e tona tokorua. Kua akamatutuia, e kua turuturu katoaia e te au metua, te au taeake, e te au tuaine i roto i te Evangelia. I te sabati 30/04/2017 kua piri atu au Rev.Peri Daniel Chairman no te Konitara Ekalesia NSW, e mama Miriama Daniel, ki te akamaara’anga i tona tai’anga mataiti i teia tuatau nei. Manganui tei tae mai,

mataora tikai i te kiteanga i nga Apiianga Orometua ia Makiiti Mangaara e Tautaiputa Saitu, e ta raua nga Ekalesia tei piri katoa mai no te turu i te akakoronga. Kua mataora katoa i te kite anga atu e, kua piri katoa mai mama Ema te tokorua o te papa Puapii Maata lana Aitau, tei riro katoa aia ei kite i te akakoroanga i raveia i te reira Sabati. Kua taokotai mai ma te inangaro okotai, okotai vaerua i te akamori kapitianga, kua tipu te keke, kua imene kapiti, kua katikati kapiti no te taopenga anga i te kaka o te reira ra.



*Tutungi Keke
akamaara tai
anga mataiti
no te
Ekalesia
Bankstown
Sydney
Australia*

2) Ekalesia Liverpool, e tana arikianga i te Tere CICC Oiretumu no Mauke mai

E tuatua tupoto te tuatua no te Tere i te taeanga mai kia matou, kua rauka tetai tuatau no tetai au Ekalesia kia rave i ta ratou arikiangianga, kare o tetai au pae tuatau i rauka. Noatu ra te reira, ko te mea maata, kua tupu to te Tere Evangelia akakoroanga i tae mai ei. Kua mataora Liverpool Ekalesia i te apai anga mai i te Tere ki roto i tana arikiangianga i te ra 03/May/2017, kua rauka te puapinga, kua rauka katoa te mataora. E kua pumaana ite aravei anga atu ki nga tavini ote Atua, ia Rev.Ngarangi & Mrs Ruaiti Tuakana, e te vaka tangata i tae mai.





Arikianga na Liverpool Ekalesia i te Tere Oiretumu CICC no Mauke Enua mai.

3) Ekalesia Liverpool, e tana akarangianga i te ra ote au mama

Kua matau te Ekalesia i te rave i teia peu i te au mataiti ravarai, e mea taukore kia akakore. No reira te au Papa e te anau Mapu, e te tamariki i manako ei e, kia akatupu katoa i te Mother's Day i teia mataiti 2017. Ko te akatukeanga i akatupuia i teia mataiti, kua apai te Ekalesia i to ratou au mama ki te Restaurant, i reira ratou katikati ei, imenemene ei, oronga atu oronga mai te aroa, na roto i te tuatua, na roto i te akairo o te tiare, e tetai au apinga aroa ke atu. Apinga tikai te mataora, kia akameitakiia te Atua no tana au angaanga takake e rave nei i rotopu i tana au tamariki.





Liverpool Ekalesia akamaara anga ite Mother's day Sunday 14/May/2017

4) Konitara Ekalesia NSW, e tana Iriiri Kapua

Ei akatuera no tatou, te karanga nei teia tuanga ngai i roto i te reo imene, "Aerenga ngaro to te Atua, e tana au ravenga pakari, te uria e te ngaru nei, ko tona ia takainga vaevae" E moemoea taku, ta te Konitara Ekalesia NSW i moe ana i te au mataiti i topa. Teia te moe, kia akatupuia tetai Iriiri Kapua naku, inara kare i tupu ana, penei kare i tau te tuatau, mei ta te tuatua-tika ra e, "E atianga to te au mea ravarai".

Kia akameitakiia te Atua, te maroiroi tana i tuku ki te ngakau o te Ekalesia Host no te Konitara 2017, Liverpool CICC, e tona Orometua Rev.Peri Daniel tei riro ei Chairman. E tama akatereau, tei turaki i taku moemoea kia akatupuia, te rekareka nei au i te akakite atu e, kua sumaringa te au mea katoa. I te Manakai 20/May/2017, kua rave atu te Konitara Ekalesia NSW i tana Iriiri Kapua mua, e tai ra katoa i akatakaia, tei riro e nana rai i akatere. Kare aia i kimi puapii ki vao, ko te au Orometua te puapii, na te au Orometua rai i akateateamamao mai te au apii. Manako Maata no te Iriiri Kapua, (E Lamepa Taau Tuatua, "Your Word Is A Lamp") Ps 119:105. Teia te akapapa'anga ingoa puapii e te apii,

- Rev David Teaurere (Te Kaveinga a te Akonoanga Ekalesia Kerisitiano)
- Mr Titi(Toroa) Porio (Passover, Oroa pasa)
- Mr James Marsters (Akonoanga i te Puapinga a te Ekalesia)
- Rev.Tau William (Born again)
- Rev.Mau Vaerua (Te Koro i Etene)
- Rev.Aramamao Tuainekore (Tu arataki)

Te oronga atu nei te Konitara Ekalesia NSW i tana akameitakianga, ki te,

- Host Ekalesia (Liverpool CICC).
- Au Puapii katoatoa tei piri mai.
- Punchbowl Ekalesia no te ngutuare i raveia'i te Iriiri Kapua.
- Te au Ekalesia katoatoa tei tauturu no na mea katikati.
- Te au mema e te au taeake tei anoano i te akarongo i te tuatua a te Atua.

Kia akameitaki mai te Atua no tatou katoatoa ma te akara mamao atu ki te au ra ki mua, i roto i te aroa ua o te Atua kia akatupu akaou i tetai au tuanga na tatou.



Rev. David Teaurere

Papa Titi Porio

Rev. Tau William

Tetai pae teia o te au puapii tei apii i roto i te Iriiri Kapua a te Konitara Ekalesia NSW



NSW Youth Council Sport Day Saturday 27/May/2017

6) NSW Vainetini, Akamaara i te ra Riringianga Vaerua

Kua matau tatou i te kite e, na te Vainetini i roto i te Evangelia e apai ana i teia ra. Te rave katoa nei matou i NSW nei i te reira, e peu matauia i te taokotai mai i te iti vaine ki te ngai okotai no te ra Penetekose. Na Sydney Ekalesia te host no te Vainetini i teia mataiti, nana katoa te Porokaramu i akanoonoo no ratou. Teia te akateretere anga, e varu ia Ekalesia te katoatoa anga, e varu katoa ia au uianga Bibilia. E ngateitei teia i orongaia ki te au mama Orometua, te au mama Apiianga Orometua, te au mama Tauturu Orometua, te au mama Tauturu Orometua Akangaroi. Iaue te sumaringa i te rave pakau a Sydney Ekalesia, kua rahi roa mai nei te aroha. Kua poria te aroha i tana puroku anga no te au Orometua e tona tokorua, te au Apiianga Orometua e to ratou au tokorua, i muri ake i te tataranga anga o te au uianga a te au mama. Kua mataora te katoatoa i te kite anga i te angaanga a te Vaerua i akatupu i te reira ra. Te karanga nei te buka Angaanga 2:4, *"E ki akera ratou ravarai i te Vaerua Tapu, kua tuatua iora i te tuatua ke, i ta te Vaerua i oronga mai i te tuatua kia ratou ra"*





Sydney Ekalesia Host no te ra Riringianga Vaerua Sunday 4th/June/2017

7) Wollongong Ekalesia, Akamaaraanga i tona tai anga mataiti

Mei te tai ora te mamao mei Sydney ki Wollongong, noatu oki te mamao, kua tae au Chairman Konitara Ekalesia NSW, e toku tokorua, e te anau. E maata katoa tei tae mai, Apianga Orometua Makiiti ete Ekalesia, Apianga Orometua Bronson Tanga e te Ekalesia, kua tae matou katoatoa no te rave kapiti ite akamaara anga i te tai anga mataiti o Wollongong Ekalesia i te sabati 11/June/2017.

Ko tetai Pepe Ou teia tei anau mai, kua akatupuia na roto i te tauturu a te Vaerua, kua kitea te akakoromaki o ta tatou nga tamariki Apianga Orometua Tautaiputa Saitu e tona tokorua, i te oro anga i te au sabati ravarai ki Wollongong, okotai vaerua kia tupu te Ekalesia a Iesu Mesia ki reira. Kua kitea te angaanga meitaki, kua tupu i teiane, e te neke marie nei ki mua, no reira ka anoanoia ta tatou au pure, kia pure mai no ta tatou au tamariki, kia pure no te au Ekalesia tupu ou kia vai matutu ua rai e tuatau ua atu. Apinga tikai te mataora e te maruarua i te angaanga i raveia, te akamorianga, te au reo imene, e te umukai maata i akonokonoia noou e Wollongong.



Wollongong Ekalesia, no te akamaaraanga i tona tai'anga mataiti



Tataia e te Orometua Peri Daniel, Chairman o te Konitara Ekalesia NSW, Australia. Nana katoa te au tutu i soa mai.

11. TE RARA OLIVE

This section contains articles coordinated by Ngara Katuke, CICC Youth Dept. Media Officer, about various community events that she regularly reports on or organizes for their write-ups. All photos were also submitted by her (TRO); some taken by her, some by her colleagues. Happy reading. *Editor.*

1. NGATOE INTAKE - OUTDOOR HIKING

“Try it out.” A guide has courage in and is cheerful in all difficulties. Monday 13th March, 2017 at 4.30pm, the Arorangi Guides section elected their first activity from their new Handbook was to do an Outdoor Hiking which they wanted something to do outdoors. The girls followed a map drawn by their leader and along the way have to do a activity at each stop, the mapping took them to Ngatoe Intake in Rutaki Valley and in pairs the girls did an outdoor cooking with a magic box provided as part of their challenge.

The evening went well for all of them. They would like to share this to other sister guides on Rarotonga, to try it out and it is not bad at all. Doing an outdoor activity like this, is something that enhances their ability to be able to follow a simple map and gain confident to cook a meal outdoor by using firewood and learning more and explore our own valley. Happy learning. Kia Manuia!



2. OUTDOOR FIRE MAKING

What can we offer to keep the girls interest in our new Handbook? “A guide makes good use of her time.” Monday 20th March 2017, our second outdoor activity, we saw that we need to teach our girls, how to build an outdoor fire to enable them to use their own natural resources during a wet days or dry days.

We planned a simple program for the girls to participate and we offer them the opportunity to learn on how to build a simple outdoor open fire by doing it by themselves. Building outdoor open fire was one of the activities they wanted to do on the beach in Rutaki. The girls love this and took this opportunity to cook a sausage over their open fire as part of their outcome of building their outdoor open fire. They are encouraging their friends to do this too as these days most programs are done indoor and lack of outdoor programs. So far they are enjoying doing the new Handbook. Meitaki maata.



3. AU VAINE INVITATION – GOVERNOR GENERAL VISIT

Turou, Oro Mai! The Au Vaine Executives and some members attended this special Breakfast function at the New Zealand Commissioner’s resident at Ngatipa for the Governor General of New Zealand, Dame Patsy Reddy. Aunty Nga Teao-Papatua extended the invitation to the Puaikura Vainetini who was at their training

workshop held at the Trades Campus in Arorangi during that week. Aunty Taamo Heather, Mama Metua Kite and Matakeu Katuke were among those who attended from this workshop and they were proud to represent their Puaikura Vainetini. Meitaki maata to the Au Vaine President, Mrs Maara Kenning for encouraging the mama's to join them in this special function. At this function, the Executives presented their gifts to the Governor General. They had the opportunity too, to share their stories with other invited guests especially our very own Mrs Teremoana Yala, the Cook Islands High Commissioner in Wellington, New Zealand. Ata Wai wolo.



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4. AVARUA GG – RURU TIARE NA TE KAVANA TIANARA O NU TIRENI

“A brownie thinks of others, before herself and does a good turn every day”. Kua tae atu e 3 au tamaine Brownies no roto mai i te kamupani Girl Guide o Avarua e to ratou arataki, Mrs Nooroa Maora no te apai atu i tetai tuanga ngateitei i te oronga atu i tetai ruru tiare na te Kavana Tianara o Nu Tirenī koia a Dame Patsy Reddy. Kua riro teia ei ngakau parau anga no te au metua e te putuputuanga tamaine Girl Guide. Teia te ingoa o te au au tamaine Brownies tei apai i teia tuanga ngateitei. Terangi Maora, Teremoana Vaine e Maka Vaine.

Te akameitaki nei te arataki o te Konitara Girl Guide koia te maine National Program Co-ordinator, Mrs Atingata Tereu i te opati o te New Zealand High Commissioner, Mr Peter Marshall no teia tikaanga manea tei orongaia no matou te anau tamaine o Avarua. Meitaki atupaka kia Aunty Ngara, no tei rave mai i teia ngateitei na matou e apai atu i teia tuanga nei e te oronga mai i tetai tuanga terenianga i ta matou anau tamaine e toru e to ratou puapii katoa. Kua tae katoa atu te puapii nana i apai i teia tuanga ki runga i te ratio no te oronga i tetai au akameitakianga e te akamaroiroiana no teia tuanga tei tupu. E tona rekareka tei piri atu aia ki roto i teia angaanga manea no te Kavana Tianara, tei raveia ki runga i te ngutuare i Ngatipa.

Te karanga nei ta matou Brownie motto. *“L.A.H – Lend a Hand, K.T.T – Kia Tauturu Tikai.”*



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5. BUILDING SAFETY AND RESILIENCE DRM TABLET & SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

“Cyclone, Hurricane & Tsunami.” The Au Vaine Kumiti planned and organized a training workshop for all women in the Vaka Puaikura. This was held at the Trades Campus on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 24th March 2017. BSRP funded by European Union and Pacific Community (SPC) manage to do this training for our mama's in the Vaka Puaikura. One of the focus points for this training is to prepare the Mama's or the homes - *“before, during and after.”*

The workshop was opened by Tinomana Tokerau Ariki with a devotion conducted Rev Tinirau Soatini. EMCI staff, Charles Carson, Lydia Sijp and Itipouana Nooana was the facilitators of this training and Pua Ngamata from the OPM was the Tutor for the tablets.

During these 3 days training workshop, the CITTI Staff and Management show case the Tumanava program to the Au Vaine members from Puaikura. The students build a couple of special design furniture's to be gifted to the Are Pa Metua and Tinomana Ariki for Au Maru Palace. This special presentation was done at their lunch break. Puapii Nicholas spoke on behalf of the Tumanava students and the Co-ordinator; Ms Edith Nicholas shared her story for this program. The President of the Are Pa Metua, Mrs Nga Teao-Papatua acknowledges the gift from the Tumanava students and the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute. Thank you maata to the Au Vaine Executive members, Mama Maara Kenning, Aunty Nga Teao-Papatua and Lydia Sijp for utilizing our training facility.

In the evening at the Women of the Month for March held at the Islander Hotel, the participants to this training workshop was presented with their participation certificate by the EMCI Director, Mr Charles Carlson. *Meitaki Ranuinui, Thank you maata, Be safe!*



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6. ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP AT MURI

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long (Psalm 25:5). Muri Christian Youth hosted a Workshop in affiliation with National Environment Services. The workshop was to promote household/Community Composting & Waste Separation. This was hosted Tuesday 28th March 2017 at the Muri Meeting House in Ngatangia. The seminar was hosted by Matthew Rima – Senior Educator Officer and Teava Iro –Titikaveka Growers Association.

The purpose of the workshop was to make aware of the environmental impact of the following: -

- open fire burning and exposure to Dangerous Toxins
- waste learning
- and sorting practises
- Composting
- Offsite visit to the Titikaveka Growers Association

The Youth enjoyed the seminar and the off-site visit to the Titikaveka Growers Association. It was an insightful and exciting tour and was finished with reflecting on what was learned in the workshop. And as all good things go it was closed off with a prayer and katikati.

Muri Youth Leaders wishes to acknowledge and thanked our parents, families & friends and our youth members for their attendance and ongoing support. Thank you all.



Write-up by the Chairlady - Mrs Maru Mariri-Tepou
 Muri Christian Youth, Ngatangia CICC Ekalesia
 Photos provided by Maru Mariri-Tepou

7. NATIONAL WOMEN BUSINESS FORUM

Participants from the Outer Islands and Rarotonga came together for a special Forum which was held at the Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa on March 9th – 10th, 2017. Rongomatane Ariki from Atiu and some successful active leaders from the Pa Enua was among the participants to learn and share their vision becoming successful business women. As part of the government sector, we were invited to this Forum. Violet Tisam from Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute and her team attended on behalf of the school, Ngara Katuke, Matakeu Katuke, Tangi Mataora as one of the Tutors in the School, and few students from the school as entrepreneurs. The objectives were:

1. Increase awareness on the economic status of women in the Cook Islands.
2. Identify challenges affecting women's economic empowerment and consider possible actions to include policy considerations to address these challenges.

This was planned and organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Social Policy & Services – Gender Development by Ruta Pokura and her team. The first day forum was very colourful with women from different sectors – Government, Private, Business and Non-Governmental organizations – church & community. The Master of Ceremony Ms Elizabeth Hosking ensure that all participants are well looked after. Welcoming and the Opening Prayer by Mrs Henrica Wilson-Marona. The Keynote address by Mrs Nancy Kora Petuela. The Secretary of Internal Affairs, Ms Bredina Drollet shared the Overview of Economic Statues of the Cook Islands Women.

'Talk show' moderated by Rangi Mitaera. Presentation – Summary of Gender Research findings
 Panel Talk Show Discussion on Challenges and Recommendations.

1. Tunoa Kaina – Women Entrepreneurs: Tax requirements
2. Alexis Wolfgramm – Access to financial services for women in business in the Cook Islands
3. Tricia Thompson & Donna Fox – 'Get the skills, gain the knowledge, take control'
4. Sandrina Thondoo – Employment Relations Act
5. Tatiana Burns





These women shared on issue relating to women in the Cook Islands. Some women brought some of their stuffs to sell during the 2 days forum like tye dye pareu & sheets, rito hats and fans, coconut oil, shells, crafts, tivaevae and others to show case their work. The Forum went well and Meitaki maata to the organizers. Kia Manuia.

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8. ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2017

“We remember them.” The Cook Islands Returned Service Association in collaboration with the Government of the Cook Islands marked the 102nd ANZAC Day on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 5.30am. It was a beautiful quite calm morning with the sound of the drums and conch shell to begin the service. The program for this year’s ANZAC Day was a little different. Lots of visitor’s from New Zealand and Australia flew in for this day.

The poem “*Flankers Fields* “ was read by Queens Award Recipients from the Avarua Boys Brigade Company, Mr Ben Patia, the ANZAC Prayer was read by a representative from the Cook Islands Boys Scout Association, Mr Taikanapa Tomokino. The ODE was read in Maori by Ms Matatapu Ngaiorae from the Arorangi Girls Brigade, whom is completing her highest award in the Girls Brigade organization called the Queens Award. While Ms April Ngametua from the Avarua Girl Guides Company read out the ODE in English. These four young men and women are chosen by the leaders from the organization to offer them the opportunity to strengthen and enhance their confidence and also being an ambassador for the organization.



The leaders and members from the Pathfinders, Scouts, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Girl Guides came to pay their respect for our war heroes. Thank you to all the leaders and parents for your huge support every year for our ANZAC Day services. Meitaki Ranuinui!

Photos by Tau Estall and TRO

9. IRIIRIKAPUA PUAPINGA

Salamo 46: 2-3, "E kore ei tatou e matakū, kia keukeu te enua, e kia uriia te au maunga, ki raro ki rotopu i te tai. Kia aruru te tai e tikitiki akera, kia ngaueue te au maunga i tona ngaru". I roto i te porokaramu parani a te anau mapu o Rutaki e Aroa, kua akanoonooia tetai iriirikapua puapinga no te tapere tangata. Kua tae mai te nga puapii apii no teia tuanga nei koia a Dr Teina Rongo e Celine Dyer mei roto mai i te opati o te Prime Minister i te tuanga o te Climate Change.

I te aiai Varaire ra 8 no Aperira, 2017 kua raveia teia iriirikapua ki roto i te are uipaanga o Rutaki. I te popongi kua raveia tetai tuanga akakitekite no runga i te tai roto e kua aere mai te au tamariki rikiriki no te mea no ratou te tuatau ki mua. Kua riro katoa teia tuanga apii ei oronga mai i tetai moni tauturu i te angaanga a te anau mapu o Rutaki e Aroa no te tuatau o te Easter no i to ratou rakei tarekareka. Kua rauka mai tetai moni tauturu e \$ 3,500.00.



Te oronga nei matou te au Arataki i te akameitakianga maata, ki teia nga putuputuanga tei tauturu ia matou na roto i te oronga anga mai i tetai apii puapinga e te moni tauturu tei taikuia. Te Atua te aroa no kotou katoatoa.

10. RUTAKI & AROA CHRISTIAN YOUTH - LONG WEEKEND CAMP & EASTER DAY PROGRAM

Easter Oath read by Mama Maura Katuke. *WELCOME & GOOD MORNING! I stand here this morning, to represent our Youth and participants for the Easter Program 2017. Today we celebrate LOVE LOVE coming down from heaven. Jesus came to earth, to show us how to LIVE, How to put others FIRST, How to LOVE and how to GIVE, He took our punishment, He made us CLEAN and NEW, Think of Him in all we do TODAY, I say! Thank you Jesus FOR YOUR LOVE! I swear, by joining the Easter Program today, we shall all follow the rules. Happy Easter everyone! Kia Orana e Kia Manuia!*

Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth held a long week camp for all their members from Thursday 13th to Tuesday 18th April 2017 at the Rutaki Meeting House. This year the youth from Rutaki & Aroa's turn to plan and organize the Easter Day program. This is an annual event for all the Youth members in the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia under the Arorangi Youth Council. The purpose for the camp is to prepare the youth members for their upcoming Easter Sports and other church activities for week.

- Thursday night all the members attended the evening service for the Last Supper.

- Friday morning we hoisted a group of NZ Maori team who was visiting the Cook Islands liaised by Tekowhai Ohio at the CITTI for breakfast and also attending the 10am Church Service.
- Saturday was a long day for all of us, preparing our sports ground and the fine tuning our Easter Day program with varies of stakeholders.
- Sunday was a special Teretere Day for the men's in our Ekalesia which we called it the " *Tuakouanga* ". All our youth members attended the evening Uapou and wore our new T/shirts and Polo for the Easter day.
- Monday begins with a Tangi o te Ka'ara at 5.00am from Rutaki to Blackrock.
 - The Easter program was opened at the Aroa Nui by Rev Tinirau Soatini and Tinomana Tokerau Ariki. The oath for Easter was read by Mama Maura Katuke.
 - To start the day event competition, Treasure Hunt challenge was the first. Each Youth group to elect 10 best hunters to be in the Treasure Hunt developed by Ms Elizabeth Munro & Ms Naomi Nena and their small team. The Treasure Hunt started from the Aroa Nui to Rutaki Meeting which took all 4 teams about 1.5-2 hours.
 - The rest of the program for the day was held on the beach at the Rutaki Meeting house – sea side. Welcoming & Turou, Oro Mai by the RACYC Chairman. Kaikai for everyone at 8.30am.
 - Novelty games and water sports was all part of the fun games.
 - We also Welcomed 35 students from the American University liaised by Teina Taulu from USP office.
 - The fun games including Sprint, Duck race, tug a war, paddle board, kayaking for all ages, prizes and water sports equipment's are donated by Tata Crocrombe (The Rarotongan Hotel).
 - The final competition activity was our String Band base on the Climate Change issues as laid out by our experts from the OPM (Dr Teina Rongo and Celine Dyer) who did a training workshop for us a week before. The propose theme for the String Band: -
 - ✓ Taporoporo i to tatou Ao Rangī.
 - ✓ Akamatutu i ta tatou peu Maori no runga i te Rauī.

The theme for this Easter is called "R I S E U P." Nothing is impossible when you have the power to sculpture yourself in the likeness of God's love. What we stand on is what we stand for, "RISE UP ".

Micah 7: 8 "Do not gloat over me, my enemies! For though I fall, I will rise again. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light ". Our Easter theme won the heart of our youth members proposed by Ms Mummy Tei.

- The day event close with a PUMP UP Zumba by Frankie.
- Closing speech and Prize presentation by the RACYC Executive members.
- Closing prayer & grace by Papa Orometua.

Everyone enjoyed the day and Thank you for your participation. Akameitakianga to all our sponsors/supporters

- Tata Crocrombe & the Rarotongan Hotel & Spa –
 - ✓ Easter Eggs worth \$ 200.00 for the Children's Sprint Race.
 - ✓ String Band – 1st Price – Dinner Voucher for 10-15 Entertainers.

Lunch provided for 300 worth of \$6,000.00

Thank you very much to our biggest sponsor for the day. Who have played an important role in our Easter Day Program 2017.

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) who is our sponsorship in our RACYC uniform in the Office of the Prime Ministers with the amount of \$ 3,500.00
- Dr Teina Rongo e Celine Dyer, who believes in our youth program and dedicate their time and effort for an excellent training workshop and field work held for 2 days.
- Vonnias General Store, Fave Design, Turtles Store, CITC Food, Prime Food Turoa Bakery, Steven & Tina Matapo, T&M Heather, Arorangi Christian Youth & Arorangi CICC Ekalesia
- Rev Tinirau Soatini – Declaring the Easter Program Open & Closing
- Tinomana Ariki for her leadership role in our official part of the program
- Orometua vaine – Mama Mere Soatini for her leadership role in our official part of the program
- Landowners – Makirau Mataiapo and her family for offering their support
- Treasure Hunt Organizers – Elizabeth Munro, Naomi Nena and your team for planning and organising this particular part of the program
- Fun Games – Organizers & sponsors for the materials/resources
- String Band – composers
- String Band – Judges, Mr John Snowball & David Samuels

- Zumba Instructor – Frankie
- Parents & supporters from all the Villages



Acknowledgement

Firstly we would like to take this opportunity to *“Thanked our Father in Heaven”* for everything that we were granted to hold a successful Easter Day Program. As the host for the Easter Program 2017, we salute every members and families and friends from Ruaau, Muri Enuu, Betela to Rutaki Tapere for your huge contribution and support towards our Easter Program.

To our Arorangi Christian Youth Executive Members and our Arorangi CICC Executives for your endorsement in our proposed Easter Program. We value your contribution and support throughout the day event. To our valuable sponsors and all supporters, we take our hat off and say *“Meitaki Ngao, Meitaki ranuinui, Meitaki Atupaka, Meitaki korereka, Meitaki polia, Ata wai wolo and Kia Rangatira!*

As the organizers and co-ordinators for the Easter event 2017, we couldn’t made it possible without your contribution and support. Once again from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all for joining us and playing your part in this special event. *Kia Manuia! “ Ka ueueia e ka takatakaia! Kia Rangatira! “*

Photos by John Snowball & Violet Tisam

11. FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER

Matthew 23: 6, "They love the place of honour at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues ". The Cook Islands Chef Association, the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute and in partnership with La Chaine des Rotisseurs held a Gala Dinner at the Islander Restaurant on Wednesday 12th April 2017. Both organization are established in the Cook Islands. This was to conclude and celebrate the achievements of our local chefs who participated in a 2 days cooking competition won by Tua Tariau (Young Chef of the year), Arana Edwards (runner up), Jushneel Prasad (third place), Juita Loki (certificate of participation). We have the Front of the House competitors Deena Paiti, Vero Mahia and others resorts.

International chefs from New Zealand who won some of NZ's competitions were among the judges at the Hospitality School in Ngatangia. Head Judge Marc Soper was there facing a lot of challenges to judge our local chefs. The Chef Association is managed by Mr Samuel Timoko of the HTTC. The Chaine des Rotisseurs President, Mr Philip Nordt and his foundation members are Rohan Ellis, Ovaia Liew and Jean Mason.

The Arorangi Girl Guides Company was requested to decorate the place with plaited Kikau, pot plants and flowers for the tables and decorate the restaurant area. This was a fund raising initiative for the members to enable them to cater their need in their upcoming event for uniforms and badges. Mama Tinomana Ariki and Tina Tamanui were among the invited guests to this special Gala Dinner and also witness the girls and leaders work at the Islander Hotel. Thank you Philip and your team for giving us the opportunity. "A guide is helpful "



12. EEU-ANGA TOKA NO MAMA MAKI TAOKIA

Maseli 31: 29-30 "E manganui te vaine akono meitaki, ko koe ra te mea tuke ia ratou katoa. E mutu rai te manea, e te purotu, e kore ia, ko te vaine ra e matakua ia lehova ra, e akapaapaia." Kua anauia a Mama Maki tei matauia i te ava kite enua ko Mangaia i roto i te marama ra 21 no Tiunu 1943 e kua moe atu aia i te moeanga roa i te ra 15 no Aperira 2016 i Rarotonga nei. E 72 ona mataiti. Ko tona ingoa retita ko *Marekore i Te Maki Mataakama Tei*. Kua akaipoipo atu aia i tana tane akaperepere *Uriake Au E Tau Anau Taokia*.

E 6 a raua tamariki anau, e maata ta raua au ai mokopuna e te au ai utaro. E kua riro ana raua ei nga metua meitaki i te akono i tetai au tamariki mei roto mai ito raua au taeake i roto i to raua oraanga.

Kua noo raua ki te Tapere i Aroa e Rutaki no tetai tuatau roa e kua tavini atu i roto i te Ekalesia Arorangi mei to raua tae mai anga ki Rarotonga nei. Ko Mama Maki e vaine maroiroi aia i roto i te au angaanga katoatoa o te pae Evangelia, Tapere, Oire, Enuua e te Kopu Tangata.

E vaine kite katoa aia no tetai au angaanga ngutuare mei te tuitui tivaevae, tui kakau e te vai atura. I roto i tona oraanga kua riro ana aia ei mou i tetai au taoanga mamaata i roto i teia au putupuanga.

- Arorangi Girls Brigade Company – Chairlady
 - Rutaki Sunday school – Sunday School Teacher
 - Rutaki Vainetini – Chairlady
 - Rutaki Tapere – Tumu Imene
 - Rutaki Tapere – Vaine na te Diakono ko Uriake Taokia
 - Rutaki Tapere – Village Committee Member
 - Arorangi Boys Brigade – Supporter
 - Arorangi Girl Guides Company – Supporter
 - Arorangi Brownie Pack – Supporter
 - Te Au Vaine – Committee Member
 - CIANGO - Member
 - Rutaki Primary School – PTA member
 - Oire Arorangi Constitution Dance Troupe – Choir and Imene Tuki singer
 - Tamarua/Mangaia – Fundraising Foundation Member
- E vaine maru e te akakoromaki i roto i tona oraanga. E vaine kauraro i te au akaueanga e te tauturu katoa aia i te au angaanga katoatoa a tana tane e te tamariki i roto i te Evangelia, Oire, Tapere, Apii Kavamani e te Kopu Tangata.
 - E vaine inangaro maata aia i tana au tamariki katoatoa, e te akaperepere i tana au ai mokopuna, ai utaro e te au ai unoanga.
 - E vaine inangaro katoaia i tona au tungane, teina, tuakana e ta ratou au tamariki i roto i tona oraanga.
 - E vaine maroiroi e te tauturu i te angaanga tui kakau i roto i te Tapere i te au tuatau angaanga Teretere Apii Sabati, Teretere Vainetini e te Tanetini, Nuku, Girl Guides – Brownies, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Tieni Kumiti e te vai atura.
 - I roto i tona oraanga angaanga, kua angaanga ana aia i te ngai tui kakau o Scotts and Watson i te tuatau mua, no reira tona kite marama i teia angaanga tui kakau tane e te vaine. Kua roa katoa aia i te angaanga-anga i roto i te Otera Rarotonga e pera katoa tana tane.
 - E vaine inangaro aia i te tanutanu tiare i tona oraanga, ei tauturu i tana tuanga angaanga akamanea Are pure.
 - E kaute tana tiare inangaro e maata uatu rai tana tivaevae tei tui aia e kaute.



Papa Uriake and the late Mama Maki Taokia

Koia katoa tetai metua vaine maroiroi i te au angaanga kimikimi moni a te Evangelia i te tuatau i teretere atu ei te Ekalesia Arorangi ki Nu Tireni i te tuatau i orometua ei te Papa Orometua Tekere Pereiti. Te vai atura tana au angaanga meitaki i rave i roto i teia Ekalesia e te Tapere Rutaki.

Te mii nei matou katoatoa i teia metua vaine maroiroi i roto i to matou tapere Rutaki e pera katoa i roto i te kopu tangata. *2 Timoteo 4:7-8, I kukumi ana au i te kukumianga meitaki, kua oti toku oroanga, i mou marie ana au i te akarongo. E teiane i te vaio ia nei te korona o te tuatua tika noku, ta te Atu, ta te akava tuatua tika ra, e oronga mai noku, kia tae ki taua ra ra, e kare oki ko toku anake ra, ko te aronga katoa ra i inangaro i te taua mama anga mai nona ra. Meitaki Ngao!*

13. ARIKIANGA A TE ARORANGI EKALESLIA I TE ANAU BB

“Sure & steadfast” Aiai Sabati ra 30 Aperira 2017. Kua arikiariki atu te Ekalesia o Arorangi i te anau Boys Brigade o te Kuki Airani i te tuatau o ta ratou camp maata i Rarotonga nei. Kua kapitiia mai ratou ki te pure aiai o Arorangi, tei riro e na ratou i raverave i te reira pureanga. Kua mataora to matou aravei-anga i te anau mei te Pa Enuia mai e to Rarotonga nei. Kua akateretere ia teia angaanga maata e te au arataki o te Arorangi CiCC Ekalesia. Kua tamataora mai tei anau tamaroa i tetai au tuanga aitamau e te akatangitangi pu. Te akaoki atu nei i te au akameitakianga ki te au arataki o roto i te au putuputuanga no ta kotou tauturu maata – Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Girl Guides, Sunday School, Christian Youth, Vainetini, Tapere – Ruaau, Muri Enuia, Betela e Rutaki. Meitaki maata.



14. AKATAPUANGA GB CAPTAIN OU

“Seek, serve and follow Christ.” Kua raveia tetai angaanga manea ki roto i te are pure o Arorangi i te akatapuanga i te Captain Ou o te Arorangi Girls Brigade i te Sabati ra 9 no Aperira 2017 i te pure ora ngauru. Kua tae katoa mai te mata o te Konitara Girls Brigade koia a Mrs Helen Williams ei kite i teia tuanga, nana katoa tetai tuanga maata i te oronga anga i tetai akairo no teia taoanga i roto i te anau tamaine Girls Brigade.

I muri ake i te pure, kua raveia tetai kaikai anga maata i roto i te ngutuare Kalavaria, kapiti katoaia mai te au manui katoatoa ei akararangi anga i teia ra maata no Mrs Sina Akama. E opita maroiroi i tana tuanga i te au tuatau tei topa ki muri. I teia mataiti 2017, kua ikiia mai aia e nana e apai i teia taoanga ko te Captain. Kua

tavini ana a Sina i te putuputuanga tamaine Girls Brigade i Avarua e tae ua mai i tona tuatau i noo ei aia ki roto i te Vaka Puaikura i tona ngutuare ou. Kua mataora te au metua e te anau tamaine Girs Brigade o Arorangi no teia ra maata.



Te akaoki nei aia i tana akameitaki anga no te au tauturu tei orongaia mai no tona ra maata, e pera katoa tona au Opita i roto i te Arorangi Girls Brigade Company. Te anoano nei aia i te arataki i te tamariki tamaine, kia riro mai ratou ei au arataki mea memeitaki ei tupaupau tuatau ki mua. *Atawai wolo.*

15. MURI YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Somewhere online it says *“Being a leader takes courage, discipline, and determination. While a great leader can bring great success, it also comes at the cost of being judged and overwhelmed.”* Muri Christian Youth on behalf of Ngatangia CICC Ekalesia enjoyed the training and support received over the two days Youth Leadership workshop. It was a challenge; however we had a good number that attended the workshop. It was inspiring and enjoyable to see and mingle with other mapu’s from other Ekalesia.

Dr Robert Siakimotu is an excellent trainer, we only wished for more time to learn from him - possibly another day. We pray and hope for his return for a refresher course and to train our other youths that missed out on this opportunity. Our youths also enjoyed Uncle Tangata Vainerere’s presentation regarding the 12 Characters with Leadership qualities in the bible that we could learn from.

Our prayers for our upcoming young leaders is that this training is an igniting point or add on towards developing them to become leaders of tomorrow within our Tapere in Muri, our village in Ngatangia, on Rarotonga, and in the Cook Islands.

We wish to make a special Thank you to the Youth Director Bob William and all his executives for organising the training for us. We would like to acknowledge and thank our Deacons in Muri, Ngatangia CICC Ekalesia, our parents, families and friends for their ongoing support towards all our youth initiatives and activities within Muri and within the Ngatangia CICC Ekalesia. Thank you to all the youth from the other Ekalesia for their presence at the workshop as well as for the delicious catering. We hope for more training in the future. Galatians 6:9 *“Let us not become weary in doing well, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”*



Meitaki Ranuinui
Muri Christian Youth - Chairman
Mrs Maru Mariri-Tepou

16. IRIIRIKAPUA NA TE RAROTONGA CHRISTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL

James 4: 10, "Humble yourself before the Lord, and he will lift you up." Kua raveia tetai iriirikapua no runga i te turanga Arataki i roto i ta tatou Evangelia e te anau mapu o te Rarotonga Christian Youth mei Avarua, Nikao, Arorangi, Titikaveka, Ngatangia e Matavera. Kua kapiti katoaia mai te au mapu tane o te putuputuanga Boys Brigade mei roto mai i ta ratou National Camp.

Kua akamata te reira i te aiai Monite ra 24 no Aperira, 2017 e kua akaoti i te Ruirua ra 25 no Aperira. Kua riro te au anau mapu mei roto mai i nga Ekalesia e ono i te tauturu i te pae o te kopu.

Meitaki maata kia kotou e te au Arataki e te anau mapu, no to kotou tuatau tei oronga ua mai, no teia tereni-anga no tatou katoatoa. Te akaoki atu nei te akameitakianga kia kotou katoatoa mei roto atu i te tama Akatere Au, koia a Bob Williams e te au kumiti katoatoa o te Youth Dept no te akaatinga mai i toou tuatau.

Kua tae mai tetai puapii mei Nu Tireni koia a Rev Robert Sikamotu i te rave atu i teia iriirikapua no te anau mapu. Kua mataora te anau mapu e kua maata katoa te mapu tei tae mai. E au kimianga ravenga teia tei paraniia e te Konitara Mapu e te turuturu a te au tavini o te Atua i roto i nga Ekalesia e ono. Meitaki maata no te tauturu mai. God bless you all.



17. SUCCESSFUL GIRL GUIDE WEEKEND CAMP

"I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and the Queen, to serve my country and to keep the Guide Law." Friday 12th to Sunday 14th May 2017, the Arorangi Girl Guides Company held a weekend camp for a purpose at the Arorangi Calvary Hall.

1. To lend a hand to the International Triathlon Organization for their water stations in Takitumu as organized by the National Council Executive members of the Girl Guides Association Cook Islands.
2. To hold an Enrolment & Flying up Ceremony for the girls who have been in the guiding movement.
3. To do some interest badges for the girls.

The girls participated in various areas to enable them to complete some task before their special ceremonies. Friday evening and Saturday morning the girls did some hands on activities. They also provided their helping hands to the water station in Titikaveka for the international and local runners in the Triathlon event on Saturday 13th May 2017.

Sunday dawn service, all the members attended the service, which 2 of our young women in the guides section from the Muri Enuu Tapere, did the service with the help of other guide members. After the service the Ekalesia was invited and all the members witness the Enrolment & Flying up Ceremony for the girls. As part of the early morning ceremony, the girls presented their gifts to their mothers and other women leaders in the church.

We had 11 Brownies enrolled, 5 senior brownies flew up to the Guides section, 4 guide's enrolled, 5 senior guides promoted to the Ranger section and 1 young leader enrolled with a total of 26 young women.

<p>Brownies who got enrolled as a member</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feliza Nicholas 2. Anilia Marsters 3. Danielle Arona 4. Heinata Heather 5. Tiana Marsters 6. Gisele Marsters 7. Alexisa Kareroa 8. Esther Taokia 9. Nalija Taripo 10. Konini Kite 11. Marumaru Enee Toom 	<p>Brownies who flew up to Guides</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kimberly Philips 2. Penina Katuke 3. Evelyn Pokipoki 4. Tepori Kareroa 5. Tapaeru Lockington
<p>Guides who got enrolled</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Itirangi Pennycook 2. Akevai Purua 3. Anamarie Henry 4. Samantha Tamaiva 	<p>Guides who got promoted to Rangers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demzel Rongokea 2. Romel Rauraa 3. Merrin Munro 4. Tehina Pennycook 5. Mama Mauke Katuke
<p>Young Leader who got enrolled as a Girl Guide member</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rachel Tetera 	

The 10am service was a church parade for the uniform groups and after a special guard of honour for all the mothers in the church including the visitors too. The weekend camp program went well and thank you to all the helping hands throughout our ceremonies.

On behalf of the Arorangi Girl Guides Company, we would like to say *“Thank you maata”* to all the parents, supporters, committees and the Ekalesia leaders and members for your continuous support. Our brownie bells goes like this *“Oh Lord our God, Thy children call. Grant us thy peace and bless us all. Good night.”*





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18. TERETERE APII SABATI, ARORANGI CICC

“Te Ekalesia Tapu.” Kua akatueria te tatau a te Apii Sabati o Rutaki e te vaa koperepere tei pe’e mai, koia a Tereora Makaua e Penina Katuke i te akakiteanga i ta matou tumu tapura “ Te Ekalesia Tapu.” Mei te 35 au tamariki tei tatau i roto i te tapere Rutaki.

Te akakite nei te au tamariki taau no runga i ta ratou tumu tapura, “Te Ekalesia Tapu.” Kua akamata te tuatua no te Ekalesia ki runga ia Iesu, e koia oki te tango i te reira Ekalesia. Kua akamouia ki runga i te au Aposetolo, tana i oronga i te mana kia ratou no te akatupuanga ki roto i te ngakau tangata. Ko to tatou tika-anga ki roto i te Ekalesia Tapu, na te Atua. Tei roto ia i te Basileia o te Atua.

E a (4) au tuanga mamaata i roto i teia tumu manako.

Numero 1: - Te taokotai-anga o te aronga akarongo

Numero 2: - Te akakore-anga ara

Numero 3: - Te Tuakou-anga o te kopapa

Numero 4: - Te ora mutukore

Ko te Apii Sabati o Ngatangia tei tere mai e ko te Apii Sabati o Muri Enea tei apai atu i ta matou teretere. Ko Betela, Rutaki e Ruauu tei tatau. E maata tikai te tamariki tei tatau, mei te 100-120 tamariki tei tae mai. Meitaki maata ki te au metua tei oronga mai i ta kotou tauturu e te au puapii Sabati. Te akakite nei te puapii a Mama Metua Kite e ngakau parau aia i te turanga tatau a tana anau Apii Sabati o Rutaki e te turuturu a te au metua i te au ra o te terenianga i te tamariki kia tamou i ta ratou au tatau e te au imene. Kua taopenga ta ratou tuanga na roto i tetai imene papaa tei apii ia mai e te tauturu puapii Sabati koia a Mummy Tei. *Te karanga nei a Luka 19:10, “I aere mai nei oki te tamaiti a te tangata e kimi i tei ngaro ra e akaora.”* Kia Orana e Kia Manuia.



Photo and write-up by TRO

19. VAINĒ O TE MARAMA NO ME, 2017



Salamo 119: 105, "E lamēpa taau tuatua i toku nei vaevae, e turama no toku nei arataa."
 Kua raveia te akararangi anga ia Mrs Tangi Mataroa i te po Paraparau ra 18 no Me, 2017 ki roto i te Otera Islander. Kua riro mai aia e koia te Vaine o te marama no Me i teia mataiti 2017. E maata uatu rai tana au tuanga angaanga e raverave ana aia. Inara i roto i teia turanga, kua riro mai tetai putuputuanga koia te Bridge builders e na ratou i iki mai iaia. Ko Tangi oki te maine Tekeretere o teia putuputuanga, tei riro ana e koia te mata tei aere atu ana ki tetai Uipaanga maata i Nu Tireni i te mataiti 2014, e pera katoa te metua vaine a Aunty Taamo Heather. E putuputuanga ou teia tei puta mai na roto i te metua vaine ia Aunty Vereara Maeva-Taripo no te au Vainetini katoatoa i roto i te au

Evangelia tukeke i roto i te teianei ao.

- I roto i to Tangi Mataroa oraanga, kua tupu mai aia ki roto i te Tapere Rutaki.
- I tona turanga apii, kua aere aia ki te apii tua tai ko Rutaki, e pera katoa te apii tua rua ko Tereora.
- Kua angaanga ana aia ki roto i tetai au opati National Bank, Hugh Henry Tours, Edgewater Resort e te Crown Beach.
- E tamaine ura katoa aia, e kua riro ana aia ki roto i te pupu ura o te Taakoka e i teia ra i roto i te Akirata.
- Koia tetai metua vaine tauturu i te au angaanga tarere ura i te tuatau o te Maire Nui i roto i te Vaka Puaikura i te au mataiti katoatoa, e pera katoa i te oraanga i tona kite karape i runga i te au rakei e tetai au turanga e anoano ia ana.
- I roto i te Ekalesia, e Puapii Sabati tauturu aia no Rutaki, e vaine aia na te Diakono o Rutaki koia a Keu Mataroa, e Arataki aia no te Vainetini o Rutaki, e metua vaine akamanea i te ngutuare o te Atua i te au tuatau e riro ana e na te tapere Rutaki te au angaanga tama Are pure, te akanoonoo i te au katikati na te au manui i te au Sabati angaanga. E tauturu Tiemeni no te anau Mapu o Rutaki & Aroa. E maine Tekeretere i roto i te Konitara Mapu o Arorangi. E opita Girl Guide, e tauturu Captain no te Arorangi Girl Guide Company. i mou ana i te au taoanga tuketuke i roto i te Konitara Vaine o Arorangi i te au tuatau i topa, i teia ra e tauturu mou moni e te vai atura tei kore i rekotiia. Oronga i te tauturu i tetai uatu au angaanga mamaata i roto i te Ekalesia, mei te Uipaanga Orometua, Nuku, Taeanga Evangelia e te vai atura.
- E taunga tui kakau, taunga amani rakei ura, e tetai atu au angaanga tukeke i roto i te ngutuare, kopu tangata e te tapere.
- I roto i te Kopu Tangata, mei roto mai i te Ngati Ahsin, Ngati Bates mei Puaikura mai, Ngati Raina mei Takitumu.
- E 5 ana tamariki e 5 mokopuna.
- E maata uatu rai tona au taeake mei roto mai i te au putuputuanga o roto i te Evangelia e te Oire.
- Kua teretere atu ana aia ki tetai au angaanga i vaoo ake ia Rarotonga mei te au Uipaanga maata a te Girl Guide i Jordan, Uipaanga maata a te Bridge Builders i NZ, pupu ura Akirata i to ratou tere ki te enua mamao ko Europe, e te mata atu i te au putuputuanga tana i piri atu i runga nei te enua ko Rarotonga e e te Pa Eua, ki roto i tetai au angaanga mamaata o te Basileia e te Kavamani.

Te oronga nei i te Akameitakianga ki te Atua no tona aroa e te takinga meitaki iaia i te au ra o tona oraanga. Tana anau, tana angaanga i roto i te Evangelia, kopu tangata, tapere, oire, tona au taeake i te au ngai katoatoa e tana ngai angaanga. Te Atua te aroa no kotou katoatoa.



20. SABATI PENETEKOSE – TERETERE VAINETINI O ARORANGI EKALESIA

“Tuatua iora ratou i te reo tukeke.” Kua raveia te angaanga teretere vainetini i roto i ta matou Ekalesia i te aiai Sabati ra 4 no Tiunu, i muri ake i te pure aiai. Kua uapou te vainetini e kua mataora. Kua aao mai ratou i te au kakau vaito. No te mea oki e Sabati Oroa, kua vaito te vainetini o Rutaki i te kakau teatea mea peni. Ko te vainetini o Ruaau, kua aao mai ratou i te kakau tarona mea peni kerekere e to Muri Enuu e kakau peni katoa me matie e te kairo rerenga me kare matie maratea. Te vainetini Betela e pareu vareau.

Kua kapiti ua teia uapou e kua mataora te iti vaine. Kua rauka mai tetai au tamariki tamaine mapu ei kimi, tokorima ratou. Teia to ratou au ingoa - Akevai Purua – Ruaau vainetini, Annamarie Henry – Ruaau vainetini, Hemia Daniel – Ruaau vainetini, Pokotea Guinea Matapo – Ruaau vainetini, Makirau Takaia – Betela vainetini. Kua riro te Mama Orometua Mere Soatini e te Tauturu Orometua vaine Ana Andrew ei rave i ta matou angaanga i mua i te atarau. Kua taopenga teia angaanga manea na roto i te kaikai. Aleluia!



21. SURPRISE 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

“Life begins at 40, but Life gets interesting at 60,” Speech from her best friend, Ms Nga Teinangaro. The Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute staff managed to put on a surprise birthday lunch for Mrs Violet Temeu- kura-ono Munro-Tisam on Friday 16th June 2017. Violet was born 18th June 1957 in Arorangi. She is the eldest daughter of the late Mr Alexander Munro and Mrs Tokerau Munro whom is the Tinomana Tokerau Ariki today. She is from a large family of 10 children and from the Tinomana lineage. Her upbringing is from the village of Ruaau and is a member of the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia. She loves sports and its run in her family and had played a major part in her life. In her younger days, she has represented the country in an international arena for netball. She is an active sport person in the Arorangi Sports Federation Club.

Her profession is a qualified Teacher from the Teachers Training and had further her studies in New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, where she lived and had most of her children in PNG. She is married to Jonah Tisam and had 4 children and 2 grandchildren today. She returned to the Cook Islands and taught at Tereora College and later at the Human Resource Office in Arorangi as a Quality Assurance Officer. She has been working with the Ministry of Education since the merger in 2012, today she is employed as our Community Education Program Co-ordinator in the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute. God Bless you Violet and Happy 60th Birthday.

17th June, 2017 Saturday evening, her families from the Dean and Munro's put up a Kaikai for her at her brother's home in Pokoinu, Nikao, Dan & Tapu Munro. Friends and Families were there to surprise her too. Tinomana Ariki, Papa Orometua Soatini and the Tauturu Orometua were among their special invite. Mrs Mata'a Dean shared on story for Violet as a young child and she also present Violet a special gift from her and her children in Australia and New Zealand a embroidery cushion cover to mark this special milestone for Violet Temeu-kura-ono Munro-Tisam. *Exodus 20: 12, "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.*



22. TAU AI KI TAATAI I NIKAO

"E tu tauturu to te Guide." Kua parani te anau tamaine Girl Guide o Arorangi, kia raverave akaou ratou i tetai angaanga tau ai ki te tapa taatai, kua tupu te reira i te aiai Monite 12 no Tiunu 2017 ki runga i te oneone o Nikao. Kua tu'a ia te au tamaine ki roto e rua pupu e kua tunutunu katoa ratou i tetai totiti ei turanga angaanga na ratou. I roto i teia porokaramu, kua riro e na ratou rai e koikoi mai i ta ratou vai'e i te tau i ta ratou ai. Kua kapiti katoaia mai te anau tamaine Brownies ki te pae ia ratou te anau tamaine mamaata. E turanga apii teia ia ratou no te akateateamamao e te kimi ravenga me aere ratou ki vao ake i te ngutire e ka akapeea i te tau i tetai ai, kare e irinaki ki runga i te umu papaa. Kua mataora teia porokaramu. Meitaki maata.



23. KIA ORANA SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY

“*Kia Orana, Turou Oro Mai.*” Over 100 students and 100 invited guests & families attended the Award Ceremony on Friday afternoon 4.00pm at the Hospitality School in Ngatangia for this special award ceremony. The program started with an opening prayer by Rev Tereora Tereora and speeches by the Director of the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute, Mrs Caroline Medway – Smith and the Director of Tourism, Mr Alatoa Fua. The Master of Ceremony for this special program was our favourite Aunty Nane from the Tourism Office who entertained the students and all the invited guests.

The award ceremony begins with a Certificate in Security (Foundation) presented by the Secretary of Culture, Mr Anthony Turua for those who took this course. Tutors are Oscarlina Tapoki and Johnny Hosking who is very proud of their students of 13 attended and completed the course. Over 25 participants originally undertook this security course in the Cook Islands for the first time.

We witness new recruits from the Ministry of Health. Young men and women from the Nursing School who also undertook this program as part of their training. Part of this ceremony was to encourage our students to come up with Ei Katu and Pareu wear. The representative from the Ministry of Education, Mr Tere Utanga was the judge in this area and it was tough for him. The winner for the Best Ei Katu went to a young women from the Ministry of Health, Ms Sonia Vainerere from the Island of Atiu. The program ended with a difference which saw everyone receiving a Raurau Manga from the CITTI and Tourism, saying “*Meitaki Atupaka, Meitaki Ngao, Meitaki Ranuinui, Meitaki Poila and Atawai Wolo.*” Kia Manuia e Kia Orana.



24. LEND A HAND PROJECT

James 1: 17, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” The members of the Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth Lend a Hand Project to one of our Mama’s in the village to support her life. Planting root crop on her land to enable her to provide for her family.

Mama Ngapoko Longtime turned 80 last weekend 24th June 2017. She is a strong women doing her own work around her home and collecting seafood and chestnut to sell. She is a CICC member in the Arorangi Ekalesia and Tapere Rutaki. Lend a Hand Project is introduced by the youth to provide their service to our own people and also other areas that are required to enhance and improve our living in the village.

We encouraged our members to do a Lend a Hand Project to our elderly and disability people in our small village. We are proud to do this and support our own people in the village. The bible says in John 15:12, “My command is this, Love each other as I have loved you.” Kia Manuia.



25. COMBINE CHURCH PARADE – SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2017

The Theme for 2017 for the Girls Brigade international, is “Be Empowered.” Kua putuputu mai te anau tamaine Girls Brigade, Girl Guides e te Boys Brigade no tetai pureanga taokotai no te epetoma o te Girls Brigade. Maata tikai te au tamariki tei tae mai. Kua riro te au angaanga katoatoa i te pure ora ngauru e na te Girls Brigade i raverave ei akararangianga i to ratou ra maata.

Pera katoa i te pure aiai, kua riro te Captain o te Arorangi Girls Brigade e nana i rave i teia tuanga akoanga i te aiai e tetai nga tamaine mamaata. Kua riro katoa aia i te apai atu i te karere no teia ra maata ki runga i te porokaramu ratio e tetai au tamaine te oro nei i te Queens Award. Kua angai te Ekalesia Arorangi i te au tamariki katoatoa i muri ake i te pureanga i te Sabati 11 no Tiunu, 2017. Meitaki maata ki te au Arataki no teia taokotaianga i Arorangi CiCC Ekalesia. “Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is progress and working together is a success by Henry Ford “.



26. COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

1 Peter 4: 10-11, Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen.

CITTI offered a variety of community education program each month. The co-ordinator, Mrs Violet Tisam liaises with lots of people in the community, church, government and private sectors to provide programs that interests them. Most of her tutors are from the community who are specialize in the area that are required i.e Tuaine Teiti aka Katu is an expert in his drawing and art, so he is employed as our CITTI part time Tutor in the community program doing Block Printing, Island Fabric Art and Art sessions with our Tumanava students at

the Trades School. Tangi Mataroa who is also good at sewing provided her service to teach Mama's and Papa's too who wishes to learn how to sew simple garment for them. Ruta Pirangi who is also known for Kikau plaiting also shared her time to teach our people. Aunty Ve and Tokerau who are expert in Tivaivai making and other embroidery skills shared their time too. Angaroa Williams on furniture making and building planning. Edwin Apera did pruning and grafting sessions and other tutors in the area of cooking.

We appreciate the students from all walks of life, who devoted their time to learn these skills and we are thankful to all our students who have taken these courses in the past years and we are still here to offer more variety of community education program in cooking, building, automotive, agriculture, beauty and so forth. Violet Tisam is the best person to contact at the CITTI Campus in Arorangi and Ngatangia. Meitaki ngao!



27. STRING BAND DINNER

“Poe tiare oki koe noku.” On Saturday 10th June 2017 at 6.30pm, our Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth executives and members performed for 1 hour String Band to entertain the diners at the Rarotongan Hotel. It was a pleasant evening with over 70 diners.

Mr Tata Crocrombe offered dinner to the winning team who took part at the Arorangi Christian Youth – Easter Day Program whom was planned and organized by the Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth Club at the Rutaki Meeting House beach.

Part of the Easter Day Program was to compose and sing a String band competition of 15 member’s base on Climate Change. Our Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth won that section and the winning prize was sponsored by the Rarotongan Hotel for 15 people for dinner, in return to play for 1 hour string band.

“Thank you very much “to Tata and his Management team for their financial support towards our dinner evening. Under the leadership of our Advisors – Mrs Tuaine Marsters and Deacon Mr Keu Mataroa who is an experience entertainer in this area, he was the MC for the evening. For most members it was their first time to participate in such a String band in front of hotel guests; however we managed to do our part and played for the evening with the best of our ability. It was an enjoyable evening.

Here are the 15 members: -

1. Keu Mataroa - MC
2. Tangi Mataroa – Assistant Chairman
3. Teivitu Katuke - member
4. Matakeu Katuke – Assistant Treasurer
5. Teariki Turua - Trustee
6. Evanna Turua - Secretary
7. Ngatokoa Ngati – Assistant Secretary
8. Sonny Manavaeroa - member
9. Ngavaevae Katuke - member
10. Tamarangi Tamarangi Jnr - member
11. Philomena Tonorio - member
12. Joe Matua - supporter
13. Sua Tuariki - member
14. Mummy Tei - Trustee
15. Ngara Katuke – Co-ordinator



We also extended and offer 10 Free Dinner invitation to our Ekalesia leaders, Rev Tinirau Soatini and Mama Orometua Mere, Tauturu Orometua Mr John Andrew and Mrs Ana Andrew, Deacon Mr Teariki Purua who was one of our MC that volunteered to help us on our Easter Day program and his wife Rangi Purua. Climate Change staff – Celine Dyer and Dr Teariki Rongo & his wife & children, QR Hon Tom Marsters & Tuaine Marsters and finally our traditional leaders, Tinomana Tokerau Ariki and Landowner - Makirau Mataiapo – Mrs Metua Kite. They were our special guests for the evening.

Our string band closed with a prayer by our Papa Orometua Tinirau Soatini with an Imene Tuki and a vesper. We praise God for this wonderful opportunity and blessing upon our club and the village too.

1 Thessalonians 1: 2 says “We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers “.



28. FUN & ACTIVE WIDE GAME ACTIVITIES

“Sisters Sharing.” Gisele Marsters and Alexisa Exham Kareroa enjoyed coming to Brownies on Mondays. Last Monday 19th June 2017 at 5.00pm, we travelled to Aunty Tapu Munro’s home in Pokoinu for our Wide Game Activities, planned and organized by our future leaders from the Ranger section – Demzel Rongokea, Romel Rauraa, Mama Maura Katuke, Tehina and Itirangi Pennycook.

We have to do 20 different outdoor activities. Like collecting 3 different fruits, matching leaves, plaiting something out of kikau, writing our Brownie promise, draw a creative picture, washing dishes, picking up rubbish, counting pot plants and windows and so more to do for the evening. Meitaki maata to our young leaders for setting this up for us and all the girls that came, enjoyed this fun activities.

Our Brownie promise says “*I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and the Queen; to help other people and to keep the Brownie Law.*” The evening ended with our Brownie prayer and *Good night all.*



29. FRIENDS OF ASIA PACIFIC WAGGGS 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY BRUNEI – DARUSSALAM

Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS are supporters of Girl Guides and Girls Scout of the Asia Pacific Region. Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS (FAPW) was founded in 1999 by Dr Juseon Byun, a past Chairman of the Asia Pacific Regional Committee. FAPW have over 1800 members from 25 countries and growing. Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Pahang Malaysia, Princess Azizah Iskandar is the Patron for the FAPW, who is an active supporter of Girl Guide and Girls Scout. FAPW makes financial contribution that will help support the development of Girl Guide and Girls Scout in the Asia Pacific Region with over 30 life skills and community projects that have been funded since 2005. Financial contributions made by FAPW;

- Enables girls and young women to become competent and confident leaders
- Give young women opportunity to attend international events and training
- Assist Member Organisations who are working towards membership of WAGGGS

- Fund projects and programs of the Member Organisations that benefits young women of the Asia Pacific Regions and many more.

The Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS held its 5th General Assembly in Brunei Darussalam from the 12th to 15th of March 2017. I was privileged enough to have been part of the FAPW 5th assembly and joining 120 members from around the Asia Pacific Region, Friends from South Korea, Japan, Maldives, Hong Kong, Australia, Thailand, China, Singapore and Malaysia.

The assembly gives Friends the honour of welcoming new friends or friends intending to upgrade, there are several stages that Friends can become a donor. Crystal, Gold, Diamond, Titanium, Platinum, Major Donor and Cooperate Plan. Members can register or upgrade at anytime to become a FAPW member, the best part about FAPW is that you do not have to be a Girl Guide or Girl Scout to become a member of FAPW.

Upon arrival at the Brunei International airport, we were greeted by our sister Guides from Brunei and transferred to our accommodation the Rizqun International Hotel. Our evening started with registration for members followed with a welcome dinner hosted by the Girl Guides Association of Brunei and the Royal family. The evening continued with a meeting for the FAPW country co-ordinators, matters concerning new and upgrading members for FAPW and upcoming programs for FAPW.

Our second day in Brunei brings us to the Business meeting, presentation of the Chairlady's report, and report from the working group. Business meeting also shares successful project that was funded by the FAPW and intended projects by Member Organisation of the Asia Pacific Region. One of the FAPW project is to help associated members become full members of WAGGGS.

Later in the afternoon we visited the province of Gudong, known for sea shell craft making and producing honey from stingless bees. An interesting fact we learnt about Brunei is that each province make certain products that only that province can make and sell. Gudong is the only province that produces and sells honey, and Tutong another province that we had visited only produce and sells herbal teas and crafts made out of pandanus leaves. This is to ensure that each province has jobs to provide for the people.

After our visits to the local provinces, we returned back to the hotel where our program continued with the presentation of Friends membership pins to the royal family which was quite pleasant to witness. Due to protocol we are not able to take photos in the presence of royalty. In the evening each country were given the opportunity to sell products from their country, every fund made from the sales are donated to the FAPW, what a successful night it was.

Our last day in Brunei brought us to the final part of the business meeting, electing the new working group for the FAPW and the host for the FAPW 6th General Assembly. Three new members were voted into the working group and Ching Ching a well-known name to the GGACI was voted as the new Chairlady for the FAPW. With Maldives and Australia bidding for the next host it all came down to a vote with Brisbane, Australia winning the bid.

After attending the 5th General Assembly as the current National Commissioner in the GGACI our goal is to encourage more members to be part of this volunteering organization to support all the work of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. Today we have 3 Cook Islanders that are a members of FAWP Friends, Mrs Tapaeru Kokaua Hagai, Ms Ngara Katuke from the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Nepal and myself in Brunei. We would like to increase the number to strengthen two of our core areas in the Membership and Relationship to the Society. Our hope to encourage more members to attend the next General Assembly in Brisbane, Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to say " Meitaki atupaka " to the National Council Members of the GGACI for their financial support towards my returned airfare and registration fees, that enabled me to attend the FAPW 5th assembly in Brunei, and also to my families and friends for your continuous support in my Girl Guiding journey.



*Write-up above and photos below provided by Tutai Mauke
The Girl Guides Association Cook Islands - National Commissioner 2016-2018*



Akameitakianga

Salamo 133:1, "I na oki, te meitaki e te mataora, kia noo katoa te au taeake mate tau tikai." Te rauka nei iaku i te oronga atu i taku reo akameitakianga ki to tatou Tekeretere Maata o te Evangelia, Nga Mataio, no tana tauturu i te tuku i te au nuti mei roto atu i te au putuputuanga o te mapu, tei riro ana e naku e tetai au mapu e tata ana. Tana au akamaroiroi e te opara ia matou i te au tuatau tei topa ki mua, meitaki maata e te taeake. Meitaki Maata kia kotou tei riro ana, ei tauturu mai i teia tuanga nei e te au karere akamaroiroi i te au tuatau tei topa ki muri.

Te tuanga o te ratio – Mama Nga Teao-Papatua, te Director o te anau Mapu – Bob Williams, te tuanga o te opati i Takamoa – ko kotou katoatoa – Papa Pae, Nga Mitiau, Mauri Toa e te vai atura. Te au Konitara katoatoa – Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Sunday school, Girl Guides e te Christian Youth. Te au putuputuanga i Aotearoa, Autireria e to te Pa Enea Tonga e to Tokerau. Meitaki Korereka, Meitaki Polia, Atawai wolo. Tei topa i te taikuia, ariki mai i teia tuanga poto no tatou katoatoa. Kia manuia no te tuatau ki mua.



*Otira ua,
Ngara Katuke
Youth Dept. Media Officer*

12. THANKYOU VERY MUCH

There is a time for everything, according to the Philosopher who penned Ecclesiastes. How true, nobody can argue with that at all, surely. And as such, this is therefore my last newsletter to put together as I officially complete my 3rd consecutive 4-year term as Secretary General of the Cook Islands Christian Church. It certainly has been a memorable once-in-a-lifetime journey for me spanning 12 long years. It all started back in 2005, I came into the position armed with some administrative experience gained whilst managing the Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture for 11 years under 6 Government ministers, and I was glad to have been able to put that experience into the administrative arm of the CICC.

From about the 1940s to the late 1960s, there was a regular church newsletter-type monthly paper called *Ko Te Karere*. Then for a few years in the late 1990s to early 2000s, another paper called *Nuti Evangelia* took over. When I assumed the position in 2005, my team and I had a look at what has been achieved by those before us, and did the natural thing of picking it up and taking it to the next level. So the first issue of the current version of the paper was published in September 2005 with just 5 pages. It started off as a monthly paper for a few months, then moved onto a two-months interval, before it settled for a quarterly paper about 4 years ago.

From its humble beginnings of 5 pages, it went up to as many as 118 pages (issue no. 65 published March 2017), but settled around the 70-page average for the past 3 years. In terms of distribution, email recipients topped the list at 950, it goes on the church website, and a few are printed at Takamoa for posting to those who wanted hard copies. Printing went up to 600 some 6 years ago, but as more and more people become connected and preferred e-copies sent to them, the number of printed copies then went down gradually. In a nutshell, the efforts of those before us, in addition to the so many who contributed and helped put this paper together, deserve recognition. It has enabled both CICC and non-CICC members – even those who don't go to church at all but are on the distribution list because they happened to come across an issue somewhere and wanted to be on the list – to get to know what has been cooking in the church as well as outside.

So as I officially finish off from the position on Sunday 23rd of next month July when the next CICC assembly closes, I want to register my sincere thanks and much appreciation to the church itself for granting me this 3 x 4-year term duration in the position, and of course to all my supporters, families, friends and colleagues within and outside of the country, for your unending moral support throughout. It is my firm belief I did put in the best I possibly could, and given the level of technology in this day and age, I'm hopeful that my successor will be able to pick up the paper in its current form and take it to the next level.

A special greetings and farewell message to my church colleagues around the region, including personnel in organisations like PCC and PTC, and partnership churches like UCPNG & UCA. Thankyou for the

opportunity to work collaboratively with you over the years in an area of common interest. For me, this is the end of one journey and the beginning of another, and I'm keen to get started soon.



Ngatokorua (Nga) Mataio, CICC Secretary General, July 2005 – July 2017

13. NUTI POTOPOTO

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

Uipaanga Maata, Tiurai 2017

- Popongi Maanakai 15 – retitaanga ki Takamoa nei, tomo te au mata ki roto i te au Ekalesia tei akatakaia no ratou
- Akatueraanga – 10.00am Sabati 16 ki te Ekalesia Titikaveka
- Nga ra iriiri kapua – Monite 17 ki Ngatangia, Ruirua 18 ki Matavera
- Nga ra uipaanga – Ruitoru 19 ki Avarua, Paraparau 20 ki Nikao, Varaire 21 ki Arorangi
- Uriurianga manako i rotopu i te au mata o te Ekalesia e te kumiti akaaere – Maanakai 22 e te Monite 24
- Tomoanga i te ngutuare i Takamoa nei – 10.00am Maanakai 22
- Topirianga i te uipaanga – 10.00am Sabati 23 ki te Ekalesia Titikaveka
- Akaruke te au mata i te au Ekalesia tei akatakaia no ratou – Monite 24

Ra taeanga Evangelia o Rarotonga nei

Aiai Ruirua 25 Tiurai ki te Ekalesia Titikaveka

Tia 2018

Kua oti i te print i Nutireni, ka tuku tikaia ki te au Ekalesia i Nutireni, Aussie, pa enua tonga. Ta te pa enua tokerau e ta Rarotonga nei, ka tukuia mai ki te opati i Takamoa nei.

Pure Epetoma 2018, Karere 2018

Te angaangaia nei ki runga e te au Orometua i Rarotonga nei.

Ariki Day

Varaire 7 Tiurai 2017, e ra orote te reira – public holiday – i Rarotonga nei.



Mina's flower arrangements in Samoa
(images from the collection of M. Mataio)

14. 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.



TAUTARA PUREA First Principal of Matavera (now Takitumu) Primary School in the early 1960s, former Government Administrator for Mauke, held teaching positions on a lot of the Islands in the Cook Islands. *Papa Tautara at the 50th Anniversary of Takitumu School in Sept 2013. Photo by Nga Mataio.*

MAINI-AMANGA-TAMA KOKAUA ALIAS MAINE KOKAUA ALIAS PAPA TIPI



Kua taka ke atu teia metua tane ki Otara, Akarana, Nu Tireni i te rā 22 o Mati 2017. Kua akaokiia mai tona kopapa i te po Ruirua rā 28 o Mati, kua raveia tona pure kopu-tangata i te aiai Ruitoru rā 29 o Mati e kua tanuia atu aia i te popongi Varaire rā 30 o Mati 2017 i ko i te ngaai tanumanga o Ngati Arera i Pokoinu, Nikao.

Kua anauia a papa Maine Kokaua ki Rarotonga nei i te rā 12 o Tepetema 1930 e tona nga metua ko Tuaiwi Kokaua e Vaine Peyroux. E 86 ona mataiti i te ao nei. E 9 ratou i te katoatoa, e 6 tamaroa e 3 tamaine. Kua akaipoipo atu aia i tana vaine ko Clerk Williams o Manihiki i te rā 15 o Tianuare 1955 i ko i te Pacific Island Church (PIC), Newton, Akarana, Nu Tireni e muri ake kua oki atu raua ki Manihiki noo ei. E 9 katoa a raua tamariki, e toru i mate e te ora nei te katoanga e kua uangaia ratou mari ua okotai kare i uangaia.

Kua riro mai papa Maine ei Boys Brigade, Puapii Sabati e ei Diakono i tona nooanga i Manihiki i mua ake ka oki mai ei aia, tona tokorua e te tamariki ki Rarotonga nei i te mataiti 1966. I te mataiti 1954 koia tetai delegate o te Boys Brigade tei aere atu ki Paratane no te Boys Brigade's Jamboree.

Iaia i Rarotonga nei kua mou ana aia i te taoanga Puapii Sabati e te Diakono e tae ua atu ki te tuatau i apikepika ei aia no tona turanga makiamaki. Kua riro katoa ana aia ei mata no te Ekalesia Nikao ki roto i te Konitara Ekalesia. I tomo katoa ana aia ki roto i te au tuatau o te Maeva Nui i roto i te pupu choir e te imene tuki a te Oire Nikao. I te mataiti 2007, noatu tona turanga makimaki e te apikepika, kare aia i inangaro kia ikiia aia ki runga i te taoanga Diakono Akangaroi me kore Elder. I te mataiti 2008 kua apaiia atu aia ki Nu Tireni no tona turanga makimaki e te apikepika e tana tamaine ko Helen Kokaua Paitai.

I tona tuatau e maroiroi ra, kua mou ana aia i taoanga Pu Tapere o Pokoinu e koia katoa te Kauono o Arera Rangatira. Koia katoa tetai metua tane tei riro i te akamaroiroi no te kimikimi moni e te tere atu ki Nu Tireni no te reira akakoroanga no te akatu i te Are Uipaanga/Community Hall o Pokoinu tei akatuia i te mataiti 1987 e tei akatueria i roto ia Titema 1988.

E metua tane maroiroi i te rave i te au tuanga a te Tapere, te Oire, te Ekalesia e pera tona ngutuare katoa. Kua taka ke atu oki tona tokorua a Clerk Tangimama Williams Kokaua i te rā 31 o Tiurai 2009. *(Info provided by Maine's children)*

TUAKERE PONINI *alias* MAMA SHAN

Kua taka ke atu a Mama Shan ki Nu Tireni inanai i te Ruitoru rā 19 o Aperira 2017 (NZT). Kua apaiia atu aia ki Nu Tireni i teia nga rā i topa akenei no tona turanga makimaki. E mama Tatuturu Orometua akangaroi oki aia. Kua anauia aia ki Atiu i te rā 23 o Aperira 1942. E 74 ona mataiti i te ao nei.

Kua taka ke atu oki tona tokorua te Tauturu Orometua Tangata Murare Ponini alias Papa San ki Atiu i te rā 18 o Okotopa 2007 e kua tanuia ki ko rai i to raua ngutuare i Rangiura nei. E nga tavini maroiroi teia no Iesu Mesia e pera katoa i roto i te Tapere Rangiura, te Oire e te Ekalesia Nikao. *(Info provided by Nono Tearea)*



LIONEL JOHN WILLIAM DAVIS 28/1/1931 – 13/5/2017, 86 years, husband of the late Mere Davis, nee Taramai, of Matavera, both members and supporters of the Ekalesia Matavera CICC. Laid to rest at their residence in Matavera on Wednesday 17 May. Rest in peace, Papa Lionel. *Photo from bereavement service handout.*

NGATUNGANE JOSEPH 1/12/1961 – 23/6/2017, 56 years, wife of Rev. Fakeau Joseph of the Frankston Ekalesia in Melbourne. Passed away in Melbourne on Friday 23 June 2017. Her programme is as follows: family service – Thursday 29 June, 6.00pm, Nobel Park branch of the CICC; funeral service - Friday 30 June, 10.00am, Nobel Park, followed by burial at Springvale Cemetery. May the comforting spirit of the Lord alleviate the pain that her immediate and extended families are going through at this time. *Information provided by Rev. Eddie Dean, Secretary of the CICC Council of Australia.*



CHARLES LITTLE A self-made man who worked hard to build up his law firm Little and Matysik from a one-man operation to one of the leading firms in the Cook Islands. He was hard working and a true professional. After studying overseas Charles decided to come home some years ago to practice law and also to be close to his mother. He was a former president of the Cook Islands Law Society and a family man. For someone so young, Charles decided to retire from practice and work on the occasional case when convenient. He was in retirement when he died at his home in Matavera. Charles passed away on

Thursday 22 June and was put to his final resting place at his home in Matavera on Wednesday 28 June. *By Wilkie Rasmussen, reproduced with photo from the Cook Islands News, Tuesday 27 June 2017.*

MaryAnn's Eternal Garden

You can no longer see me, but please know that I am there
I am the flowers in the garden, I am the wind beneath your hair
The memories that I left behind, shall forever be with you
As for me I am in heaven now, where my life will start anew

No longer do I suffer, no longer do I feel pain
I'm at peace watching you from heaven now, until we meet again

I have always loved my flowers, with nature I was one
My flowers are in heaven now, as my time on Earth is done

I am planting my roses in heaven, my lilies and daisies too
For I want my garden to be perfect, on the day God calls for you

When you walk through the gates of Heaven, I will take you by the hand
And lead you to my eternal garden, where we shall never part again!

Sherry Rockhill

(Poem from Google, follower images from the garden of M. Mataio, Matavera)



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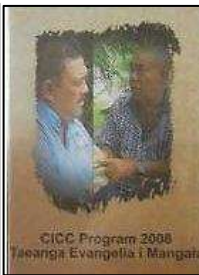
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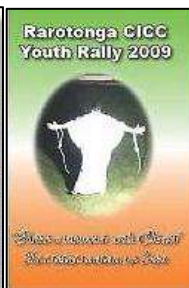
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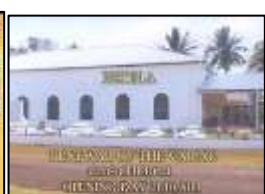
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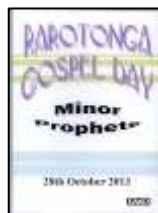
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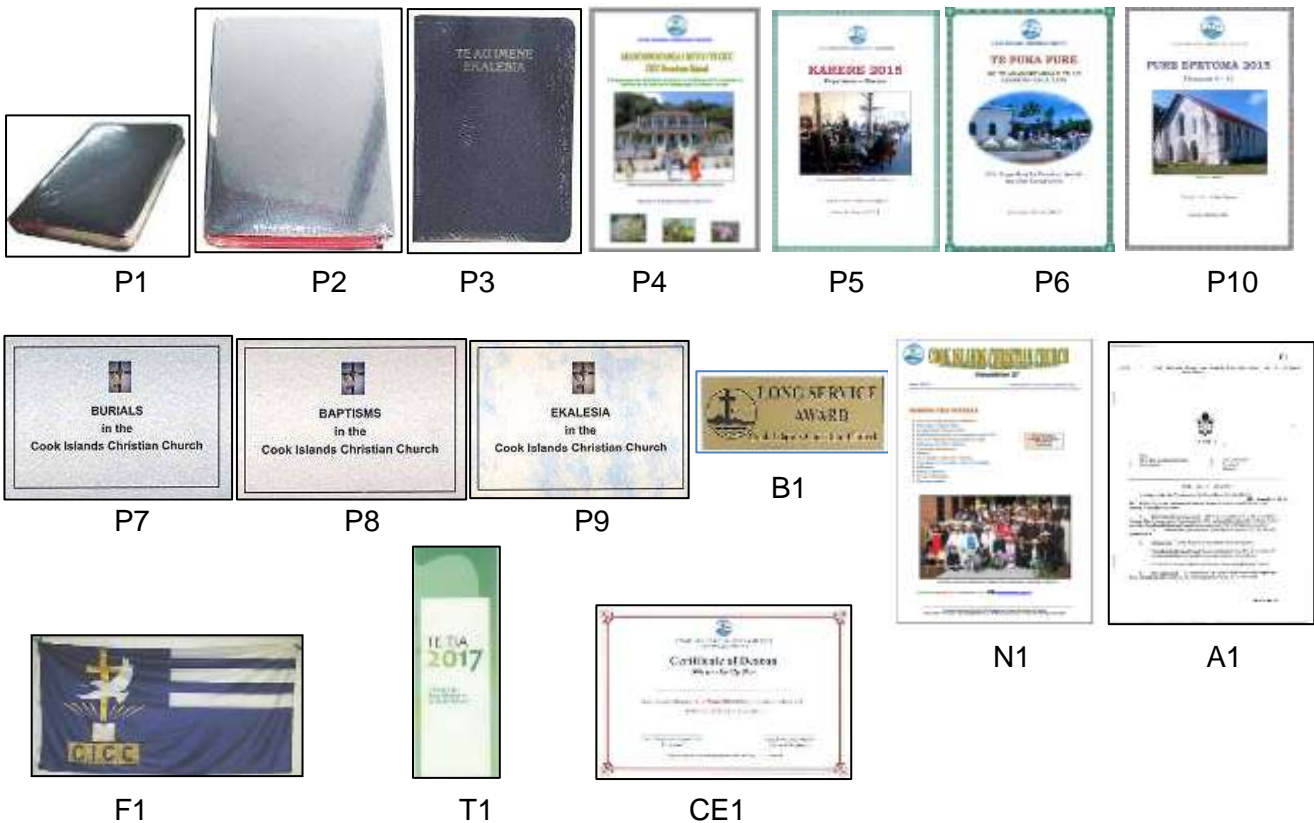
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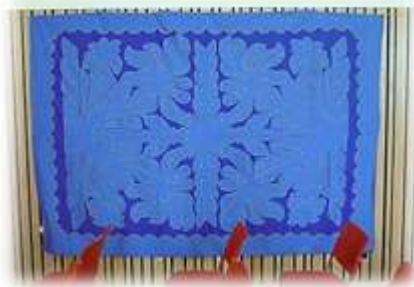


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Tiavevae *alias* Tivaivai (hand-made embroidery) by the mamas on display at the CICC assembly, Clayton, Melbourne, 2013

(photos by N. Mataio)



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PART 1

Taking note and learning from the world around us

1. HOSPITAL GRANTS DYING MAN HIS FINAL WISH — A CIGARETTE AND A GLASS OF WINE WHILE WATCHING THE SUNSET

Carsten Hansen was granted his dying wishes. This is the moment a dying man was granted his final wish by a nurse at a hospital in Denmark.

Carsten Flemming Hansen was told by staff at the Aarhus University Hospital that he was too sick to undergo surgery on his stomach and would die of internal bleeding.



After being informed of the news by his nurse, Rikke Kvist, he told her of his final wish — to watch the sunset while enjoying one last glass of wine and a cigarette.

She was only too happy to oblige — despite smoking being banned at the hospital. “That was when I remembered that we are on the same floor that has access to a balcony,” Kvist told *Avisen.dk*.

With the help of Mr Hansen’s family he was taken out to the balcony to enjoy the sunset on Tuesday evening. “It was a very cozy and relaxed atmosphere,” the nurse said. “Of course they were relatives also affected by the fact that he was going to die, and they were sad. But it was cozy and there was humour.”

The hospital has since shared the picture of Hansen watching the sunset, cigarette and a glass of wine in hand. On Facebook, the image has been liked by more than 60,000 people and shared more than 4,000 times. On the social media site, the hospital posted the picture under the heading “A dignified death to the hospital”. “Carsten Hansen went out onto the balcony where, with his family, he enjoyed a cigarette, a cool glass of wine and a beautiful sunset.” Hansen passed away on Friday.

Anthony Pearce, Yahoo News UK, 10 April 2017

2. INMATE IMPRISONED SINCE 1953 TURNS DOWN CHANCE TO BE RELEASED



Despite what he says really happened, Ligon pleaded guilty to the murders during his one-day trial at the instruction of his lawyer, according to the Philadelphia inquirer. Back then, the mandatory sentence for murder was life without the possibility of parole, so Ligon was sent to prison and has been there ever since. Earlier this year, though, the Supreme Court banned life without parole for juveniles, meaning, after all these years, Ligon would finally have the opportunity to see the light of day.

Thanks but no thanks



After 63 years behind bars, 79-year-old prisoner Joe Ligon recently turned down the chance to finally be released. The Pennsylvania inmate, who was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole as a 15-year-old was recently granted parole thanks to a Supreme Court ruling. But Ligon, who maintains his innocence in the 1953 double homicide for which he was found guilty, declined on principle.

Stabbing spree

According to the Philadelphia inquirer, Ligon was one of five teenagers charged in the murders of the two men. Nicknamed the “Headhunter gang,” Ligon and the four other teenagers went on a crime spree that night, stabbing eight men and killing two, the report said. Ligon admits responsibility for one of the stabbings, but insists he had no part in the killings and no witness put him at those two crime scenes, according to the report. Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Ligon’s story



"I took the knife and hit him [Clarence Belvey] in the chest. That was at 16th and Federal. I did that. I did," Ligon told the inquirer in 2010. "I regret that in the first place. I knew I had to do some time. Common sense told me that. I knew that when I stabbed that man. I've been able to deal with this situation because, in my mind and in my heart, I didn't kill somebody. If I had, that would have worried me to death. There's no way I could have done that and survived in here."

Guilty



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Not good enough

But when the district attorney reduced Ligon’s sentence to 50 years with the possibility of parole — making him eligible immediately — Ligon turned it down. "His view is: He’s been in long enough," Bradley Bridge of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, told the court, via the Philadelphia inquirer. "He doesn't want to be on probation or parole. He just wants to be released."

A long time to be locked away

Ligon was one of 300 Philadelphia inmates eligible for a new sentence following the ruling, although, according to the report, he’s believed to be not only the oldest and longest-serving juvenile lifer in the United



States, but in the world. When Ligon set foot in his first prison cell, Dwight Eisenhower was in his first term as president. That same year, the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series.

Supreme Court's ruling



In 2012, the Supreme Court took the first step toward this year's decision by ruling that laws requiring juveniles convicted of murder to be sentenced to life in prison were unconstitutional. "Mandatory life without parole for a juvenile precludes consideration of his chronological age and its hallmark features - among them, immaturity, impetuosity, and failure to appreciate risks and consequences," Justice Elena Kagan wrote following the 5-4 decision.

Last man standing



During his lifetime locked away, Ligon has had stays at four different prisons, most recently at Graterford Correctional institution in Southeastern Pennsylvania, where he works as a janitor. "I love to clean," he told the inquirer. "There's no limit to it." Meanwhile, the other assailants that Ligon ran with that night are all either out of prison or dead, the report said. But he says he's refrained from becoming bitter.

'I'm bigger than that'



"I know what happened that night, how i was feeling, what i was thinking," he told the inquirer. "I don't have no chip on my shoulder. I'm not resentful. I don't show no bitterness. I'm bigger than that. I don't let things get the best of me. I don't take things too personally."

'It's pointless to keep him in prison'



Earlier this year, Marsha Levick, co-founder of the Juvenile Law Center, told the AP she believes Ligon should be allowed to go free. "They want him to go before a parole board. I mean, seriously?" she said. "it's pointless to keep him in prison."

(by Rob Ogden @oddchatter.com, on Yahoo)

3. GIRL FOUND LIVING WITH MONKEYS IN INDIAN FOREST

LUCKNOW, india (AP) — indian police are reviewing reports of missing children to try to identify a girl who was found living in a forest with a group of monkeys.

The girl, believed to be 10 to 12 years old, was unable to speak, was wearing no clothes and was emaciated when she discovered in January and taken to a hospital in Bahraich, a town in Uttar Pradesh state in northern india.



She behaved like an animal, running on her arms and legs and eating food off the floor with her mouth, said D.K. Singh, chief medical superintendent of the government-run hospital.

After treatment, she has begun walking normally and eating with her hands.

"She is still not able to speak, but understands whatever you tell her and even smiles," Singh said.

Some woodcutters spotted the girl roaming with monkeys, police officer Dinesh Tripathi told The

Associated Press on Thursday. They alerted police.

"They said the girl was naked and was very comfortable in the company of monkeys. When they tried to rescue the girl, they were chased away by the monkeys," the officer said.

She was rescued later by a police officer in the Katarniya Ghat forest range. "When he called the girl, the monkeys attacked him but he was able to rescue the girl. He sped away with her in his police car while the monkeys gave chase," Tripathi said.

He said police are trying to determine how the girl got into the forest and who her parents are.

She will be sent to a home for juveniles until she is identified, Singh said.

Biswajeet Banerjee, Associated Press, on Yahoo, 6/4/17

4. TOWN THROWS LAST-MINUTE WEDDING AND GRADUATION SO DYING FATHER CAN ATTEND

How quickly can someone organize and plan a wedding when the stakes are high? What if you throw in a high school graduation too? One Nebraska town was able to do it all in about three hours last month

for the sake of Dr. Dan Harrahill, who otherwise would not have lived to see his children reach those milestones.

Harrahill was an obstetrician and father of four, who managed to touch many lives in his town of St. Paul, judging by the hundreds of messages, memories, and prayers posted on the Dr. Dan's Fans Facebook group.

"He just had a passion for medicine that people hadn't seen before," Shelly Harrahill, Dan's wife, told Yahoo Style. "He was always putting other people first. It wasn't unusual for him to go out of his way for hundreds of people all the time. I didn't even know how many lives he had touched, by going to people's homes and making extra phone calls and things like that. It's kind of been news to me as well, because he was so humble."

According to the *Omaha World-Herald*, he received a dire prognosis for his colon cancer on March 23. It didn't look as though he would make it to his son Noah's graduation or his eldest daughter Emilea's June wedding. "We thought we would have at least five years with him," Shelly said. "it turned out to be less than six months."

The day after receiving the news, Emilea's fiancé, Kyle Harshman, told Shelly they would like to exchange their vows at the hospital. "His goal throughout all of his chemotherapy treatments was to make it to May and June," Emilea told Yahoo via email. "When we learned the prognosis, we decided to bring the events to him."

Soon, friends and family were all pitching in to put together a real wedding for that evening. One person got the flowers, another found a musician, and a caterer friend had enough food in her freezer to provide a reception dinner.



"Social media can do wonderful things, and they used it to get everyone there," the Rev. Ray Kosmicki of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul told the *World-Herald*. He officiated the ceremony along with the Rev. Mike McDermott of Grand island.

Emilea's wedding dress hadn't been altered yet, but with one safety pin, it was a good fit. "She was kind of upset that you could see the safety pin," Shelly said. "Somebody else said, 'You know what, that's part of the story that you were able to get that dress to fit to do whatever it takes to make this happen for your dad.'"

Amid that flurry of wedding-planning activity, a friend suggested they also put together a graduation ceremony for Noah.

"We kind of went through the tears first," St. Paul High School principal Jen Hagen, who received a call about the idea at 1 p.m. on March 24, told the *World-Herald*. "Then I said, 'We're doing this for Dan. We want him to experience this.'"



They managed to get caps and gowns, a diploma, and a graduation program for the event. The school choir director recruited a small chorus for “Pomp and Circumstance,” and several students, including the class valedictorian and salutatorian, wrote speeches.

By 4:30 that same day, everyone gathered at the chapel of St. Francis Hospital in Grand island, with Dan in his wheelchair in the front row. Noah’s graduation was first, followed by the wedding.

“When Emilea and Kyle were saying their vows at the hospital, everyone was crying, pretty much, except for Emilea and Kyle,” Shelly said. “They said they had this sense of peace that came over them, that they were able to say their vows without crying or anything.” “He was smiling from ear to ear the whole time we had the wedding and the graduation,” Shelly told the *World-Herald*. “It was one of the best days of his life, even under the circumstances.”

The family will be going ahead with celebrations at Noah’s official graduation and Emilea’s wedding. “I want it to just be a really happy day for them,” Shelly told Yahoo. “Their dad would want that. He wouldn’t want us to be sad that he’s not there. They’re very important milestones.”

The doctor died just eight days later, on April 1.

Sabrina Rojas Weiss Mon, Apr 17, Yahoo News Photos courtesy of Harrahill family via Daily Deal Omaha.

5. THE WORLD’S ‘OLDEST HUMAN’ HAS DIED IN INDONESIA ‘AGED 146’



Mbah Gotho has outlived all his siblings, wives and childrenollygrio / YouTube
A man who claimed to be the world’s oldest person has died at the age of 146, it is claimed.

Mbah Gotho, from indonesia, was said to have documentation that showed he was born in 1870.

A lifelong heavy smoker, Sodimedjo - as he was also known - was taken to hospital last month for an undisclosed health complaint.



He discharged himself six days later and ate only porridge until he died a few days later, his grandson Suyanto told the BBC.

"Since he came back from the hospital, he only ate spoonfuls of porridge and drank very little," the relative said.

NurPhoto / SiPA USA / PA images

However, doubts have been raised about his claim as indonesia did not begin to record new births until 1900.



Mr Gotho's claim to be the world's oldest human hit the headlines last summer when officials at the local record office in his home town of Sragen, Central Java, said they had been able to verify his age.

He told reporters at the time that he began preparing for his death in 1992, including having a gravestone made: "What I want is to die."

He outlived all 10 of his siblings, his four wives and his children.

Mr Ghoto was buried on Monday morning in a plot he bought several years ago and using the pre-prepared gravestone, his

grandson said.

An Indonesian man, named Mbah Gotho, claimed to be 146 years old, is the oldest human in world's history speaks to press members at his family house in Sragen, Central Java, indonesia on August 29, 2016. NurPhoto / SIPA USA / PA images

"He didn't ask much. Before he died, he just wanted us, his family, to let him go," Suryanto said.

According to the Guinness World Records, the oldest person to have lived is 122-year-old French woman Jeanne Louise Calment, who died in a nursing home in 1997.

Mr Ghoto's claim would add 24 years to that record, a fact that is likely to add to speculation that the Indonesian man's papers are incorrect.

A number of people also claim to have broken Ms Calment's record, including Nigerian James Olofintuyi, who claimed to have made it to 171, and Dhaqabo Ebba from Ethiopia, who claimed to be 163.

Without verifiable documents none of their claims will be officially recognised.

Tom Batchelor, The independent, Yahoo News, 5 May 2017

6. 88-YEAR-OLD GEORGIA MAN GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE: 'I WANTED THAT DEGREE'

Horace Sheffield of Barnesville, Georgia, completed a lifelong goal on Friday: to graduate college. The 88-year-old, along with his tutor Amanda Brannock, walked across the stage to accept his diploma at Shorter University. "He's smart as a whip, I'm not even lying," Sheffield's granddaughter, Jill Brazier, told ABC News.

Sheffield went to Shorter University from 1960 to 1965, but he quit before graduating to help educate his daughters. "I dropped out with 115 hours," he recalled. "At that time a piece of paper on a wall didn't mean that much to me. I had my education and my brain and my heart, and i put them all to good use. But 60 years later i wanted that degree."

The determined senior earned his Bachelor of Science in Christian studies through online courses after reading an article in a magazine that seniors could attend college for free. "I'm retired and living on fixed income, and I did not think I could go to college and pay tuition," said Sheffield. "But when I saw this article that senior citizens could go to college for free, Shorter accepted me at no tuition. I paid a \$200 graduation fee and that's all I paid. I walked with a walker."

He credits Brannock, who "walked beside me to make sure I didn't trip over wires or something," for being the only reason he was able pull off this accomplishment. "She wrote out my assignments and told me what to do and she expected me to do it," he said. "She expected me to make straight A's and i did it. I wrote two papers a week and then had the test. I wrote it in long-hand and she typed it all up and put it into the computer. Without her I would not have this diploma today."



PHOTO: Horace Sheffield of Barnesville, Georgia, graduated from Shorter University with his Bachelor of Science in Christian studies. (Donna Flourmoy Photography)

Brannock, who knew Sheffield from church, called him “a sweetheart.” She took her own computer and printer to his house for him to use for classwork. “I’m relieved because it was a lot of work,” she explained of his course load. “I lived with Horace more than I lived with my own family the last two years. We’ve kept each other going. He’s inspired me to keep going and i hope I inspired him to keep going. Graduation was one of the happiest days of my life. I cried like a baby. It was one of the most precious moments and I couldn’t have been more proud even if it was my own degree.”

Brannock does not have a degree yet herself, but Sheffield said the second she earns one he’ll be walking across the stage with her too. “I was misguided my first time through college,” said Brannock. “I ended up with a bunch of hours and no degree and was out of financial aid. But I wanted to see him complete this goal first. I love learning, so it was nice for me to get a free education too. He’s insisting that he walk across the stage with me when I get to graduate.”

“A man 88 years old don’t have an opportunity to walk across the stage many times in life,” he said with a laugh. A local photographer, Donna Flourmoy, came across Sheffield’s story on Facebook and offered to give the graduate a free photo shoot in his cap and gown.

“These are pictures we will cherish forever,” said Brazier. “This is a huge accomplishment for him. And something he wanted so bad. And for him to do it with all his family there was amazing. He walked across the stage and the crowd went crazy. It was in their gymnasium and as soon as they called his name everybody erupted and people were screaming and hollering. We were all in tears because we knew this was what he wanted.”

ELIZA MURPHY, Good Morning America, May 8, 2017

7. ‘BREATHARIAN’ COUPLE SURVIVES ON ‘THE UNIVERSE’S ENERGY’ INSTEAD OF FOOD

A “Breatharian” mom and dad of two have barely eaten for nine years as they live off “the universe’s energy.” Husband and wife Akahi Ricardo and Camila Castello believe that food and water aren’t necessary and humans can be sustained solely by the energy of the universe.

Castello and Ricardo — who have a 5-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter together — have survived on little else besides a piece of fruit or vegetable broth just three times per week since 2008. And Castello even practiced a Breatharian pregnancy — not eating anything during the entire nine months that she carried her first child.

The married couple of nine years claim that their “food-free lifestyle” has improved their health and emotional well-being as well as letting them spend money on traveling rather than the weekly groceries.

Castello, 34, who lives between California and Ecuador with her husband, explained: “Humans can easily be without food — as long as they are connected to the energy that exists in all things and through breathing.” “For three years, Akahi and I didn’t eat anything at all and now we only eat occasionally like if we’re in a social situation or if i simply want to taste a fruit.”



Ricardo and Castello with their two kids News Dog Media

“With my first child, i practiced a Breatharian pregnancy. Hunger was a foreign sensation to me, so I fully lived on light and ate nothing.”

“My blood tests during all three trimesters were impeccable and i gave birth to a healthy baby boy.”

“Since Breatharianism, i feel healthier and happier that I’ve ever done before. When i was younger, my weight fluctuated but now after having two children, my body bounced back to its natural shape immediately. I never suffer from PMS symptoms anymore and i feel more emotionally stable.”

Husband Ricardo, 36, believes that Breatharianism is the ideal way to slash people’s food bills.

Ricardo — who teaches courses about Breatharianism along with Castello — explained: “There is a freedom that comes with not being attached or dependent on food.”

“Obviously, our living costs are a lot less than most families and that has allowed us to spend our money on things that really matter like traveling and exploring together.”

“It’s given us a clear sense of what we want in life. Anyone can live a Breatharian lifestyle and feel the benefits. It’s not about never eating food again, it’s about understanding cosmic nourishment (not just physical nourishment) and living without limits.”

The couple met in 2005 and got married three years later, and later that year they discovered Breatharianism through a friend.

The pair had to slowly work their way from vegetarianism to a vegan diet and then to just eating fruit before starting the “21 Day Breatharian Process.”



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In this process, during the first seven days, nothing is consumed except air; for the next seven days, some water and diluted juice; and for the last seven days, diluted juice and water.

Ricardo said: “The 21 Day Breatharian Process was a powerful one and steppingstone into realizing the infinite potential that lies within.

“It led us to explore the breath and its presence within our lives, showing us that we could easily be without food as long as we had air. I used to eat a lot — but i haven’t felt hungry since that process in 2008.”

For the next three years, the couple did not eat solid food at all — even through Castello’s first pregnancy in 2011.

These days they have relaxed the rules slightly, occasionally eating so that they can share the experience with their two children.

Castello explained: “i was completely open to changing my food-free lifestyle when I first became pregnant because my child came first. But i just never felt hungry, so I ended up practicing a fully Breatharian pregnancy.

“I didn’t feel the need or desire to eat solid food during the entire nine months and so I only ate five times, all of which were in social situations.”

“And i knew my son would be nourished enough by my love and this would allow him to grow healthily in my womb. I went for regular pregnancy checkups and my doctor confirmed the above-average growth of a very healthy baby boy.”

“After i gave birth to my son, I wanted to be able to explore the joy of food in small quantities with my children as they grew.”



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“So during my second pregnancy, i ate a bit of fruit or vegetable broth during the nine months. It was still a lot less than the recommended intake for a pregnant woman, but I gave birth to a healthy daughter.”

“Now, Akahi and I eat very sporadically — perhaps three or four times per week at the most. I might have a few

vegetables, a juice or a bite of an apple with my children. Sometimes we have a glass of water too.”

“Whenever I eat now, it’s not because I’m hungry — I just don’t remember that sensation.”

The couple’s children aren’t forced to practice Breatharianism — although the couple insists that their kids understand the practice.

Ricardo said: “Our children are aware of Breatharianism and the energy that exists in the universe and in themselves.”

“But we would never try to change them and we let them eat whatever they want — whether that be juices, vegetables, pizza or ice cream!”

“We want them to explore the different tastes and have a healthy relationship with food as they grow.”

“It would be unfair to impose Breatharianism upon our children now, but maybe as they grow, they will get deeper into the practices.”

By Lauren Windle, The Sun, June 15, 2017

(Note: don’t try this at home without proper medical advice – Editor)

8. INMATES SURPRISE EVERYONE WHEN DEPUTY PASSES OUT



These inmates really earned their stripes — for saving a deputy’s life. Six Polk County jailbirds in Georgia sprang into action when they saw the officer collapse while supervising them on a field detail outside, 11alive.com reported. “They could have taken the gun, got the work van and gone,” Sheriff Johnny Moats told Time magazine. “They could have done anything they wanted. They were out there by themselves with this one officer,” he said. “if they would have left him there, it could have been hours before anyone came across him.”

The men — who were all jailed for minor criminal offenses — were cutting grass at a cemetery when the deputy collapsed in 100 percent humidity. “When he started breathing, it was just real heavy and real fast,” said Greg Williams, who along with his fellow inmates opened the man’s shirt and removed his bulletproof vest to perform CPR. Meanwhile, one of them called 911 with the officer’s phone.

The Sheriff’s Office applauded the inmates’ quick actions before EMS arrived. “They really stepped up in a time of crisis and show that they care about my officers,” Moats told 11alive.com. “That really speaks a lot about my officers too, how they treat these inmates. They treat them like people. Like family.” The officer has recovered and returned to duty. His relatives provided the inmates with lunch and desserts as a show of appreciation. The Sheriff’s Office mentioned the men’s heroics on its Facebook page just days after the end of a three-day manhunt for two Georgia prisoners who had killed two guards before escaping.

“As we watched the horrific manhunt this week of the two inmates that killed two Correctional Officers and were captured last night we all know that Monday could have ended differently for our Officer,” the department said. “We are very proud of the actions of all 6 inmates involved.” But Williams downplayed all the hoopla. “When that happened, in my opinion, it wasn’t about who is in jail and who wasn’t,” he said. “it was about a man going down and we had to help him.”

By Yaron Steinbuch, New York Post, June 20, 2017

9. A WORRISOME PHENOMENON SUGGESTS EARTH MIGHT KEEP WARMING EVEN AS WE POLLUTE LESS — HERE'S WHY

Isolated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean at 11,135 feet above sea level, two silent machines perched on the upper north face of Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano print out a number every hour. That figure — a measure of carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere — has become the global standard for tracking how human activity is affecting the planet. It's been rising ferociously for decades — even as we've begun to pollute the planet less.



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This worrisome phenomenon suggests that humans have essentially maxed out our planet's best protection against climate change. This protection comes in the form of so-called "carbon sinks" — patches of land and ocean that absorb large chunks of the carbon dioxide we pump into the atmosphere. For the past several decades, they've been helping to keep the planet from warming as quickly as it otherwise would. But now they may be at capacity, prompting the Earth to continue cooking even as we curb our emissions from oil and gas.

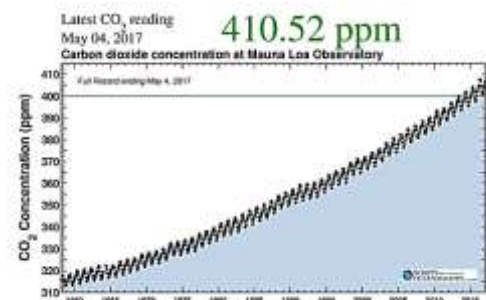


A recent New York Times article likened the phenomenon to "garbage workers going on strike, but on a grand scale." If these sinks are full and they can no longer suck up a hefty portion of the emissions we're putting out, the future scenario is grim. Carbon dioxide levels would keep rising, and climate change would worsen.

Mauna Loa Observatory. NASA Earth Observatory.

Back in 1958, a scientist named Charles David Keeling was the first person to measure the CO₂ in the air. His project at the Mauna Loa volcano, which was initially slated to run for only one year, turned into a 24/7 measurement of global CO₂ levels. You've probably seen the rising line known by scientists as the "Keeling Curve" in a presentation or two about climate change.

The Keeling Curve. Wikimedia Commons.



Keeling's son Ralph now leads the carbon dioxide program at the Scripps Institute for Oceanography. In a recent post for Scripps, he explained that the reason CO₂ levels didn't begin leveling off once humans started polluting less was "pretty simple."

Basically, Keeling explained, the sinks we have now can only suck up about half of the carbon dioxide we emit. The other half is still building up in the atmosphere. In order to start making that red line on the Keeling Curve level off, we'd have to slash our pollution levels by a whopping 50%. That has not happened. Even in Europe, where greenhouse gas emissions have been decreasing pretty significantly, they only dropped 22% in the 25 years between 1990 and 2015. Even if we begin to curb our emissions severely, we won't be out of

the danger zone, Keeling wrote. "Eventually, additional emissions cuts would be required because the sinks will slowly lose their efficiency as the land and ocean start to saturate."

Think of a dry sponge as an example. At first, that sponge is great at sucking up water. But as it gets more and more full, it can absorb less and less. And that, essentially, is what's happening to our carbon sinks. That means that if we plan on stopping climate change, we're going to have to do a lot more than we're doing now. "A permanent stabilization at current levels ... requires both an immediate 50% cut as well as a slow tapering thereafter," wrote Keeling, "eventually approaching zero emissions."

By Erin Brodwin, Business Insider/Science/Google, 29/6/17

10. TINY TEEN



SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD JYOTI AMGE FROM NAGPUR, INDIA, IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST TEENAGERS IN THE WORLD, STANDING ONLY 23.5 IN (60 CM) TALL AND WEIGHING A LITTLE OVER 11 LB (5 KG). DESPITE WEIGHING ONLY 9 LB (4 KG) MORE THAN SHE DID WHEN SHE WAS BORN, JYOTI SAYS SHE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE. SHE IS PROUD TO BE SMALLER, AND ENJOYS ALL THE EXTRA ATTENTION SHE RECEIVES. JYOTI TRAVELS TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL ON HER BROTHER'S MOTORBIKE ALONG WITH HER SISTERS. IN THE CLASSROOM SHE HAS A CUSTOM-MADE DESK NEXT TO THE OTHER PUPILS. SHE HAS A LARGE COLLECTION OF DRESSES LIKE ANY TEENAGER, AND DREAMS OF BECOMING AN ACTRESS— SHE HAS ALREADY STARRED IN A VIDEO WITH INDIAN POP STAR MIKA SINGH.



RIELEY'S RESEARCH

JYOTI HAS ACHONDROPLASIA, A GENETIC CONDITION AND COMMON FORM OF DWARFISM THAT RESULTS IN SHORTER BONES THAN NORMAL. AN ACADEMIC STUDY HAS DETERMINED THAT PEOPLE WITH ACHONDROPLASIA WERE RESPECTED IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN SOCIETY AND OFTEN HELD POSITIONS OF STATUS AND WEALTH. THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN INCLUDED A FUNERAL GIFT DEPICTING A SMALL FEMALE PERSON, AND THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIPED GODS THAT RESEMBLED LITTLE PEOPLE.

Source: Riley's Believe It Or Not, Riley Publishing, 2010, Florida, USA, p.98.

PART 2

Memory Lane



Parade day after the completion of basic training, Papakura Military Camp, September 1966

Back row (left to right): Pokoina Taiti, Tariau Tapuni, Tingā Karika, Joe Marsters, Alfred Morris, Patia Tuaeu, Kau Raututi, Toka Matatia, Emile Auā, Areti ironui, P itieli (Tokelau).

Middle row: Tohoa George, Vaine Snowball, Teariki Maeva, Tere Tiarua, Ngaevaeva Raivaru, No'o'anga Tauakume, Puna Dyer, Tangaroa Tangaroa, iotua Kairua, Ka'itu Apera, Pepe Tamatea Tamatea.

Front row: John 'Mahana' Ford, Piti Rahui, Maorikava Tere, S Alefosio (Tokelau), Keu Tangimataiti, Tairea Tairea, Geoffrey Kotiau, Teokoitu Utia, Tairi Tangi'ia, T Saifoloi (Tokelau). (Missing is Teariki Teaukura)

(Photo from Cook Islands Review, Department of Internal Affairs)



Five of the recruits at the 50th memorial parade in Rarotonga on 11 May 2016 – from left Alfred Morris, Keu Tangimataiti, Geoffrey Kotiau Roi, Tariau Tapuni and Joe Marsters. (Photo Moana Moeka'a)

The Last Army Recruits

In 1915 Cook Islands men began signing up to fight in The Great War. Almost 500 Cook Islanders eventually travelled by boat to New Zealand to train before being deployed to the battlefields of North Africa and Western Europe. Many did not see action. The Cook Islanders were used mainly to undertake physical tasks to help supply the front lines.

Half a century later a group of Cook Islanders would sign up to join the New Zealand Army under slightly different circumstances in that the men were expected to return home with a trade to help contribute to the then fledgling nation. The 30 Cook Islanders – nine who would go on to serve in South Vietnam -- were the first lot of men to be directly recruited from Rarotonga by New Zealand since the First World War. They were also to be the last.

'The Last Army Recruits' was written by Rarotonga resident Moana Moeka'a in 2016. The book attempts to document the lives of the men who left in 1966 – some who would never return to their Pacific homeland. First-time author Moana Moeka'a says his interest in the recruits was sparked by an uncle – Vaine Snowball -- who was one of the men in the 1966 group. "When I lived in New Zealand in the 1980s, I knew he was in the army and served in Vietnam. But I only found out that he was one of the 30 men after I interviewed him in August 2006 in Rarotonga -after I returned home. I didn't even know that the New Zealand army had directly recruited a group of men from the homeland in 1966."

On the day he was told about the recruits, Moeka'a went straight to the Cook Islands Library and Museum to go through old copies of Cook Islands News to see if there was anything on the recruits. There were articles spread over a two week period leading up to their departure. His uncle was spot on with the names of all 30 recruits and even the day that they flew out of Rarotonga. It was about this time that Moeka'a felt this was an important part of history that could not be forgotten.

By August 2006, eight of the group had passed away and his uncle only knew the general whereabouts of a few of them who were living in the Auckland area. Three of the men were living in the Cooks. "I just felt that if nobody did anything about these guys, things would end up like what always appears to happen in the Cooks -- we end up forgetting about everything and end up with a lot of tall stories." It was the lack of information that made things difficult at the start when he began researching for the book.

"I only knew my uncle and another recruit Tairea Tairea who was living on Rarotonga at the time. Alfred Morris and Geoff Kotiau Roi were also living in the Cooks so that was a start. The rest of the men – I did not know who they were, who their families were. Most of them were living in New Zealand and I found most of them by asking around. There was one lady who said to me that she wasn't even sure if her brother had passed away. I was lucky because about a year after that, he turned up in Auckland after being 'down the line' for about 20 years."

Moeka'a says it was a bit of a fluke how he got to meet up with a couple of the men. "Two of them I met at the Punanga Nui market. In 2006 this guy bought some cooked taro from me and told me it was his first trip back home in 40 years. I asked him what month did he leave and where was he was living in New Zealand. He replied and I asked 'are you Taiti Pokoina?' You should have seen the look on his face!

"The other guy, Tariu Tapuni, had emailed me that he would be coming to Rarotonga on a certain date. I was driving my truck through the market to pick up my wife from our stall and I was following this guy who was walking in front of the truck but walking away from me. I had never seen a recent photograph of him but somehow I just knew it was Tariu. I stopped the truck and ran after him, and I was right."

In 2013, Moeka'a travelled to Wellington, New Zealand, to look for one of the recruits. "I think my relatives must have thought there is something wrong with this guy who was catching a train up to Porirua on a Sunday to find some Cook Islander who living up there – I mean there are probably only three or four thousand Cook Islands adults living in Porirua! I rang two contacts in Porirua but while they knew of the man I was after, they could not give me an address. I caught a bus up to the Cannons Creek shopping centre and got talking to a couple of Cook Islanders at a laundromat. Apparently No'o'anga Tauakume [Tau] owned a house right across from the laundromat but the house appeared to have no one living in it. I got the son's street name from somebody and then I was directed to the street by a Cook Islands man who stopped while I was walking on the road.

“Anyway I came up the street from one end and there was a menacing pit bull dragging its chain, so I decided to walk right around the other end. I then met up with Tairea Tairea on a different street. As he and his partner had only been in Porirua for just over a year, they did not know many people in the area. However they said that a couple of nights a week they would hear Cook Islands drumming coming from the street, which was up on a rise. Anyway I ended up walking in the direction where I believed was this Cook Islands home and asked a lady sitting outside whether she was a Cook islander. She answered that her husband was. He was No’o’anga’s son.

“The father was in a home across town in Johnsonville recovering from a stroke. I rushed down to the station to catch the last bus from Porirua to Johnsonville that evening. After I left the home, I got a call from one of my contacts telling me where the old man was staying! I guess in the scheme of things, I only spent around six hours trying to look for the proverbial needle in a haystack. I tell you, it was a weird day.”

After 10 years of sporadic research between the Cooks and New Zealand, a book emerged – all funded out of his own pocket, along with the support of family members. While he is pleased with his effort, Moeka’a says the story of the last recruits is by no means complete and believes that it could have been better. “There was one guy who had photos of the recruits during basic training at Papakura Military Camp in 1966 but he just did not want to give them to me so that I could make copies of them. After the third time, I figured that he did not want to part with the photos.

“A couple of recruits were very reluctant to talk to me and without access to their service records. It was hard to get anything out of them. If anything, Moeka’a says one thing that sticks out from the time he spent researching for the book, is just how people can get ‘lost in the system’ in places like New Zealand. “There was one Vietnam vet who was not part of the 1966 group whom I was trying to locate while I was in Wellington in May 2013. I rang a cousin of his in Wellington and she told me she was unsure of his whereabouts. I only found out in 2016 that he passed away about two weeks before I made that phone call!

“There were three of the recruits who I could not locate -- it was quite sad because even the siblings of two of them didn’t even know where they were living. I got told by people right at the start to use the internet, Facebook ... to find these recruits. I only got one response from a guy who said he knew one of the recruits. Even a notice on the weekly Cook Islands radio programme broadcast throughout New Zealand – and on the internet -- only generated one response. It doesn’t help that people have mobile phones which are not listed.

“I guess I don’t blame people for not knowing who these guys are. But just like World War I, one day Cook Islanders are going to want to find out about their relatives who served in the New Zealand armed services. They weren’t the only conflicts that Cook Islanders were involved in – there’s World War II, the Korean War ... just imagine if we had all the information on these guys all documented – instead of trying to find out who these guys are in the first place or relying on service records.”

Unfortunately it was not a happy ending for some of the 1966 army recruits. Three of the recruits – Emile Auā, Toka Matatia and Mahana Ford – left, never to return home. Auā died in 1968 while serving as a soldier, while Matatia and Ford died within days of each other in May 1974. All three men never made it to their 30th birthday. It is unknown whether Teariki Maeva (who passed away at 41), Tere Tiarua and Patia Tuae – who also died tragically -- ever returned home. At least a third of the men went through breakups in their first marriage. A handful of them did not last the initial three year sign-on period. Only four saw out their full 20-year service.

After much fanfare in farewelling the recruits in May 1966, it appears that the men were quickly forgotten by the Cook Islands government. When considering the discharge for disciplinary reasons of one of the recruits, one officer asked what the conditions of enlistment were for the Cook Islands intake. “If so, are we committed to return [the soldier] to Cook Islands?” asked the officer on the soldier’s adverse report. “No special conditions,” was the reply. “Four of these men were discharged SNLR (services no longer required) in the normal manner after repeated attempts to obtain the views and/or concurrence of Maori Affairs Department and Cook Islands Administration had drawn no reply.”

Former premier Albert Henry hoped that the recruits would one day come back home and contribute towards the country with what they had learned in the army. Areti Ironui, Teokoitu Utia and Maorikava Tere all returned to Rarotonga – only Ironui lived into his fifties. Geoff Kotiau, Tairea Tairea, Alfred Morris, Keu Tangimataiti and Piti Rahui also returned to live. Only Kotiau and Morris, who is currently employed by

Government, remain. Ngaevaeva Raivaru – along with Tohoa George -- had yet to go back to the homeland since arriving in New Zealand in 1966 .Puna Dyer returned for the first of his two trips in 2013 – 47 years after leaving. Tingā Karika, Teariki (Ku) Teaukura and Tairi Tangiia could not be contacted for the purposes of this book, however the latter is understood to have travelled back to Rarotonga. It is believed that all three – at the time before this book was printed – were still living in New Zealand.

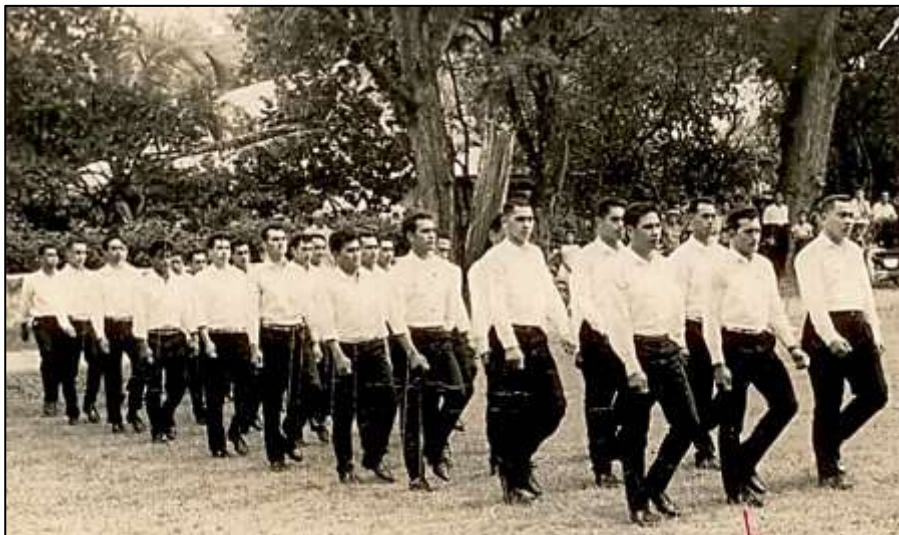
Without access to service records, it is unsure as to how long Karika and Teaukura served in the army. According to information given in interviews with some of the recruits, is understood that Teaukura had left by the end of 1966. Karika followed not very long after. Tangiia finished his tour of South Vietnam in May 1970 so he was in the army for at least four years. Nine in total served in South Vietnam – Tamatea (Victor 1), Pokoia (Victor 1, Whiskey 2, Victor 5), Snowball, Tangimataiti, Marsters (Whiskey 1), Kotiau (4 Troop NZSAS), Tangiia, Tairea (Victor 4) and Rahui (Victor 5).

A memorial parade was held in Rarotonga on 11 May 2016 – 50 years after the recruits left. Only five of the men were able to make it to the parade. With Cook Islanders being New Zealand citizens, hundreds have served in the army – as regulars and territorials -- since 1966, and there has been no real need since then to recruit in numbers from the Islands. A few Cook Islanders have served with distinction in the New Zealand army - one has attained the rank of regimental sergeant major in the NZSAS. Pai (Theodore) Marama served as a section commander in Malaya/Borneo and a platoon sergeant in Vietnam. Puna Tei also served in Malaya and Vietnam. Taki Framhein did four tours of Vietnam – as a lead scout.

So where to next for Moeka'a? "I have been thinking about expanding on what I have done so far -- on Cook Islanders who served in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. I've already interviewed a few vets, so who knows?"

Details on how to purchase the book are available on Facebook at 'The Last Army Recruits' or email mmoekaa@hotmail.com

Article & photos from Moana Moekaa, author of 'The Last Army Recruits'



1966 Cook Islands recruits to the NZ Army

(Photo from the collection of Chris Rahui [front middle]; brought in by Pae Tuteru; venue – Avarua church ground; reproduced from CICC Newsletter 47, p.58, published February 2013)

PART 3

Personal Reflections

In this section I have 2 stories or reflections to share. They are meant to inspire, to provoke constructive thought, to pass the time if you like. They are written in informal simple English, the one that we use or come across when engaged in an informal chat with someone. - Editor.

Story 1: I'm not travelling alone

In issue no.54 of this newsletter, published June 2014, pp.84-85, Story 5 is entitled: *Thanks be to God I'm here today.* The instigator of that story was Papa Rouru Metuariki from Arorangi, now in his mid 80s he told me when I met him in March of that same year. From that story I want to reproduce paragraph 2 as follows; *".....a widower, father, grand-father, and probably a great-grand-father too. "Papa Ro," as he is affectionately known to many, is a staunch member of the Arorangi branch of the Cook Islands Christian Church, in fact he is one of the composers of traditional church hymns (known as imene tuki) in that church, a talent that not a lot of people are blessed with. Papa Ro is a pure and patriotic Maukean, a traditionalist and a conservative, a man of principle who doesn't believe in smoking and alcohol, who once ran for Parliament in 2004 for the constituency of Murienua albeit unsuccessfully, and who believes in working for one's living rather than living on hand-outs or depending on others. He is one of those who came back after many years overseas (NZ) with something to show; he built his own house."*



Papa Ro

After the funeral service at the Arorangi CICC of the late Rev. Joe Atirai on Friday 31 March of this year 2017, I again bumped into the wise old man and had a brief chat about a few things; you know the usual *"what've you been up to?"* kind of chat. Below is the almost-exact script of our informal chat translated into English:

Nga Hey Papa Ro, long time no see, how's it going my good friend?
 Ro Well, the weather is fine today and I'm also fine, can't be better than that!
 Nga Good, and what've you been up to lately?
 Ro Oh, you know the usual stuffs, making myself useful here and there, around the house, the church of course. And I've just came back from NZ and Aussie visiting the kids and grand kids, a good break I reckon, I think I'll do that more often from now on.
 Nga That's good to hear, they must've been so glad to see you?
 Ro That's right, I always love seeing and cuddling my mokopunas (grand-children).
 Nga Were you travelling alone, given your age and condition health-wise? Anyway you look fit to do anything, I reckon.
 Ro Aha, glad you asked. Let me share something with you. On my way back from Aussie, I went to the check-in counter and you know what the lady behind the counter said to me? This is what she said, *Excuse me Sir, you can't travel alone.*
 Nga Yeah, why did she say that to you?
 Ro I have absolutely no idea, I can only guess that I may have looked kind of too old and helpless to her to be travelling alone. Anyway, that's what she said to my face which kind of shocked me as that was the first time an airline travel agent said that to me all these years!
 Nga And then?
 Ro And then I replied, *Well I'm not travelling alone.* Then she looked around, saw no one else beside me, and asked, *Who are you travelling with then, Sir?* I simply replied, *I'm travelling with the Lord.*
 Nga Ha! Ha! ha! , you're just teasing me, right? You didn't tell her that, did you?
 Ro Oh yeah I sure did, no kidding!
 Nga Really? And what did she say to that?



- Ro Well what can she say, she just looked at me with a blank face, probably surprised as well, didn't say anything, gave me my passport and boarding pass and off I went.
- Nga My goodness Ro, you don't cease to amaze me! Whatever prompted you to give such a wise response that no one can ever argue with, unless of course he or she is a non-Christian.
- Ro What else should I say, you and I both know the truth, we go to church, we've gone through the system to understand that the Lord is indeed with us everyday wherever we go and whatever we do, end of the matter, full stop!
- Nga Well I certainly can't argue with you on that point. Anyway nice talking to you again my friend, will catch up with you next time.
- Ro Same to you, son, have a good day.

N. Mataio, Takamoa CICC Head Office

Story 2: When darkness departs and light arrives

Sunrise

One fine morning earlier this month June on my way home from the early morning church service, I can't help but be amazed with the sun trying to force its way through the cloud as if it is saying to the dawn cloud, *"move away mate, its my turn now to rule this part of the earth."* Although I see this kind of image a lot of times because my family & I live close to where it all happens day-in-day-out, it never crossed my mind to actually write about this natural occurrence that I take it for granted all the time until now, so here we go, take a few moments to appreciate God's creation.



- ◆ Location of image: *beach at Pouara, Matavera, close to the border with next village Ngatangia, eastern side of Rarotonga.*
- ◆ Time: *around 6.45am.*
- ◆ Taken with: *a simple Samsung 21x pocket camera my daughter Debora bought for me*
- ◆ Condition of location at the time the image was taken: *calm and eerily quiet, also the tide was low*
- ◆ What's in the name: *Rangiatea is the former name of Matavera, and they have almost the same meaning: the sun emerging through the early morning cloud; the warm rays of the early morning sun shining on our face.*

What I make of the image

- ★ The welcoming warmth of the sun, given the rather chilly morning when it was taken.
- ★ A perfect blend or separation of darkness and light; light on the horizon, as opposed to end of the tunnel.
- ★ The evident low tide and smooth ocean surface seem keen at welcoming one of its own *"nature"* kind.
- ★ This incredible and most amazing creation that even scientists are baffled as to its origin, and a lot ending up admitting that *"after countless consideration of all sorts of possibilities, we believe that there has to be some kind of power behind all of this mysterious and unexplained creation."*
- ★ The darkness and all of its evils are on the way out, only to be replaced by the light that brings life to all living things on earth, in the oceans and waters, and of course in the air.
- ★ Memories of yester-years when swimming and lagoon fishing – be it net fishing, spear-fishing or night-fishing with a lantern – were part of life, as opposed to the IT-driven and the increasingly artificial kind of life that seems to rule the earth in this day and age.
- ★ The most fitting words of John 9.4 which says, *"As long as it is day, I must keep on doing the work of him who sent me; night is coming when no one can work."*
- ★ Another reminder of the wise words of the Psalmist, *"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."*

I rest my case.

Photo & write-up by N. Mataio, Pouara resident, Matavera



PART 4

About the Four-fold Ministry

PART 5 (final, continued from last newsletter)

The CHARACTERISTICS of the PASTORAL GIFT can be illustrated in the life of the ancient shepherd.¹

To Guide:

The word 'pastor' conjures up the pastoral scene of Psalm 23 - a shepherd gently leading his flock beside still waters and making them to lie down in pastures green. Portraying the coming Messiah-Shepherd, the prophet wrote, "He shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." (Isaiah 40: 11).

Both staff and rod help to guide. When a lamb entangled its foot in the under-brush, the shepherd hooked the staff around the lamb's leg to tenderly ease it out of its prison of thorns.

Though the rod was used on the enemy, it also served another purpose. Sometimes when long stretches of overgrown briars stood in the way, he used the rod to cut them aside.

To Graze:

The major duty of the shepherd was to lead the sheep into fields for grazing. Old Testament pastors were to "feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15). The coming Messiah shall feed his flock like a shepherd feeds his sheep (see Isaiah 40:11). Three times in the New Testament the verb pastor (shepherding) is used, each time with the meaning of providing food. Look at each of these references in John 21:16; Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 5:2. Etymologically, 'pastor' comes from the verb 'to feed'. Literally the 'pastor' was to be the 'feeder of the sheep'.

To Guard:

The shepherd protected from hostile influences. Note 1 Samuel 17:34-37. In the New Testament Paul knew that false teachers would follow in his steps, hounding the flocks that he had established so he urged the Ephesians Elders to....? Look up Acts 20:28-31. For one Pastor to keep an alert eye on hundreds of sheep lest they stray is utterly impossible, nor did God ever intend it to be that way. Thus the need for those with the shepherding gift in the church "able to admonish one another" (Romans 15:14). When any of the flock disobeyed the Lord's commands, it was the 'saints' (not the pastor) who were to "admonish him as a brother". (2 Thess. 3:15).

Areas of Exercise

This list could be quite exhaustive. But simply: Elders, Family Ministry Deacons, Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers ought to possess this gift because of the ample opportunity they have to exercise it. It's an interesting, but true fact that many young people characteristically turn to some older person (mature) other than their parents for direction.

Older Christian women can shepherd younger wives in family problems and domestic situations. Paul exhorted the older women to be "in behaviour as becomes holiness that they may teach young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:3-5).

¹ <http://www.yourspiritualgifts.com/gift-of-pastoral-careshepherding.html>



Christian youth should be on the outlook for young people who are beginning to drift, or seem to be floundering, but who can be drawn back to the fold by the gifted use of pastoring.

Through the writing of letters and articles some express the gift of shepherding.

Some churches have developed a concept of an "under-shepherd" or "discipling plan" where new believers are shepherded along in their Christian faith.

Some churches are beginning to see the need for ministry to their families by putting apart those who have pastoral gifts to care for the flock of Jesus Christ. These family ministry pastors care for a certain group within the overall church.

The New Testament sees the gift of 'pastoring' as being given to help mature the saints with a view to their Christian service. It is a caring and nurturing gift.

When speaking of the office of Pastor Kenneth O. Gangel says he is one..... "who cares for the flock. The Pastor is to guard the flock from its enemies so as to preserve it from destruction from without and from within. But the protective function of the shepherd is only part of the task. He must also teach, lead, feed, and prepare refreshing rest for his charges. It is also his responsibility to seek the lost, redirect the straying, heal the wounds of the sick, and blend the members into unity and mutual love." (Once he has done all that he can then have a day off on Monday!).

The gift of pastoring is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers.

The Gift of Teaching

Teaching (Greek: *didaskalos*). The spiritual ability to take the truth from the Word of God and explain it clearly so that the flock of God can understand it and apply those spiritual truths effectively to their daily lives. It appears that one can have the spiritual gift of teaching without being a pastor-teacher, but one cannot be a pastor without being a teacher. The natural gift of teaching can communicate any subject but yields just understanding of that subject. The spiritual gift of teaching communicates biblical truth and motivates men and women toward a life of godly obedience to that truth. Apollos and Paul had the spiritual gift of teaching (Acts 18:24-28, 2 Tim. 1:11).²

The gift of evangelism brings NEW life. The gift of teaching SUSTAINS life. Without teaching there can be no discipleship (Matthew 28:19, 20). Ignore teaching and you eliminate spiritual maturity (Colossians 1:28). In fact, lack of teaching has been, and continues to be, the dilemma of many churches.

The gift of teaching is listed third in the biblical order (1 Corinthians 12:28). Teaching began immediately after men came to a personal relationship with Jesus. Consider Acts 2: 41, 42. Note the order of events. Formal teaching was under those who had the gift - the apostles. God saw to it that there would be enough teachers to build up the body of Christ. He gave Paul the gift (2 Tim.1:11). Barnabas, who possessed the gift of exhortation, also had the gift of teaching (Acts 15:35). Apollos is listed among the teachers (Acts 18:24, 25). And one of the qualifications of an elder is that he be "able to teach" (1 Tim. 3:2).

But what exactly is this gift? if teaching is causing people to learn, there must first be communication. All teaching, by necessity will include communication.

Rick Yohn³ says that "the gift of teaching must be the ability to acquire and communicate truth so effectively that people are caused to learn!".

Kenneth Gangel⁴ says that "the gift of teaching seems to have always been explanatory and applicatory."

² <http://www.ldolphin.org/rrrgifts.html>

³ http://www.goodreads.com/author/list/355455.Rick_Yohn

⁴ <http://www.christianbook.com/team-leadership-in-christian-ministry/kenneth-gangel/9780802490162/...>



Gary inrig⁵ simply says, "it is the God-given ability to communicate clearly the teaching of the Word of God." Peter Wagner⁶ says that "the gift of teaching is the special ability God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.

From this basis we will move on to consider three important ASPECTS of this gift:-

Supernatural ability

Though every gift requires supernatural ability, the point is stressed here because of the inevitable question, "if a person is capable of teaching, will be automatically have the gift of teaching on becoming a Christian?" The answer is, not automatically; only if the Holy Spirit chooses to give this gift of teaching. But it is more likely than not that the Spirit will bestow the gift of teaching on one who already has the talent. The Spirit of God operates decently and in order, and would likely build His gift with supernatural power upon the foundation of the talent already there. But remember - NOT always.

Some similarities exist between the talent and the gift. Both deal with communication of knowledge and truth. But as shown here, vital differences exist.

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TALENT AND THE GIFT		
T	Talent Gift	
E	Gift	
A		
C	Present the truth	Present from spiritual birth
H	Operates through common grace in society	Operates through special grace and the church
I	Communicates any subject	Communicates biblical truth
N	Often yields just understanding the topic	Prepares for involvement and obedience
G		

All the courses offered in education can never spark the divine and this makes the difference between natural talent and supernatural gift. On the other hand, a person without formal education can become a Spirit-gifted teacher of spiritual truth. In his book called "Body Life," Dr. Ray Stedman sums it up this way:

"it is quite possible, therefore, for a Christian to have a talent for teaching, but not to have the spiritual gift of teaching. If that were the case and he was asked to teach a Sunday School class, for example, he would be quite capable of imparting considerable information and knowledge of facts about the lessons to his class but his teaching would lack the power to bless, to advance his students spiritually. This fact helps to explain the many qualified secular teachers who do well at day School but do not do well as Sunday School teachers.

On the other hand, many school teachers also possess, as Christians, the spiritual gift of teaching and are greatly used of God in Bible classes and Sunday School teaching.

Clear Communication

Acquiring truth begins with analysis, that is, the breaking down of the whole. The gifted teacher takes the complete Bible in hand and chooses a certain portion for study. He investigates the passage for study by asking certain questions. Who is speaking? What is he saying? Why does he use this particular word? What does the writer mean? But the teacher doesn't stop with observation. He isn't satisfied with just knowing what the writer has said. He wants to see this truth applied to life. What does this passage say to me? What does it say to those i am teaching?

After he analyses the passage, the gifted teacher puts it all back together. He selects the best of his discovery. He wants to be certain that his pupils are exposed to what they are capable of handling. Some of his 'nuggets' will have to be placed on a 'waiting list', because his pupils may not be ready for those truths just now.

⁵<http://www.trinityonline.org/our-story/>

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C._Peter_Wagner



Once the teacher selects the important truths for his particular pupils, he begins to systematise his findings. He decides what should be given first. He arranges his material logically.

NOW HE IS READY TO COMMUNICATE. He may lecture. He may discuss. He may use visual aids. Perhaps a tape-recorder, a movie, you tube or PPT. The pupils participate. They may do role play. The teacher helps them to see how this ancient truth is practical in their lives today. When the pupils learn, the teacher has taught. (Think about that last statement for a moment?)

When Jesus taught Nicodemus about the new birth, Nicodemus asked two questions: "How can a man be born when he is old? How can these things be?" (John 3:4, 9). The rest of the time Jesus 'lectured'. Later, with the woman at the well, His approach was indirect (see John 4). The Apostle Paul displayed varied approaches of communication. Sometimes he spoke as an authoritarian (Acts 13: 16-41). At times he used rhetorical questions (Galatians 3: 1-5). At times he was tender (Acts 20: 17-35). At other times he was harsh (Acts 23: 1-3).

Effective Application

The gift of teaching should involve more than impartation of information. It should lead to involvement and action of the individual. Dr. Lawrence O. Richards⁷ in "Creative Bible Teaching" identifies five levels in the process of learning. Unless the fifth step is reached, true teaching has not taken place.

- Is the rote level, which elicits a response from memory, perhaps meaningless to the learner?
- Is the recognition level, at which a pupil can recognize something that was said in class, as to whether true or false.
- Is the restatement level, when the student grasps the idea sufficiently to restate it in his own words?
- Is the relational level, when the student discovers a personal meaning?
- Is the realization level, when the student makes the fact a real ex-perience, not only understanding what response is required but making that response in deed.

It is only when the 'realization level' is reached that we can say teaching has not only been explanatory but also applicatory. How many Christians listen to teaching (explanatory) but never live it (applicatory)?

Teaching is a Major Gift

There is several form of the word 'teaching' in the New Testament. Each form gives us a different aspect of the meaning and usage of teaching.

Didaskalia	–	That which is taught (content) (Eph. 4:14 – doctrine). Teaching (Rom. 12:7) Learning (Rom. 15:4 – application)
Didache	–	The act of teaching (Titus 1:9)
Didaskalos	–	The teacher (Luke 2:46)
Didasko	–	To give instruction (1 Cor. 4:17)
Disaktikos	–	The ability to teach (1 Tim. 3:2, 2 Tim. 2:24)
Didaktos	–	The result of teaching (John 6:45).

Since growth in truth is so basic, so vital, and so continually essential for all believers from the newest to the most mature, it would seem the gift of teaching must be given to many believers. Teaching and prophecy are the only gifts mentioned in all lists in the New Testament.

Also the gift should find outlet in a great variety of ministries. Some have the gift of teaching children. Some are gifted with teaching teenagers. Some communicate best with adults. Others better communicate in Bible or Theological Colleges. Some are travelling teachers. Some exercise the gift best to large audiences. Yet others have the ability to teach the Word in small groups in the home. Some may use the gift on a one-to-one

⁷ http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/educators/protestant/lawrence_richards/

basis. Soloists and choirs can instruct through the talent of music, "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." (Colossians 3:16). Women, though forbidden to teach with authority over men (1 Timothy 2:12), should teach children and younger women (2 Timothy 1:5; 3: 14, 15; Titus 2:4).

Even if we all have not the gift of teaching, we are all to teach in a limited way. Recall the Spirit's rebuke, "When for the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teaches you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God." (Hebrews 5:12). These believers should have grown sufficiently to instruct others, but they were themselves in need of someone teaching them the basic ABC's of the faith. But note the sentence, "You ought to be teachers." Should not every true believer teach someone else the fresh insights into biblical truth which he has acquired? Warn of the traps to be avoided? instruct in new lessons about Christ? Every believer is to be a teacher in his own quiet, confined way, even if he doesn't possess the gift to teach in formal situations.

If we are going to teach, whether or not we have the gift, we must first learn. The teaching gift was given to EQUIP the saints for SERVICE so that they in turn could teach others. If we would be teachers, we must first be equipped by someone else's teaching. This means faithfully pursuing the opportunities for learning.

Have we become lazy? Or have we been diligent? Have we gone to God's Word daily? Do we know and understand the teachings of the Bible? Are we up on the main and important doctrines of the Christian faith? Have we asked the Holy Spirit for illumination? More important, have we put into practice the precepts of God's Word? Paul spoke of those who desired to be teachers but who didn't understand what they were saying (1 Timothy 1:7). J.B. Phillips translates it this way: "They want a reputation as teachers of the Law, yet they fail to realize the meaning of their own words still less the subject they are so dogmatic about."⁸

If we have not refreshed our souls from the Scriptures - God's Word, the Bible, then perhaps we should heed the biblical warning, "Let not many of you become teachers" (James 3:1 NASB). On the other hand, if we let the Word of Christ dwell richly within us, we'll be prepared to teach others. (Colossians 3:16).

Conclusion:

Let me conclude by paraphrasing from the Apostle Paul: "Let the person possessing the gift of teaching devote himself to teaching" (Romans 12: 7).

(this is the last of the 5-part series)



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Avarua CICC then and now (photos from Takamoa records)

⁸ <http://www.bible-researcher.com/phillips.html>

PART 5

Share Your Photos

This is an open space for anyone wanting to share his/her/their photos – preferably church-related. Send/email to the Editor. The photos below come from the Cook Islands Boys' Brigade concert/fun night at the Sinai Hall, Avarua CICC, in April 2017, at the end of their 10-day camp. *Photos taken by N. Mataio.*







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