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# CICC NUTILETA 75

## 1. AKATOMO'ANGA



ia orana e te iti tangata tapu no te Atua i te au ngai katoatoa; to te Kuki Airani nei, tei noo ki Nutireni, Autireria, Tahiti, e te vai atura te au ngai tei taeaia e teia karere akakitekite. E tau ia tatou kia akameitaki i te mana katoatoa koia tei oronga mai i teia tikaanga manea kia aravei akaou tatou na roto i teia pepa akakitekite numero 75 tei akamataia i te mataiti 2005. Ko te toru teia o te pepa no teia mataiti 2019.

Tetai tuanga ei akaaravei ia tatou, *Koia katoa oki tatou, i maata ua rai tatou, okotai ia kopapa i te Mesia, e e mero oki tatou no tatou uaorai e ope rava ake (Roma 12.5).*

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, e pera tetai au nuti no vao mai penei ka riro ei pumaanaanga kia tatauia. Ko kotou kare i kite ana i te au nutireta i mua atu e kua anoano kotou kia kite, aravei atu i te Orometua me kore Tekeretere o taau Ekalesia me kore akakite mai ki Takamoā nei; ka rauka oki te reira au nutireta i te tuku ia atu na runga i te imere. Tei runga katoa ratou i te website a te CICC, koia te [www.cicc.net.ck](http://www.cicc.net.ck), ka rauka ia kotou i te copy mai ka print atu ei.

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

## 2. NUTI NO ROTO MAI I TE BB ONEROA, MANGAIA



ia orana e te au tavini o te Atua i roto i te au Ekalesia i te Kuki Airani nei, to Aotearoa, e to Autireria, tangi ke rava i te aroa maanaana o to Atua ko Iesu Mesia. Te karanga nei te tara tika na te Atua, Ka tongi ana kia kite i te meitaki o lehova, e ao to te tangata i irinaki iaia. Salamo 24:8. Tetai nuti no tatou mei roto atu i te putuputu-anga Boys` Brigade i roto nei i te Ekalesia Oneroa, Mangaia.

I roto i te uipaanga a te Ekalesia tei rave ia i te ra 31 no Mati i teia mataiti, kua tuku au i te manako kia oko ia mai tetai au rakei no te anau B.B. no te mea te ngaro atu nei teia atava i roto i te Ekalesia. I te Sabati ra 9 no June 2019, kua rave ia te akatapu anga i te rakei o te ana Boy` Brigade i roto i te Ekalesia. Ko teia i reira te au tuanga tei rave ia i taua ra.

### Oronga anga pine no te Chaplain



I te mataiti 2016, kua tae mai te Papa Orometua Rev Tereapii Matakere ki roto nei i te Ekalesia Oneroa. No te turanga maroiroi o te Orometua tei kitea i roto i tana au angaanga i rave kua tamanako ia mai e kia oronga ia tetai akairo no tona tuatahi i tavini ei aia ki roto i te Ekalesia Oneroa. I te mea oki e kare te Captain o te Company Oneroa i Mangaia nei i teia tuatahi, kua riro reira e naku na te Lieutenant Mr Ngai Areai i oronga i teia pine ki te Papa Orometua. Ko te pine mua teia tei oronga ia ki te Chaplain i runga i te enua Mangaia i roto tikai i te putuputu anga o te Boys` Brigade.

### Akataoanga anga i tetai mapu ki runga i te rank Corporal

Kua iki ia mai a Kimiora Koroa ki runga i teia taoanga Corporal no te mea kua kitea tona turanga maroiroi i roto i te au putuputu-anga o te Ekalesia mei te Apii Sabati, Mapu e te Boys` Brigade. Kua kite katoa au i tona tu maroiroi i te aere mai ki te apii i te au aiai Manaa mei toku akamata anga i te tomo mai ki roto i teia Ekalesia. E tamaiti tukatau i te tara i te tuatua a te Atua, e te maroiroi i roto i te au tuatau apii. Kua riro katoa aia i te akatangi key-board a te Ekalesia i roto i te are pure i te au tuatau akamori anga katoatoa.



### Akatapu anga i te rakei o te au tamariki Boys` Brigade

I te tuatau o te Tri Annual Conference a te Boys` Brigade tei rave ia ki Rarotonga i te ra 24 o Aperira 2019, kua manako au e ko te tuatau tau teia no te oko mai i teia au rakei no ta matou anau Boys` Brigade. Ko teia te au apinga tei rave ia mai koia oki, BB Field Cap, BB Belt and Buckles, Lanyard, Chevron. Kua rauka mai teia tauturu na roto i te B.B. President Mr Bob Williams, Vice President Mr. Saungaki Rasmussen, Secretary Mr. Danny Areai, Equipment Officer Mr. Nooroa Raina. Kua riro teia Sabati ei ra mataora no te au tamariki, e te au metua e pera ki te Ekalesia katoatoa no teia angaanga manea tei rave ia. E turanga ou teia tei kitea ki roto i te Ekalesia, mate irinaki anga e ka riro teia i te akararata mai i te au tamariki e noo nei ki roto i te ngutuare kia piri mai ki rotoi teia putuputu-anga.



Te karanga nei te tara tika a te Atua, Galatia 5: 1. E tenana, e tamou tikai kotou i te rangatira ta te Mesia i akarangatira mai ia tatou nei, e auraka e i'i akaou i te zugo tuikaa. Amene.

*Tataia e Lieutenant Mr. Ngai Areai, No.1 Company Oneroa, Mangaia  
Nana katoa te au tutu i tuku mai*

### 3. TOMOANGA I TE ARE TAPAEANGA O TE ITI TANGATA PAMATI



Kia orana te iti tangata no te Atua e tatau nei i teia nutileta i te au ngai katoatoa; i te Kuki Airani nei, Nutireni, Autireria, e takapini ua ake teiane ai. Ei akatomo ia tatou ki roto i teia tata'anga, te na ko nei te Salamo 127:1; Kia kore a lehova e patu i te are ra, e angaanga puapinga kore ta te aronga i patu ra: kia kore a lehova e tiaki i te oire ra, e ara anga puapinga kore to te tiaki ra.

I te ra 8 o te marama Tiurai i te mataiti 2019, kua rave ia tetai angaanga manea ki runga ia Rarotonga i roto i te oire ko Tupapa Nui. Kua raveia te tomoanga o te are o te enua tangata Pamati (Palmeston House). Kua riro katoa te reira ra ei ra manea no te angaanga tei raveia. Mei te mea atura e, kua pou mai te Kuki Airani katoatoa ki teia akakoroanga tei raveia ki Rarotonga nei. Ko tetai angaanga maata teia i teia mataiti tei raveia, e tei riro ei mataora anga no te iti- tangata Pamati. Ka kitea katoa ia tetai au angaanga i roto i te porokaramu tei akanooia no te akatueraanga o te ngutuare o te Pamati.



## Vaa tuatua

Kua riro te metua tane ko George George ei vaa tuatua (tei matau ua tatou i te akarongo e ko te MC) no te angaanga o te reira ra, i te arataki anga i te porokaramu mei te akamataanga o te angaanga e tae uatu ki te akaopenga. Kua riro katoa oki e nana i rave i te reira angaanga rai i roto ia Peperuare i topa ake nei, te tuatau i tukuaia i te tango o te ngutuare, i akamata atu ei te au angaanga i te raveia e tae ua mai ki teia tuatau o te tomoanga.

## Arataki anga mai o te PM e te QR ki to raua ngai

Kua riro te PM Henry Puna e te QR Sir Tom Marsters ei akangateitei anga na te tangata katoatoa i te tu anga ki runga ei akangateiteianga ia raua i roto i te tuatau e imene iaai te imene o te basileia e te imene o te ariki vaine o Peritane. Ko tetai mea akaaroa taku i kite atu i konei koia oki, ko to tatou Orometua Ngateitei o te akonoanga metua koia Rev. Tuaine Ngametua, kare rava e akangateiteianga no teia tangata. Ko tetai mea teia kia akarakara matatio tatou no te au turanga tei tau kia raveia e tikai.

## Akamataanga/akatueraanga o te akakoroanga

Kua riro te akatuera anga o te angaanga o te reira na te akatere o te putuputuanga tei karanga ia e ko te (RAC – Religious Advisory Council), koia oki na te Katorika (Catholic) i teia mataiti 2019, na Bishop Paul Donoghue e tona tauturu ko Fr. Freddy Kaina. Kua riro te imene akatuera anga na ta kotou anau Apiianga no Takamoia i imene i te imene; *Kia aruru te enua katoa i te akameitaki ia lehova*. Na roto katoa i te tatau tuatua e te akoanga poto mei roto mai i te tuatua a te Atua. E maruarua tikai te imene anga a te anau Apiianga i te imene no te akakoroanga, e te katoatoa i te imene anga, kia akameitakiia te Atua.

## Uti anga i te reva o te Enuu Pamati

Kua akonoia teia tuatau e te iti-tangata Pamati e mea tau kia raveia mai tetai reva ei akairo, me kare, ei akakite e, e reva takake rai to ratou. Kua riro teia tuanga i te utianga i te reva na te au arataki o roto i te putuputuanga Boys' Brigade o Avarua Ekalesia e tetai atu au tangata tei akonoia ratou no teia tuanga nei. Kua imene katoa ia te au imene tei atuia e tetai au tangata atu imene no runga i te akatueraanga o te Are o te Pamati. Ko te irinakianga i konei, ko te akairo tei raveia e te iti-tangata na roto i te utianga o te reva i te reira ra, ei akakite anga ki to te pa enua e kua oti to ratou are e kua rauka to ratou reva.

## Au pou ei akataka i te au vaine toko rima a William Marsters

Penei ka maanga taii tetai au aronga no teia au mea taku ka akaari kia kite mai kotou, te pati akaaka atu nei au te tangata tata i teia tuanga nei kia rava te akakoromaki. Kia kite mai kotou e te au taeake e, kua ta tuanga ia teia au pou ei akamaaraanga na ratou i to ratou au tupuna vaine toko rima i uanga ia mai ei ratou katoatoa.

1. Ko te vaine mua ko Tapaeru e vaine Mangaia
2. Ko te 2 o te vaine ko Te Pou Tinioi e vaine Rakahanga/ Manihiki
3. Ko te 3 o te vaine ko Akakaingaro e vaine Mangarongaro
4. Ko te 4 o te vaine ko Hareata e vaine Mangarongaro
5. Ko te 5 o te vaine ko Matauia e vaine Mangaia

Ko teia te au vaine i uanga ia mai ei te iti-tangata Pamati, koia oki e 5, no te aa, kare i vaitata atu ki ta te Ariki Solomona e 600! Kua riro te au mata o teia au kopu na ratou i uuti i te puroku o runga i te au pou pou tei akatakaia na ratou. Pera katoa oki te pakoti anga o te au ripene tei tapekaia ki runga i te au pou pou e rima. Koia katoa te au ngutupa o te Are e to roto oki i te Are. Te nga toilet to te tane e to te vaine e te kitchen e to runga taua e te pia moe.

## Toka akamaaraanga i te pirianga kopu tangata

Kua orongaia tetai toka ki te iti-tangata Pamati te ka riro ei toka akamaaraanga no te pirianga kopu tangata okotai. Kia riro te reira toka ei akapapuanga i te pirianga toto ki te toto, kiko ki te kiko, no te au tuatau ki mua. E toka teia tei orongaia mai e tetai ngutuare tangata ei akaari mai i te pirianga kopu tangata Marsters.

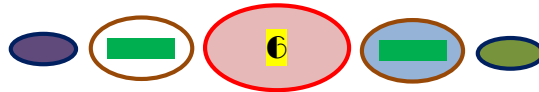
## Eeuanga i te inoga o te are

Teia te inoga o te Are o te Pamati i te eeuanga:

1. MARSTERS HOUSE
2. HARE AVARAU-PALMESTON

Ko teia tetai mea kia akara meitaki iaatu no te au tuatau ki mua. Kia kore roa e riro ei taii anga ki ta tatou au tamariki te ka anau mai na muri ake ia tatou. Kua riro te akatuera anga o te ngutuare o te Marsters House na te au Orometua e tetai au mata tei ikiia mei roto mai i te au kopu e rima i uuti i te tapoki i runga i te ingoa o te Are tei karangaia e ko te Marsters House, e te eeeuanga o te au ngutupa o te Are. E pera katoa ki te au ngutupa o te au pia moe, te ngai tunu anga kai (kitchen), te akangaroianga (toilets), to te tane (men), to te vaine (ladies). Te ngai puaanga kakau (aash house), e pera te pia tuku anga apinga (storage room).





### Maata o te tangata i te reira ra

Mei te mea atu rai i te akara anga atu ki te maata o te tangata i te reira ra, i taku akara anga atu i te tare o te tangata tei tae mai ki te tomoanga i te Are o te Pamati. Kua kitea ia mai tetai mea tuke i roto i te reira ra, koia oki ko te ingoa o te Are. Penei ka umeremere ma te uiui paa tetai papaki ia kotou no runga i teia tei tupu. Ko teia te ingoa tei tapaia ki runga i teia Are: Marsters House.

### Tuatau o te kopu

Ko tetai tuatau maata teia i roto i to tatou oraanga tangata nei i teia ra, ko te akaki anga i to tatou au kopu, kia meitaki te oraanga kopapa. Maruarua tikai te kai tei akonokonoia e te enua tangata Pamati e pera katoa tetai au enua tei riro i te tauturu mai no runga i te akakoroanga i te eeuanga i te Are o te iti- tangata te enua Pamati. Mei te enua Mangaia mei reira mai tetai metua vaine ko Tapaeru, Araura Enuua, Rakahanga Enuua, Penrhyn Enuua, Pukapuka Enuua, e pera katoa te au enua katoatoa o te Kuki Airani. Manea tikai te kai tei tunu ia no te akakoroanga o te reira ra. Karanga tetai reo e kai e takatakai, no te mea kare i pou te kai, kaimoumou ua'i.

### Au akametakianga

I roto i teia tuatau, kua riro ei tuatau akameitakianga tei na roto mai i te au kopu o teia au vaine a teia tangata koia a William Marsters i raro nei. Teia to ratou akapapa anga: Tapaeru, Tepoutinioi, Akakaingaro, Hareata, Matauia. Kua na roto mai te au akameitakianga a te au tangata i teia au metua vaine nei, i te oronga anga i ta ratou akameitakianga na roto i tuanga moni ei akakite i to ratou rekareka maata no te angaanga meitaki tei raveia i te reira ra.

### Taopenga

Ko te ngutuare openga teia i roto i te Kuki Airani tei oti i te amaniia. Na roto i te inangro o te enua tangata Pamati kia rapuia te are kia oti i mua ake i te ra utianga reva o te Kuki Airani (Constitution Celebration, Maevanui). Te karanga nei te tata Salamo 103:1-2, *E akameitaki ia lehova e taku vaerua, i to roto roa iaku nei i tona ra ingoa tapu. E akameitaki ia lehova e taku vaerua, e auraka tona katoa ra au takinga meitaki kia akangaropoina ia.*



Tataia/neneiia e Tanire Pokipoki, Apiianga, Takamoa Theological College

## 4. GIRLS BRIGADE NEWS FROM AITUTAKI



ia orana everyone. I'm pleased to bring this Girls Brigade news update on events held in Aitutaki during May to July of this year.

**May 2019**

In the month of May, the Cook Islands Girls Brigade National Commissioner Mrs Helen Williams, National Secretary Miss Mary Mokoroa, Assistant National Secretary Miss Ruth Areai and the representative for the GB Tautu Vaipae Teko travelled to Aitutaki for the presentation of long service awards. We were greeted by the Mayor of Aitutaki Mr. Bishop and officers of Aitutaki GB on arrival. We were accommodated with Mama Tearuru Marsters.





As soon as breakfast was over, we were on the clock; we held our Queens Award parent meetings for the duration of the morning and interview with the candidates in the evening. All went well with the interviews.

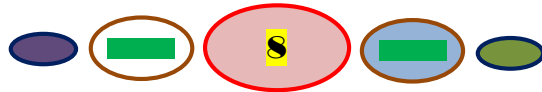
Sunday parade we were happy that our National Commissioner and Tautu Rep Vaipae Teko stayed in the Tautu Ekalesia for the presentation of service awards and Queens Awards folders to the candidates.

1. Ordain new Aitutaki District Commissioner Mrs Kaleena Davey
2. Ordain new Captain Tautu Company Mrs Olive Mokoroa
3. Award Bronze long service for officers Mrs Amiria Davey, Kaleena Davey, Olive Mokoroa and Maine Tekopua.
4. Award of Silver long service for officer Mrs Amiria Davey. (23yrs in GBCI)
5. Presentation of certificate of long service to our mama committee of 10years Mrs Noo Williams and Winnie Wichman Ngaro-Tau.
6. Presentation of Queens Award folders to our candidate from Tautu Company; Pani Davey, Enuakura Maruaau and Elizabeth Tekopua.

The National Secretary Mary Mokoroa and the Assistant National Secretary Ruta Areai travelled to Arutanga Ekalesia to assist the presentation of awards.

1. Presented the Chaplain pin for papa orometua and patronese mama orometua – Rev. Phillipa Teoroi and mama Valerie Teoroi
2. Award Bronze long service for officers Mrs Tearuru Carl Marsters and Tu Hewett
3. Award Silver and Gold Service Award to officer Mrs Tearuru Carl Marsters.
4. Award long service certificate for mama committees Mrs Temata Maruau, Mataveve Toka, Maki Charlie and Tipapa Ngaro.
5. Presentation of Queens Award folder to candidates; Lilyan Hewett, Tungae Marsters, Viriama Marsters and Celestine Manavaikai.





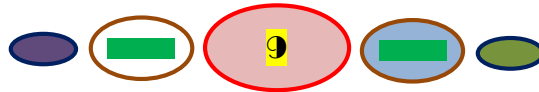
## June 2019

For the month of June, which is a special time of the year, we celebrate our world day of prayer and this year, Arutanga company hosted our combine camp, infused with activities for the children and combine parade on Sunday. We also held the presentation of more long service awards to officers and this was presented by the District Commissioner Kaleena Davey

1. Mrs Tu Hewett-William (Silver)
2. Mrs Caroline Davey (Bronze)
3. Ms Jeneta Baxter (Bronze)
4. Mrs Ngatupuan Ruahe (Bronze)
5. Mrs Moeroa Manavaikai (Bronze)







July 2019

All back to normal with our Monday parade activities, cooking, sewing, visiting old people and getting ready for the holidays and Te Maeva Nui which some of our members are part of.

On behalf of the Cook Islands Girls Brigade we would like to thank the island of Aitutaki, Aitutaki Girls Brigade, their new District Commissioner Mrs Kaleena Davey, captains, officers and all your members of each company on the island for your generosity shown to us, from the accommodation, transport, your time and just being there for us...

Meitaki Atupaka, On Behalf of Aitutaki GB.

Mary Mokoroa  
GB National Secretary

## 5. KO TEIA MEA E UIPAANGA



ia orana. E mataiti uipaanga maata teia no tatou te CICC ki Atiu, tena kua kite marama ua te maataanga, kotou tika'i i roto i te au Ekalesia. Te tuku putuputu ua iatu ra oki te au karere no te reira akakoroanga, no reira tena tona au akakitekiteanga kua atea ia ki mua i te katoatoa. I te tuatau o te uipaanga maata numero 30 tei raveia ki Melbourne, Australia, i te marama Okotopa 2013, kua tukuia ki roto i te nutileta numero 51 tei tataia e tei tukuia ki te katoatoa i taua marama Okotopa rai i mua ake i te uipaanga maata, tetai tata'anga me kore ka karanga tatou e, tua tapapa no tetai taokotaianga tangata tei tuatuaia e, *Uipaanga*. Ko te upoko tuatua o te reira tataanga o te 2013 – e 9 mataiti i topa ake nei – ko tena rai i runga nei, koia oki *Ko teia Mea e Uipaanga*. Iaku i na roto akaou i te reira tataanga i nga ra i topa, manako au e, e mea tau e te manea kia taoki akaouia mai te reira tataanga no nga tumuanga e rua: (1) te akavaitata nei tatou ki tetai uipaanga maata akaou, (2) tamanako au e, e maata te tangata kare i kite/tatau ana i te reira tataanga e pera te au tutu tei tukuia ki roto.

Kare aku tauui'anga ki te reira tata'anga, kua copy me kore cut-and-paste ua mai au i te reira tata'anga e te au tutu katoatoa i roto, tena ia i raro nei. Topiri atu ki te reira, kua apai katoa mai au ki te tuanga openga, tetai au akakitekiteanga e te au tutu, no nga uipaanga maata e rua tei raveia i muri ake, koia oki te uipaanga maata 2015 e to te 2017, raua roa'i tei raveia ki Rarotonga nei. Irinaki au e ka mataora ta kotou okianga ki muri no te tatauanga e te akarakaraanga i te reira au tutu o nanai, e maata oki to tatou au taeake i roto i te reira au tutu kare tatou e kite akaou i teia tuatau. I raro ake i teia raini i raro nei, te katoa'anga o te 2013 tata'anga ma te kore e tau'anga.

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*Cut-and-paste write-up from newsletter 51, published October 2013*

Ko teia mea me kore tuatua "uipaanga," e rongo putuputu ana tatou i roto i to tatou oraanga, akamata mai mei to tato mapu anga. Me taikuia teia tuatua, teia i raro nei te au manako ka rauka ia tatou i te anga:

- Putuputu – me putuputu roa te uipaanga, teia te kopekopeanga, "aue te iu, e uipaanga ua e uipaanga ua."
- Ekoko – ka rauka katoa mai te manako ekoko e, eaa ra te ka uriurii i roto i te uipaanga, me kare oki te akakoroanga i akakiteia.
- Inangaro kia tae – te vai ra tetai au uipaanga ka inangaro rai taua kia tae no te mea e au tumu manako meitaki tetai tei anoano taua kia piri ki roto i te uriurianga me kore tukuanga tika.
- Inangaro kia kite – i na kua akakiteia mai te akakoroanga o te uipaanga, kua tangi reka te reira ki te nga pukai taringa, e kua anoano kia tae kia kite e, eaa te taopengaanga.
- Ka aere akarongorongo – te vai ra tetai au uipaanga kare takiri e ko taua tetai i roto, no to taua reka (interest) ra i te tumu tapura, anoano atu ei ireira taua kia tae no te akarongo atu e, eaa te tumu manako ka uriurii e eaa tona taopengaanga.

E te vai atura te au manako ka rauka mai me tangi maina teia tuatua e "uipaanga."

# General Assembly - 1972



*Back row, L-R: Rev. Samuela Samuela, Rev. Pittman, Rev. Teui Nimerota, Rev. Isaia Willie, Rev. Tekeu Uea, Rev. Matatia Taikakara*  
*Middle row, L-R: Rev. Bill Marsters, Rev. Bealings, Rev. Taraariki Pitomaki, Rev. Ben Marsters, Rev. Teina Tuarau, Rev. Teinaki Solomona, Rev. Tekere Pereiti*  
*Fron row, L-R: Rev. Pare Eli, Rev. Ta Samuela, Rev. Tupou Aporo, Rev. Mangaara Makiiti, Rev. Tariau Tapuni, Rev. Maraeara Tekii, Rev. Enuu Totini*     *Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House Museum, Takamoa.*

## AITEANGA

Ka ui tatou e, eaa ra te aiteanga o teia tuatua "uipaanga." I akapeea tona anauangaia mai? E reo aa teia? Te mea mua, kare te tuatua uipaanga i te mea ngata kia akamaramaia; e taokotaianga me kore putuputuanga ki te ngai okotai no tetai au tangata ara atu i te 1. Tera oki te aiteanga, ka rauka teia tuatua i te taangaanga i rotopu tetai nga tangata e 2, me kore 20, me kore 200, me kore 2,000 – tetai uatu numero maata atu i te 1. Kare oki e aiteanga me taangaanga tatou i teia tuatua ki tetai tangata okotai, kare oki ana tangata ke atu ka komakoma, mari ua koia uaorai. No reira kare teia tuatua e tano kiaia, ka tano ra ki tetai uatu numero tangata tana ka aravei. E tuatua aa teia? Oroa atu rai e, e tuatuaia ana teia tuatua e te au pa enua katoatoa i roto i te Kuki Airani, ngata atura ireira i te kite e no teia enua tika'i teia tuatua; me e reo Rarotonga, Mauke, Pukapuka, e te vai atura.

## AKAAITEANGA BIBILIA

I te mea oki e, te putuputu nei te au Orometua e to ratou au mata ki te uipaanga maata i Melbourne, e mea manea ireira kia akarakara iatu tetai au akatauanga mei roto mai i te Bibilia no runga i teia tuatua "uipaanga," tei tuatua katoa te Bibilia e, "Ekalesia." Kua rauka mai teia akatauanga mei runga i te internet (akakoromaki mai, tei roro i te reo Papaa):

*The purpose of this paper is to show that the early translators of the English Bible mistranslated the word "ekklesia" using the English word "church" instead of "assembly" or "congregation." This translation has helped promote the false doctrine of a universal church and a hierarchical authority over the local congregation. Showing how this translation has adversely affected the proper understanding of the biblical doctrine of the church will demonstrate the absolute necessity of translating the text literally and rejecting the influence of any particular church's theology. [Please note that the use of the word "church" does not mean that the Bible has an error. It is common knowledge that the Greek word from which it was translated is "ekklesia." Further the word "church" is used in modern English to denote a local congregation or assembly as well as buildings and denominations. The problem, as this article points out, is that word "ekklesia" would have been better translated "assembly" or "congregation" and in doing so*

*the false teaching of a universal or invisible church would have been avoided. The reason for the article is to uphold the original meaning and use of the word as God intended.]*

## General Assembly

(year unknown, probably 1970s)



**Some known personnel (not in order):**

*Kave Nia, Rev. Tupou Aporo, Rev. Poreti Samuel, Rev. Teariki Vaerua, Tangata Simiona, Rev. Taraariki Pitomaki, Rev. Bill Marsters, Ave Ivaiti, Tunui Tereu, Kapi Kapi, Tetauru Jim, Matapo Matapo, Rev. Matatia Taikakara, Aituru Rairi, Rev. Aue Ngaau, Danny Piho, Robert Sadaraka, Rev. Teui Nimerota, Rev. Toka Tarapu, Rev. Tekeu Uea, Rev. Isaia Willie, Rev. Uzia Taruia, Rev. Teina Tuarau, Glassie Strickland, Rev. Teuatakiri Pittman, Tihau Piho, Zephania Puroku, Rev. Mangaara Makiiti, Rev. Pare Eli, Ben Marsters*

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The English word "church" has various meanings. Webster gives the following definitions for the word church.

1. a building for public Christian worship.
2. a religious service in such a building.
3. (sometimes cap.) a. the world body of Christian believers; Christendom. b. any major division of his body; a Christian denomination.
4. a Christian congregation.
5. organized religion as distinguished from the state.
6. (cap) a. The Christian before the reformation. b. the Roman Catholic Church.
7. the profession of an ecclesiastic -V.C.
8. to perform a church service of thanksgiving for (a woman after child birth).

Today the word church has a wide variety of meanings from referring to a building to performing a religion service. Although we need to understand the modern use of the word it is of little significance in understanding the use of the word the New Testament. It is essential that we understand its original meaning as it was used in New Testament times. In order to establish a New Testament church we must first know what the word "church" means in Scripture.

In our English Bible the Greek word, "ekklesia" is translated in most places "church." The word "ekklesia" is found in one hundred and fifteen places in the New Testament. It is translated in English one hundred and thirteen times "church" and the remaining times it is translated "assembly." In classical Greek the word "ekklesia" meant "an assembly of citizens summoned by the crier, the legislative assembly." The word as used in the New Testament is taken from the root of this word, which simply means to "call out." In New Testament times the word was exclusively used to represent a group of people assembled together for a particular cause or purpose. It was never used exclusively to refer to a religious meeting or group.

# General Assembly

(year unknown, probably 1970s)



**Some known personnel (not in order):**

*CICC General Assembly (year and photographer unknown). Some visible faces include: Bill Marsters, Matapo Matapo, Kave Nia, Tangata Simiona, Ngatangata Rairi, Vainerere Tangatapoto, Taraariki Pitomaki, Tekere Pereeti, Isaia Willie, Samuel Poreti.*

*Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House Museum, Takamoa.*

*An examination of the Greek word "ekklesia" reveals that the word is properly translated into English as the "assembly" or "congregation." It is used to refer to a group of persons that are organized together for a common purpose and who meet together. Brown states the word was used as early as the 5th Century B.C.:*

*I. (a) ekklesia, derived via ek-kaleo, which was used for the summons to the army to assemble, from kaleo, to call (-- Call). It is attested from Eur. and Hdt. onwards (5th cent. B.C.), and denotes in the usage of antiquity the popular assembly of the competent full citizens of the polis, city. It reached its greatest importance in the 5th cent, and met at regular intervals (in Athens about 30--40 times a year, elsewhere less frequently) and also in cases of urgency as an extra-ordinary ekklesia. Its sphere of competence included decisions on suggested changes in the law (which could only be effected by the council of the 400), on appointments to official positions and -- at least in its heyday -- on every important question of internal and external policy (contracts, treaties, war and peace, finance). To these was added in special cases (e.g. treason) the task of sitting in judgment, which as a rule fell to regular courts.*

*It should be noted that the word "ekklesia" was used to denote the meeting together of a special assembly. Brown further defines the word as to its political characteristics: Thus ekklesia, centuries before the translation of the OT and the time of the NT, was clearly characterized as a political phenomenon, repeated according to certain rules and within a certain framework. It was the assembly of full citizens, functionally rooted in the constitution of the democracy, an assembly in which fundamental political and judicial decisions were taken.*

(Source: The Translation of the Greek Word "Ekklesia" as "church" in the English Bible and its Ramifications, by Cooper P. Abrams, III, extracted from Google)

# General Assembly - 1997

27 July – 3 August, Rarotonga



*Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House Museum, Takamoa.*

## KO TE UIPAANGA MAATA

I na, ko tena ireira tetai manga akamaramaanga no runga i te tuatua “uipaanga” tei akataka katoa mai te Bibilia e, e pirianga manea tona ki te tuatua “Ekalesia;” “assembly” e te “congregation” tetai nga tuatua e taiku iara i roto i te atikara Papaa i runga nei. I roto ireira i teia akatakaanga i runga nei, ka rauka ia tatou i te tuatua e, ko te Uipaanga Maata, e taokotaianga te reira no te iti tangata o te Atua tei takiruru ki te ngai okotai ma te inangaro okotai no te uriuri atu i tetai au manako te ka riro i te akameitaki i te akateretereanga o te Ekalesia tapu a te Atua i raro ake i te tamaruanga a te CICC.

## TE AU MEA E URIURIIA ANA I ROTO I TE UIPAANGA MAATA

Ko te au mea e uriurii ana i roto i te au Uipaanga Maata i topa – taku i piri atuna ki roto – ko teia ia i raro nei:

**Ripoti a te aronga mou taoanga.** Ko ratou teia tei ikia e te Uipaanga Maata ki runga i te au taoanga tukeke e te au tuanga tei orongaia ki roto i to ratou rima. I roto ireira i te uipaanga maata, ripoti mai ei ratou i ta ratou angaanga i rave mei te tuatau o te Uipaanga Maata i topa e tae ua mai ki teia ra; tei oti i te rave, tei kore i oti, eaa te au tumuanga, te au tai'i, e pera me e au tamanakoanga tana ei akarakaraanga na te uipaanga. Teia i raro nei te au tangata ka tuku ripoti ki teia Uipaanga Maata ka raveia ki Melbourne:

- President
- General Secretary
- General Treasurer
- CICC Rarotonga Council
- Legal Adviser
- Representative, Southern Islands
- Representative, Northern Islands
- Principal, Takamoa Theological College
- Representative, Overseas branches

- CICC NZ Council
- CICC A Council
- CICC Vainetini
- Director of Social Welfare
- Director of Evangelism
- Director of Publication
- Director of Youth
- Director, Bicentennial Celebrations Unit

## General Assembly

(year unknown, probably early 2000s)



*In front of Titikaveka CICC Hall and Manse (opening & closing were held at Avarua Ekalesia)*

*Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House Museum, Takamoa.*

**Tamanakoanga akatukeanga i te ture tumu (amendments to the CICC constitution).** Ko te tataanga ture tumu mua a te CICC, kua akamanaia ki roto i te Paramani o te Kuki Airani i te mataiti 1968. I te mataiti 2003 kua akaouia e kua akamana katoaia ki roto i te Paramani. Ko te akanoonoanga no teia tumu manako, teia ia i raro nei:

- E 6 marama i mua ake i tetai Uipaanga Maata, ka anoanoia te au tamanakoanga akatukeanga i te ture tumu kia tukuia ki te au Ekalesia katoatoa. Tera ireira te aiteanga, ka anoanoia te au tamanakoanga katoatoa kia tukuia mai ki Takamoa na mua i mua ake i teia akakotianga tuatau 6 marama, kia akaraia e te kumiti akaaere, i mua ake ka tukuia'i ki te au Ekalesia katoatoa.
- I roto ireira i te Uipaanga Maata, akatinamouia'i e, me ka arikiia e te maataanga, me kare. Me arikiia, ka mana te reira akatukeanga i roto i te uipaanga maata i muri ake, mari ua me e akanoonoanga tetai kia viviki te reira tukuanga tika i te arikiia.

**Tetai uatu tamanakoanga keke ki te uipaanga maata (remits).** Ko tetai uatu tamanakoanga teia takake mei te tamanakoanga akatukeanga i te ture tumu mei tei akamaramaia i runga nei. I roto i te akanoonoanga no teia mataiti, kua anoanoia te au tamanakoanga katoatoa kia pou mai ki Takamoa nei i roto ia Tiunu i teia mataiti. Kua akarakara te kumiti e kua tuku iatu ki roto i te au Ekalesia katoatoa i roto ia Tiurai.

**Akapapaanga moni (budget).** Ko teia tetai tumu manako maata e uriuria ana i roto i te uipaanga maata. I konei, ka akataka mai te ripoti i te akapouanga moni a te akonoanga CICC no nga mataiti e 2 i topa, e pera te akapapaanga moni no nga mataiti e 2 ki mua.

## 27th General Assembly - 2007

22 – 29 July, Rarotonga



*In front of Nikao CICC (opening & closing were held at Avarua Ekalesia)*

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**Porokaramu no te tauanga Orometua.** E raveia ana teia i te au 4 mataiti katoatoa. Na te kumiti akaaere e akanoo i te porokaramu, na te Uipaanga Maata ra e akatinamou i te reira. Me e tauanga tetai, na te Uipaanga Maata katoa te reira e tau.

**Akaouanga i te aronga mou taoanga.** E raveia ana teia i te au 4 mataiti katoatoa, auraka ra i te mataiti o te tauanga Orometua. Tera ireira te aiteanga, i te au rua mataiti katoatoa me raveia te Uipaanga Maata, e tauanga Orometua tetai me kore e akaouanga taoanga tetai. I roto i teia uipaanga maata te ka raveia ki Melbourne, e uipaanga akaou taoanga katoa te reira. Ko te au taoanga e akaouia ana na roto i te ikianga, koia oki te au taoanga katoatoa i runga i te kumiti akaaere (e 10 i te katoatoa) e pera te au programme directors (e 5 i te katoatoa). E raveia ana te akaouanga i te au taoanga i te ra openga o te uipaanga, ko te tumu manako openga te reira i mua ake ka topiri ei te uipaanga. Ko te aronga mou taoanga ou, ka raveia to ratou akatapuanga i te Sabati o te topirianga o te uipaanga. I teia taima, kare e akakotingaanga tuatau no te aronga mou taoanga. Kua mou ana tetai pae ara atu i te 20 mataiti, kua mou ana tetai pae e 4 mataiti.

**Tetai atu au tumu manako keke ta te uipaanga i anoano kia uriuria.** I konei, ka tau katoa ia tatou i te tuatua e, e atiangia teia no te au manako keke. E tikaanga no te kaingakai akaaere uipaanga e pera te au mata i roto i te uipaanga i te tuku manako keke, tei runga ra i te katoatoa i te ariki i te au manako te ka tukuia.

**Tuatua a te au akonoanga e pirianga to ratou ki te CICC.** I teia ra, e 5 au taokotaianga Evangelia e pirianga to ratou kia tatou te CICC (partner churches). Teia ratou i raro nei:

1. Etaretia Porotetani Maohi i Tahiti – ko te akonoanga teia aiteite kia tatou i te tuatau mua, koia te LMS
2. Uniting Church of Australia
3. Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
4. Congregational Union of New Zealand
5. Pacific Conference of Churches

# 28th General Assembly - 2009

19 – 26 April, Rarotonga



*In front of Arorangi CICC Hall and Manse (opening & closing were held at Nikao Ekalesia)*

*Photo from the collection of N. Mataio, taken by John Akavi, duplicate available in the CICC Mission House Museum, Takamoa.*

E mata to teia au taokotaianga i runga nei te ka tae ki te Uipaanga Maata i Melbourne. E atiangā tetai vaiata atu ki te taopengaanga o te uipaanga, e orongaia ana kia ratou kia komakoma mai ki te Uipaanga Maata. E pera katoa ana oki te akanoonoanga me mataia tatou te CICC ki ta ratou Uipaanga Maata, e oronga katoaia maina tetai tuatau no to tatou mata kia tuatua ki roto i ta ratou Uipaanga Maata.

## KOAI MA TE AERE ANA KI TE UIPAANGA MAATA

**Te akanoonoanga i mua ana:** I te tuatau mua, ko te au Orometua ua te aere ana ki te Uipaanga Maata. I muri mai, kua aru atu tetai mata o te Ekalesia. I muri mai, kua ariki katoaia te akarakara (observers) kia aru i te Orometua e te mata o te Ekalesia. Ko te akakoroanga koia oki ka riro te observer ei mono atu i te mata me akangaroi mai te mata mei runga i te reira turanga. Kia tae mai ki nga uipaanga i topa ake nei, kua kake maata te numero o ratou e aere ana ki te uipaanga, tetai tumuanga no te au Ekalesia ou tei akatupuia, e tetai atu au tumuanga. I na i roto ireira i te Uipaanga Maata o te mataiti 2009 tei raveia ki Rarotonga nei, kua manako te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia kia akangaroi ua ana te au observers i te aere mai no te mea kua maata roa oki te numero e kua riro ei ngata ki nga Ekalesia i Rarotonga nei no te utuutuanga. Kua pera katoa te turanga i te raveiaanga te Uipaanga Maata ki Aitutaki i te mataiti 2011. Kare i arai takiriria te au akarakara kia aere ki te uipaanga, kua akangaroi uaia ra ratou no tetai tuatau akakotingakoreia.

**Te akanoonoanga no Melbourne:** I roto i te pepa “Background Information for Participants to the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the CICC” tei tukuia ki te katoatoa i roto ia Noema 2012, kapi 9, kua akatakaia ratou ka aere ki te uipaanga mei teia i raro nei:

- Ekalesia Avarua e Arorangi: Orometua, 3 mata i te Ekalesia okotai
- Ekalesia Nikao, Titikaveka, Ngatangia, Matavera, Orometua, 2 mata i te Ekalesia okotai
- Te katoaanga o te au Ekalesia CICC: Orometua, 1 mata i te Ekalesia okotai
- Akarakara (observers): mei roto ua mai i nga Ekalesia i Melbourne, e 2 i te Ekalesia okotai. Akakoromaki mai, kare e akarakara mei roto mai i te au Ekalesia i vao ake ia Melbourne
- Au Orometua akatainuia i raro ake i te CICC e kare i rauka ake ta ratou Ekalesia



- Au apianga mei Takamoa tei oti ta ratou apii, kare ra i akatainuia ake
- Au Orometua Akangaroi
- Akonoanga e pirianga tona ki te CICC: 1 mata i te akonoanga

## 29th General Assembly - 2011

23 – 30 October, Aitutaki



*In front of Arutanga CICC and Hall (opening & closing were also held here)*

*Photo from the collection of N. Mataio, taken by Tereapii Pita, duplicate available in the CICC Mission House Museum, Takamoa.*

No tetai au tumuanga e te akakoroanga, e anoano katoa ana te kumiti akaaere kia tae mai tetai au tangata kare i roto i te akapapaanga i runga nei, ki te uipaanga. Penei no to ratou turanga puapii (resource persons), penei e tuanga me kore taleni ta ratou ka rauka kia taangangaia, e te vai atura. Kare ra teia e rave putuputuia ana.

### POPANI

I na, ko tena ireira e te au taeake ma te au tuaine tetai akamaramaanga no runga i te vaerua o te uipaanga, te au me e uriuria ana i roto i te Uipaanga Maata, e pera te akatakaanga o ratou e aere ana ki te uipaanga. Irinaki au e kua puapingaia teia manga akamaramaanga i oronga iatu. Kia orana e kia manuia.

*Tataia e Nga Mataio, CICC General Secretary*

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Ko tena ireira te tata'anga me kore tua tapapa o teia mea e Uipaanga tei tukuia ki te katoatoa i te mataiti 2013. Teia i raro nei tetai au tutu e te tata'anga poto no nga uipaanga e 2 i topa. Taopenga teia atikara ki tetai manga tata'anga no runga i te uipaanga maata e tu mai nei, e nga uipaanga maata i muri ake i te reira.

### UIPAANGA MAATA 2015, 12–19 Tiurai, Rarotonga

Tetai au mea puapinga tei akaotiia, takake mei te au ripoti ki te uipaanga a te aronga mou taoanga e tetai au mea e uri putuputuia ana i te au uipaanga maata katoatoa:

- Akaouanga i te ture tumu/revised CICC constitution

- Arikianga i te ripoti no runga i te akara akaouanga i te au tuanga i raro ake i te CICC/tabling and endorsing the 2014 CICC Review Report
- Akatukeanga i te numero i runga i i te kumiti akaaere mei te 10 ki te 11, na roto i te mono'anga i te mata o te overseas ki te okotai mata no Nutireni e okotai no Autireria
- E uipaanga tauiaanga Orometua no nga mataiti e 4, 2015–2019

*E au tutu no te uipaanga maata 2015*



*Photos by N. Mataio*

## UIPAANGA MAATA 2017, 16–23 Tiurai, Rarotonga

Tetai au mea puapinga tei akaotiia, takake mei te au ripoti ki te uipaanga a te aronga mou taoanga e tetai au mea e uri putuputuia ana i te au uipaanga maata katoatoa:

- Akaouanga i te aronga mou taoanga/election of office bearers: Executive Council members, Programme Directors, for 2017–2021.
- Arikianga i te patianganga a Atiu kia raveia te uipaanga maata 2019 ki reira
- Akatuera'anga o te Ruatoka Hall i roto i te aua apii Takamoa
- Akatapuanga i te au apiianganga ei Orometua no te CICC

*E au tutu no te uipaanga maata 2017*



*Photos by N. Mataio and S. Rasmussen*

## UIPAANGA MAATA 2019, 13–20 Okotopa, Atiu

Tetai au mea te ka uriia, takake mei te au ripoti ki te uipaanga a te aronga mou taoanga e tetai au mea e uri putuputuia ana i te au uipaanga maata katoatoa:

- E uipaanga tauia Orometua no nga mataiti e 4, 2019–2023.
- Porokaramu no te akamaara'anga i te 200 mataiti o te CICC te ka raveia ki Aitutaki i teia uipaanga maata ki mua 2021

## UIPAANGA MAATA 2021, kua akapapua e ka raveia ki Aitutaki i te epetoma 24–31 Okotopa

## UIPAANGA MAATA 2023, e tamanakoanga na Nutireni e ka utuutu aia i te reira tuatau

*Tataia e Nga Mataio, Tekeretere Maata*

## 6. FROM OAKEY THE HEART OF QLD



ia orana tatou katoatoa i te aroa rahi o to tatou Akaora, Tekeretere Maata e taau au rima raverave te angaanga nei ki runga i teia Nuti Leta humaria a tatou, te tatau nei i teia Nuti Leta mei tera Basileia e tera ra Basileia, Kia orana.

Te karanga nei to tatou Atiu ei ta tomo atu ia tatou i roto i te tupu nei i te pukuatu o Qld, Oakey;

<sup>11</sup>“Kua tuatua 'oki au i tēiane au mea ki a kōtou na, kia vai rāi tōku mareka'anga i roto i a kōtou, ē kia kore e 'ope tō kōtou mareka'anga. <sup>12</sup>Tēia tāku 'akau'e'anga: ka 'akaperepere kōtou tēta'i ki tēta'i, mei āku i 'akaperepere atu i a kōtou. <sup>13</sup>Ko tēia te 'akaperepere ma'ata rava atu: kia tuku tēta'i tangata i tōna ora'anga nō tōna au 'oa.

### MAYORAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Kia akameitaki ia lehova e toku vaerua, auraka Tona takinga meitaki e ngaro poina ia.

**28 Aukute 2019:** Kua tae mai to tatou taeake i roto i te Atiu Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu ki te pukuatu o Qld, Oakey.

I te au Mataiti i Toowoomba e te au Oire tei koropini iaia, te rave ia nei tetai angaanga manea e te mataora, koia oki, te Mayoral Prayer Breakfast.



*Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu,  
Rev Eddie Dean,  
Mayor Cr Paul Antonio,*

Ko te 40 Mataiti Mayoral Prayer Breakfast teia tei raveia i Toowoomba, Darling Downs e ko te rua taima teia i rave ia i Oakey nei. Ko te akakoroanga o teia Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, kia fundraiser, tauturu te Community i tetai putuputu anga tei volunteer i to ratou taima i te tauturu anga i te Homeless, Elderly (Metua Pakari), Young Mothers mei te 13 Mataiti ki te 17 Mataiti, aronga e Disability to ratou, Chaplaincy i roto i te au Apii, Schoolies, Red Frogs Inc e te vai atura.

**29 Aukute 2019:** Teia Mataiti nei, kua uri te Kumiti o te Chaplaincy e kua mataora matou i te pati i te taeake Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu ei Guest Speaker no teia akakoroanga maata e i teia mataiti 2019, kua manako te Kumiti e, kia tauturu ia te opati o te Chaplaincy i Oakey e i Kingsthorpe.



*Mayoral Prayer Breakfast 2019 Oakey*

Kua tae mai te au aronga mou taonga o te Darling Downs, Western Downs e Toowoomba Regional Council, Cr Mayor Paul Antonio, Cr Geoff Macdonald, Mrs Jess Bartholomew IGO, Cr Nancy Sommerfield, Cr Megan o Hare Sullivan, Cr Bill Cahill, Cr Anne Glasheen, MP Pat Weir, te Principal o te State High School e te anau te rave nei i te Home Economics ei Certificate no to ratou future.



Kua mataora te au taeake tei aere mai tauturu I teia akakoroanga rahi ma te akarongo katoa i te taeake Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu e tana e rave nei no to tatou Atu ra ko Iesu Mesia.



### OAKEY MENS SHED

I muri mai i te akakoroanga o te Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, kua tapai atu maua ma te atoro katoa i te Men's Shed o Oakey.



Teia au taeake nei, taokotai ana ratou e rua taime i te Epetoma, Ruirua e te Paraparau mei te ora 8.30am ki te ora 2pm e ta ratou e rave ra, ko te amani akaou i te au mea a te ngutuare tei ati ia e kua kino, mei te au apinga a te tamariki ki te au mea poria, mei te, nooanga, kaingakai, Clocks, Trailors, Dog Kennels, Bird cages/homes e te vai atura.



Kua akarongo teia au taeake i tetai au Men's Group ta Papa Robert i tomo ana ki roto mei te Basileia Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Russia, New Zealand e te Pacific. Kare e aite te mataora o teia au taeake i te aravei ia Papa Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu.

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OAKEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**30 Aukute 2019:** Gods promises are sure, His mercies are always new, His plans are always good, and His love never fails.

Kua kite tatou i te au mea te tupu nei i teia ra i roto i te au aua apii i Marike e pera katoa i Australia nei e koropini i teia nei ao, penei kare i tae ake ki to tatou Ipukarea, i nara, me manako tetai Basileia kia introduce ia teia au manako kia tatou, e te au taeake, patoi ia! Te akamata nei te au apii i te patoi i te Buka Tapu i roto i te au Apii, te Patoi ia nei a Iesu e te tuatua ora kia tomo akaou ki roto i tetai au apii e i teia ra kua akatika ia te au trans – gender e ta ratou au peu kia apii i te au tamariki i roto i te Kindergarten e te Primary School. Kua uri te Kavamani i Marike no runga i tetai au Buka ta te tangata atheist, irinaki kore i te Atua i akakite e, kia kite ta tatou tamariki e, teia ratou te tika i te iki e me e Tamaroa ratou me e tamaine ratou e pera katoa, te meitaki ua nei teia tuatua Gay, kare e ara me e Gay koe, kia mataora ua koe, kare Atua, kare, ko te tangata te tuatua tika: Atheist/Scientist/Evolutionist/Paedophilia/Gay Activists e te vai atura.

Kia akameitaki uorai tatou i te Atua no te mea kua irinaki tatou laia e kare matou i Oakey e akatika kia o mai teia au manako kino, manako viivii ki roto i te aua o te Oakey Primary School, Te Oakey High School e ki roto i te Oakey Kindergarten e Child Care Centres, kare.

Te raveia nei te Religious Instruction (Education) e teru taime i te Epetoma, Monite, Ruitoru e te Varaire. Kua mataora te RI Team e kua taokotai mai Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu ma te tauturu katoa i tetai au ravenga kia kite te anau tamariki ia Iesu Mesia, na roto i te tatau tuatua e te practical lessons.



Teia te Porokaramu ta te taeake Dr Rev Siakimotu I rave:

1. Imene me kore e game.
2. Practical Life Lesson using a Tool e.g. Magic Bible, Life Cube etc, teia au tools nei, ka mau I te ngakau o te tamariki
3. Tuanga Apii – King Saul: No Heart. King David: Whole Heart. King Solomon: Half a Heart.
4. Imene
5. Pure



Irinaki au e, kare te au RI Team e te au Puapii e te anau tamariki e ngaropoina i tei apii ia kia ratou i teia ra. Kua mataora e kua akameitaki mai te RI Leaders i to tatou taeake Papa Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu ma te irinaki e, ka oki mai aia Apii i te RI Team e tetai tei anoano i te kite ia Iesu Mesia.

E te au taeake, ei aha e noo ua, moe ua, kauta ua, titiro ua, ei aha, tu ki runga ma te rave i toou kapikianga kia rauka tetai tuanga meitaki o te Evangelia Ora o Iesu Mesia kia koe e kia ku.

Kua kite katoa oki tatou e, ko te ra **1 o Tepetema 2019** kua akatakake te reira ra no te au Metua Tane (Father's Day) e kua rave katoa ia ta matou Combine Service e te au taeake ODCLN (Oakey District Community Leaders Network, te akonoanga Old Lutheran, New Lutheran, AOG, Anglican, Uniting, Catholic e Oakey Community Bible Fellowship) i te hall o te Oakey High School e na te taeake Orometua Dr Rev Robert Siakimotu e ruru i te tuatua tika a te Atua, Luka. 19:1 – 10 e te Manako Maata: Simply Jesus, a friend to the sinner.



Mataora te pure, e te kaikai i muri ake i te reira. E te au Metua Tane, Old, New, Young, Good, Bad, Silly, Funny, Clown, Hero, Advisor, Sport Commentator, Teacher, Food Critic, Fisher Man e te vai atura, e metua tane koe, e i roto i te mata o taau tamaiti, e pukuatu koe, please ariki mai i to matou reo "Happy Father's Day" from the heart of Qld, Oakey.



Irinaki au e, kua rava ua au i konei, e kua mataora kotou i te tatau i teia tuatua humaria mei ko mai i te pukuatu o Qld, Oakey.

Te karanga nei a Paulo ki Korinetia e, Ē ka tika i te Atua i te 'akama'ata rava atu i te au mea meitaki katoa nā kōtou, kia rava te au mea i umuumu'ia ra nā kōtou 'ua'orāi i te au tuātau rava rāi ē kia toe rāi nā kōtou nō te au 'anga'anga mēmeitaki katoa ra.



*Rev. Eddie Dean*

## 7. AU AKAKITEKITEANGA MEI ROTO MAI I TE EKALEZIA ARORANGI



The church was given boxes of brand new jandals (see attached photo) to be distributed as gift in kind into the community of Arorangi Village...The gift came from the owner of the Magic Reef Resort - Mr Lawrence Holder. This morning a small acceptance ceremony was held after church 5am service to receive these gifts handed over to the Arorangi CICC church on behalf of Mr Lawrence by Mr Avaiki Aperau whom he Mr Lawrence approached to entrust his gift to the Arorangi church for distribution in the Arorangi community. Words of gratitude and thank you was expressed to the giver of the gift by the Secretary of the Arorangi CICC and the prayer blessing of the gift made by the assistant secretary of the church Mr Kimi Taokia. The gift is then sorted into 8 boxes and handed to the Clerk on duty for each district in Arorangi to go forth and distribute to their district community.

This is truly a one of a kind generosity gift that reaches out to the grass root level of the community and most appreciated by the church, pastor, leaders and members of the church. It is a gift in kind that the church is happy to partner with the giver to deliver and to promote the grace of giving as taught by Christian value. We wish the giver success and many blessing of the author of the grace of giving.



### Teretere Mapu ki Arorangi Sabati 18 Aukute 2019

Kua maeva ua te ngakau i te rekareka i te au tatau a te anau mapu, to Turangi mai (Ekalesia Ngatangia), e nga tapere Betela, Murienua e Rutaki no te (Arorangi Ekalesia). Kua akamata te tatau i te 10.45am tei akatuera ia mai e ta anau mapu o Ngatangia e ta ratou pene tatau ko te Tia o te Sabati salamo 65, kua mou ngakau tikai te tatau a te anau mapu no Ngatangia mai, e te tukatau, kare e mataku, e kare oki i ekoko. Kua tatau ratou na roto i nga reo e rua, papaa e te maori, kua pokarakara ua te katoatoa i roto i te are pure i te manako o te anau mapu tei taratara mai na roto i te tatau e te au reo imene turu i ta ratou tatau, i te akapiri anga i te Salamo ki te oraanga tangata i teia noai tau.

Kua teitei uatu rai te turanga o te au tatau tei na roto katoa mai i nga tapere mapu o te Ekalesia Arorangi. Tere atu i te 100 mapu taurekareka tikai tei tatau, i roto i te rua ora, e kua maeva ua te katoatoa i te rekareka e te mataora i te tatau a te anau mapu. Te mea manea ko te tatau i te au irava no roto mai i te buka tapu e te taratara anga akapiri ki teia tuatau. Kua ki te are pure i te tangata, tere atu i te 100 taeake manuirii (turoto) tei



*Mapu Turangi, Ngatangia*

tai mai ki te pureanga e kua noo na roto i te tatau e tae uatu ki te openga. Kia tae te tatau a te mapu ki te openga kua akaou mai te Orometua Rev Tereora i te au tumu tapura a te anau mapu na roto i te karere vaerua, te reka katoa i te inuino o te akoanga. Kia tere te pure kua aere atu te katoatoa rava papaa e te maori ki te kainga manga tei teateamamao ia mai e te Ekalesia na roto i tona nga tapere Murienua e Ruaau...Kua autu rai te manga kare i

pou...Kua autu katoa te Mesia i te rave a te anau mapu katoatoa. amene.



*Mapu Betela, Arorangi*



*Mapu Rutaki, Arorangi*

*Tataia e Oki Teokoitu, Tekeretere, Ekalesia Arorangi. Nana katoa te au tutu i tuku mai.*

## 8. TEREANGA KI AITUTAKI



ERE O TE OROMETUA NGATEITEI KI VAIPAE I AITUTAKI NO TE EEUANGA TOKA O TE AU OROMETUA TEI ANGAANGA ANA KI ROTO I TE OIRE VAIPAE, E PERA TE EEUANGA O TE TOKA AKAMAARA ANGA I TO VAIPAE MOU ANGA I TE EVANGELIA.

*Ko te manea o te vaevae o te aronga i apai mai i te tuatua reka o te au, ko tei apai mai i te tuatua meitaki ra e. Roma 15:6. Kua ariki ia te Evangelia e te Oire Vaipae i te mataiti 1823 e rua mataiti i muri mai i te taeanga o te Evangelia ki Aitutaki i te mataiti 1821 ra 26 no Okotopa. Ko te tumu, i mua ake ka tae mai ei te Evangelia ki Aitutaki e tamaki anga maata tei tupu i rotopu i to Avarua tei matauia i teia ra e ko Arutanga ki Vaipae, e manganui tei mate i roto i teia tamaki anga. Ko Vaipae, kua riro teia ei pekapeka i rotopu ia Arutanga e to Vaipae e tae ua mai ki te tuatau i tae ei te Evangelia tei mouria e to Arutanga, kareka te au mapu o Vaipae te inangaro nei ratou i te tamaki akaou kia pa ua te toto o to ratou au taeake i mate, kare ratou e inangaro kia mou i te Evangelia ki Vaipae. I te maroiroi ra o te au metua Orometua i te taparu i to Vaipae i ariki ei ratou e rua mataiti i muri ake. Teia ra ta te Vaipae i tuatua mai e noatu e ko ratou te oire openga i ariki i te evangelia no ratou ra te au Orometua tei tono ia ki te pa enua tutu evangelia.*

### Tataraanga

I te Paraparau ra 22 no Aukute i te ora ngauru matai i te popongi (11am) kua raveia teia eeu nui ki roto i te oire e kare na te Ekalesia ua teia i rave mari ra na te Oire Vaipae katoatoa. Kua tae katoa mai te Paraiminita o te Kuki Airani ko Henry Puna. Kua akamata ia ki roto i te Are Pure tei rave ia mai e te Orometua o Aitutaki Rev. Tuakeu Daniela, te Orometua o Vaipae, te Orometua Rev. James Marsters o Tautu e te Orometua o Arutanga ko Rev. Filipa Teoroi.

Kia oti te pure kua neke atu te katoatoa ki vao ki mua i te Are Pure e kua eeu ia te toka o te au Orometua tei tavini ana ki roto i te ekalesia, e kua riro na te Orometua o te ekalesia na Mere Daniela i eeu, e kua tuatua mai



te chairman o te au mapu o Vaipae i Akarana i akameitaki i te katoatoa. Ko te tumu oki na teia taokotai o te mapu o Vaipae i Akarana i tauturu i tupu ei teia akakoroanga. E i muri ake iaia kua raveia atu te akatapuanga o teia toka e te Orometua Ngateitei.

Kia oti teia akakoroanga kua neke atu te katoatoa ki runga i te mataara i mua i te Are Pure no te eeu i te toka akamaaraanga i te mouria anga o te evangelia ki roto i te Oire Vaipae. Kua imene ia mai te imene tei atu ia ei akamaara i tei tupu ki Vaipae e te mouria anga o te Evangelia. Kua tuatua mai te Chairman o te Oire Vaipae, e kua riro na te Ariki Manarangi i eeu i te tapoki e kua akatapuia atu te toka e te Orometua Ngateitei.

E te tuanga openga o teia ra kua arataki ia atu te katoatoa ki tai i te are o te oire no te kaikai. I reira kua tuatua mai te Paraiminita Henry Puna e kua pure te kai e te pure tari atu. Kua raveia ta ratou au tarekareka aitamū, ura pau e kua mataora te katoatoa.



**Akameitakianga**

Kua akameitaki ia te Ekalesia Vaipae, te au Diakono e tae uatu ki te Ekalesia, e pera ki te ngutuare tei riro ei akangaroi anga noku, kotou tei tutaki mai i toku patete no te akatapu anga o nga toka akamaaraanga, kia akameitaki ia kotou, e kia oronga mai te Atua i te mataora no te rave e te tavini i tana Evangelia.

Te aronga i aere ua i te poiri kua akara ia e te marama maata, e te aronga i noo ua i te ngai marumate ra kua itiiia ratou e te marama maata Isaia 9:1. Noku rai toku purotu no roto i te iti nga ra. E Ru e ka tuturu o te Kau Ariki ki runga.

*Tataia/neneia e Rev. Tuaine Ngametua  
CICC President*

**9. EEU'ANGA TOKA I MATAVERA E NGATANGIIA**

**I** te Ruirua ra 27 o te marama Aukute i topa kua raveia te akakoroanga eeu'anga toka o nga kopu tangata, akamata ki Matavera akaoti ki Ngatangiiia. To Matavera, no te Orometua Akangaroi, Papa Enuia e tona tokorua Mama Terangi Totini. Naku te tata'anga no te reira eeu'anga. Te rua, no te metua tane, Tapurau Tapurau (kapiki katoaia ana e ko Tome) e tona tokorua, na Mauri Toa te tata'anga no runga i te reira.

**Part 1: 2.00pm, Matavera, Papa Enuia & Mama Terangi Totini**

Kia tae atu au ki te ngutuare o te nga metua, te ngai no te eeuanga i to raua nga toka, kua noo takere te tangata i te tapapa no te akamataanga o te akakoroanga. E pumaana uana rai toku ngakau – admire me kore respect i te reo Papaa – me tae au ki tetai uatu akakoroanga e kua tae takere ratou tei tae ki reira na mua atu iaku. Kare oki au i te tangata tae late ki te au akakoroanga, e inangaro ana ra au kia tae almost on time, me kore i mua ua ake ka akamata ei te akakoroanga. E manako ke ra toku no ratou me tae late mai ki tetai uatu akakoroanga e kua pati takere te ora tei akakiteia, tera oki ireira te aiteanga, kare e kauraroanga ki tei akakiteia, no respect or couldn't be bothered with the time set for the occasion.

Mei tetai 5 meneti i muri ake i te ora 2.00pm – kare i kino roa, 5 short minutes – kua akamata te angaanga tei akatere/MC ia mai e Enuia Totini Jnr, ko Socks ta tetai maata'anga tangata e kapiki ana iaia, tetai tamaiti angai a nga metua i akangaroi atu. Tu katau tika'i tona akatere anga mai i te angaanga, mei te akamata'anga e tae uatu ki te openga. Akamata na roto i te akonoanga pure tei raveia mai e te Orometua o te Ekalesia, Rev. Takaikura Marsters, e pera te au mema tei tae atu, tauturu iatu e te au taeake ma te au tuaine mei roto e mei vao mai i te oire.

Kia tae ki te rua o te tuanga – te eeu'anga i te au ariki tei tapoki i nga toka – okotai raveia'anga o te eeu'anga, *kia kore e taea te ora 5* i na Socks ei ki te katoatoa. Tera oki te aiteanga, okotai aereanga ki mua te aronga ka eeu i te toka o Papa Enuia e pera to Mama Terangi, okotai katoa o ratou eeu'anga i te tapoki i runga i nga toka e rua. Kare oki e eeu i tetai na mua, i muri mai ka eeu ei i tetai, unveil both at one go by those earmarked to unveil each, penei e mako ake teia akamarama'anga Papaa. Ko ta tatou oki i matau, kapikiia mai te ingoa, aere ki mua, eeu, oki mai ki muri, aere atu te next, tae atu ei ki tapoki openga kua para paa te vanilla, depending of course on how many covers. I've been to unveilings which ranged from 4 to over 50 covers!



la ratou i kapikiia no te eeu'anga – e au mema rai no roto i nga kopu tangata – kua akamarama katoa a Socks i to ratou background, koia oki koai ratou e, eaa i orongaia'i na ratou tetai tapoki e eeu. Kare i taea te 10 au tapoki i te katoatoa tei eeua atu, mako tika'i, kare i roa, kare katoa i too short, short and sweet i na tero tara'i. Ko te tapoki o nga toka e rua e iti, koia oki te tapoki ta te tangata i matau i te kite. Te vai katoa ra oki tetai au tu eeua toka kare i te iti, e au kakau tuketuke ra, mei te pareu tie-dye, e te vai atura, manea katoa oki te reira au new styles e use ia nei i teia tuatau kare i kitea ana i te au tuatau i topa.

I te atiangā i mua ake e pera i te tuatau e eeua ra te au tapoki, kua rauka katoa ia Socks i te oronga mai i tetai au akamarama'anga me kore turamarama'anga no tetai au tumu manako, koia oki: te tuatua no runga i te enua tei akatua te ngutuare o nga metua, ta raua au anau, mokopuna e te ina, te tangata nana i maani i te toka o nga metua, e tetai au au manako tei riro ei kiteanga me kore i te tavarenga i te tangata ia ratou e akarakara ra ia ratou e rave ra i te eeua o te au tapoki. Ko tetai ravenga meitaki teia i te tavarenga i te tangata – keep the audience occupied – naringa kare, noo vakare ua'i te tangata i te akara'anga i te angaanga e raveia ra.

Kia pou te au ariki i te eeu, kua rave mai te Orometua o Ngatangia, Rev. Tereora Tereora, i te akatapuanga o nga toka akamaara'anga, i mua ake te tangata ka aere atu ei no te tatauanga i tei tataia ki runga e pera no te nenei'anga tutu. Ko tei matauia oki, me eeua na te tapoki openga, ka tatauia mai e tetai mema o te kopu tangata te au tuatua tei tataia ki runga, i mua ake ka akatapuia'i e te Orometua, e oti aere atu ei te tangata ka akara. Ko teia ra ta Socks i akatere mai, manga tuke rai but all good, kare takiri e rauka tetai akaapaanga kia akao iatu ki roto.



E i te tangata e akarakara i nga toka tei eeua, kua announce mai a Socks e te neke nei te katoatoa ki Ngatangia, te rua o te tuanga eeua toka. No tetai au akakoroanga ke, kare atura au i aru ana i te urupu tangata ki Ngatangia, no reira i aere mai ei te tataanga i raro nei e na Mauri i rave.

Ko te tua tapapa o te nga metua tei akangaroi, tena ia i roto i te CICC Newsletter numero 10, kapi 11-17, tei tukua ki te katoatoa i te ra 27 o Peperuare mataiti 2007, e 12 mataiti i topa ake nei.

*Write-up and photos by N. Mataio*

### **Part 2: 3.00pm, Avana, Ngatangia, Papa Tua Tapurau & family**

Kua riro te Ruirua ra 27 o Aukute 2019 ei taokotai mai i te anau tamariki a te nga Tavini Maroiroi o te Atua tei moe i te moeanga roa koia te Orometua Eua Totini e Mama Terangi Totini e pera katou te Uanga Tapurau e te Kopu Tangata o Mama Margaret Tapurau mei Taranaki mai. Ko te akakoroanga no te eeua i te Toka Akamaaraanga o Papa Eua e Mama Terangi Totini i Matavera, e pera to te au metua o te Uanga Tapurau i Avana Ngatangia.

Kua riro e na te Diakono Eua Totini Jnr e tona tokorua ko Teroro Tapurau-Totini e to raua Kopu Tangata i akateateamamao i te reira akakoroanga. Kia takake atu te metuatane te Elder ko Tua Tome Tapurau i te mataiti i topa kua akanoonoo nga tamariki e mea tau i te tuatau e eeu ia ei te Toka Akamaaraanga o Papa Tome, kia akatu katoa ia to tona Mama, tona tuaine, tuakana, e pera tana tamaiti tei tanuia ki te ngai tanuanga i Avana kapiti atu ki to te nga metua i Matavera.

Kua manea tikai te angaanga tei rave ia i te reira ra. Kia oti te eeuanga o te Toka Akamaaraanga o Papa e Mama Totini i Matavera, kua neke atu te katoatoa ki te Tanumaanga o te uanga Tapurau i Avana no te eeu atu anga e 6 au Toka Akamaara anga i reira: (1) Tua Tome Tapurau, (2) Tua Tapurau Jnr, (3) Taruia Tapurau, (4) Ngapoko Tapurau, (5) Te Rorofanaura Te Ura Mave-Tapurau, e (6) Terai Tuatea Tapurau.

Kua riro rai e na te nga Orometua o te Ekalesia Matavera e Ngatangiaa koia a Rev. Takaikura Marsters e Rev. Tereora Viniki i rave i te au akakoroanga o te Pure no te reira akakoroanga. I muri ake i te reira kua raveia tetai takurua maata tei akateateamamao ia e te Kopu Tangata no te reira akakoroanga.



*Ngapoko*



*Papa Tome*



*Taruia*



*Te Rorotefanaura*



*Terai*



*Tua Jnr*

*Write-up by Mauri Toa; photos obtained by Mauri from the facebook of Teroro Tapurau-Totini*

## 10. AKAARIARIANGA TIVAEEVAE NA TE AU MAMA APIIANGA I TAKAMOA



ia Orana tatou katoatoa i te aroa maata o te Atua. Nga tuanga mamaata e toru, ta tatou i matau i te taiku na roto ite aroa, koia oki, ko te tua o te Evangelia, te tua o te Enuia e te tua o te Kavamani, Kia orana rava kotou i te aroa maata o te Atua. Te iti tangata Tapu o te Atua, Kia orana rava tatou katoatoa i te aroa maata o te Atua. Te karanga nei te tuatua na te Atua, Ko te aroa mou teia, kare e na tatou i aroa atu iaia, koia ra tei aroa mai ia tatou. Te mea mua, te akameitaki nei au ki te Atua, no teia tikaanga tei oronga ia mai, kia akaari atu au i te anagaanga akaariari'anga ate au mama Apiianga tei rave ia i te ra openga o te marama Tiurai, ra torungauru ma tai. Kua rave ia te reira ki roto ite Ruatoka Memorial Hall ki Takamoa.

Te karanga nei oki te Manako Maata a te au Mama Apiianga, (Theme) **Creation, Creative and Go Local (Anga, Angaanga, i toou manako, Aerenga Natura).**

I roto ite marama o Peperuare, i teia taumano ma taingauru ma iva, kua akamata ta matou i te tuitui ta te au Mama Apiianga tivaivai, "Taorei". Kua riro te Mama Orometua Vaine, Tekura Tereora i te apii mai ia matou i teia tuanga nei. Kua apai mai aia i te au kakau, e te au mea tei oti iaia i te tipupu ei akaraanga na te au Mama Apiianga, e pera katoa te tipupu (Cutter) e te board kia vaito i te atea o te kakau. Kua akari aia i tona marama no runga i teia angaanga tui Tivaevae. Kua akari katoa mai a Mama Orometua Tekura Tereora e pera katoa tona tokorua koia oki a Papa Orometua Tereora Tereora i to raua aroa ki te au mama Apiianga na roto ite oronga anga mai ite kakau Tivaevae ei akamata i ta ratou Tivaevae no te mea kua manako te au mama apiianganga e kia akaputuputu ratou i te au Varaire katoa e \$5.00 i te mama okotai, e tae uatu ki te tuatau, e tu katoatoa ei te au mama i te kakau Tivaevae. Kia akameitaki ia ra teia nga Tavini o te Atua, ko raua tei oronga mai i teia aka tauturu ki te au mama Apiianga,

Kua akamata matou i te Tivaevae o te Mama Peretiteni, ei akaraanga, e na roto katoa i tona kite i te akari mai ia matou e ka akapeea matou i te pakoti anga i teia tivaevae, e pera katoa ka akapeea te tui anga. Kare ra aia i tuku katoatoa i te au mama kia tui i teia tivaevae, kua oronga katoa atu aia i tetai au angaanga ke, ki te au mama, mei te tui i tetai pair cushion na ratou. Kua akari katoa aia i te au mama e, ka akapeea me tui i te a'ao kutini (cushion cover). Kua rauka katoa i te au mama apiianganga i te kimi marama atu e ka akapeea ratou i te akanoo'anga i ta ratou au cushion covers.

I roto i te marama Me, kua manakonako te Mama Orometuavaine Tekura Tereora e te Mama Orometuavaine Ngateitei, kia rave ia tetai Akaariari'anga (Show) na te au Mama apiianganga. Kua akari katoa mai aia ia matou e ra 26 o Tiurai te akaariari anga e Varaire te ra, ina ra kua kite mai matou i muri mai e ka tai'i teia ra, kua akateke atu aia ite show a te au mama i te ra 31 o July. Kua kite oki tatou e, ko te tuatau teia o te Maire Nui, i roto katoa i teia marama e tuatau tarere katoa teia no te au Apiianga. Noatu ra te reira kua rauka i te au mama Apiianga i te tauta kia oti ta ratou Tivaevae e ta ratou cushion no te show tei oti ake nei.

E rua ngauru ma rua matou te au mama apiianganga, ina ra e rua nga mama apiianganga kare i o mai ki roto i ta matou show. Kua aere atu raua ki Nutireni no te turanga o te apikepikē maki, e i roto katoa i teia tokorua mama kua akaruke mai tetai i tona Tivaevae kia akaoti ia, no reira kua o atu tana Tivaevae ki roto i te Show a te au mama Apiianga tei oti ake nei. Kua kapiti katoa mai te Mama Peretiteni, te Mama Puapii Maata e pera to matou puapii koia oki ko, Tekura Tereora mei roto mai i te Ekalesia Ngatangia. I roto katoa i te tuatau e tuitui ra matou, kua viviki i tetai au mama i te mou mai i te kite o teia Mama Orometua. Kua riro katoa taku i mou mai ite tauturu atu i tetai au mama na roto i te pati anga mai kia aku, kia tauturu atu ia ratou. Kua oronga atu au i toku tuatau kia ratou i te tauturu atu ia ratou e tae uatu i te tuatau o te show. Akameitaki ra au i te Atua, no tei rauka iaku te reira ngakau tauturu.

Kua tae i reira i te ra o te show, e kua akamata te reira i te orangauru i te popongi 10.00am. Kua riro te Mama apiianganga Teiau Nanai ei MC i te reira ra. Kua akamata matou i te reira na roto i te tuorooro'anga atu i te au Orometua tei tae mai e pera katoa te au taeake tei patia. Kua riro te reira tuanga na te Mama Aka'aere koia oki ko te, Mama Apiianga Makirau Saitu. I muri mai i te tuorooro'anga, kua rave iatu te pure akamata, Kua riro katoa e na te Mama Principal, koia a Mama Yvonne Marsters i rave mai i te pure akamata i te show a te au Mama Apiianga. I muri ake i te pure akamata, kua pati iatu te Mama Orometua Tekura Tereora kia aere mai no akaari anga atu i te au angaanga ta na i akari me kare i apii atu ki te au Mama Apiianga, e pera katoa te akatuera atu i te show a te au Mama Apiianga. Kua kapiki katoa atu aia i tona tokorua kia aere mai ki mua i te akari katoa i tana aka turuturu i te turu anga i te manako o tona tokorua. Te karanga ra oki teia tuatua e "Beside every great man is a great woman" I roto katoa i teia ra, kua tae katoa mai te tangata o te TV, i te nenei aere i te angaanga a te au Mama. Kua rauka katoa i te Mama Orometua Tekura i te pati atu i tona au taeake, ko ratou tei sponsor mai i te akakoro'anga o te au mama. Kia riringi ua mai rai te Atua Mana i tona aroa ki runga ia ratou tei oronga mai i teia aka tauturu, no teia akakoroanga o te au Mama Apiianga. Nana e

akamaata atu i ta kotou i pau no teia akakoroanga. Te karanga ra oki Koheleta 11:1 “E titiri i taau kai ki runga i te vai, e Manganui akera te ra i topa, rauka akaou atura ia koe.”



Te Karanga akaou nei te Tumu Manako a te au Mama Apiianga: Creation Creative, Go Local. Kare ratou i kamoumou i to ratou tuatau ki te tivaevae anake ua, kua akari katoa ratou i tetai au angaanga a ratou e raverave ana, koia oki ko te raranga, tuitui tivaevae tataura e te vai atura tetai au mea ta ratou e rave ana. Teia ra te mea umere tei kite ia mai i te reira ra, kua akamanea matou te au Mama i ngai e tuku iai ta matou roi. Kua rauka i te au Mama i te aere atu i te apai mai i te tai au tumu rakau me kare te ua kai natura ei akamanea i tana ake ngai e tuku iai tana tivaevae. Koia tikai te manea i te angaanga a te au Mama Apiianga i tera ra.

E reo akamaroiroi teia kia tatou te au Mama Apiianga, kia maroiroi uatu rai tatou i te rave i teia tuanga tei apii ia mai ia tatou, kia vai ua rai te reira ki roto i to tatou au ngakau ei tauturu rai ia tatou me tomo tatou ki roto i te au Ekalesia ta tatou ka tavini a teia au tuatau ki mua. Akaari ia taau i tamou, e pera katoa auraka e akama i te aere, kimi marama atu ki tetai ngai. Akameitaki nei au i te Atua, no te mea, te kite nei tatou i te tauturu a te au Papa Apiianga i ta ratou au vaine. Te akameitaki katoa nei au i te Atua, no te mea, ko te maata anga o teia au mama, mei te akamata atu nei i te tuitui.

Kua tae ki te akaoti anga o teia angaanga ki te openga, ina ra, kare matou i tuku ua i te au taeake kia oki ua, kua angai matou i te au taeake tei tae mai no te akarakara i teia show. E kua akaoti teia akakoroanga na roto i te akameitaki anga ki te katoatoa tei pati ia e pera ki te au Apiianga katoatoa, e tae uatu ki te Papa President e tona tokorua, te Papa Principal e tona tokoru e te Papa Orometua mei te Ekalesia mai i Ngatangia e tona tokorua, naringa kare kotou, kare teia show e tupu, e pera katoa te pure openga.

Reo aroa teia mei roto atu ia matou te anau a te Kuki Airani, koia oki, te au Mama Apiianga ki te Mama Perititini (President) Mama Akevai Ngametua, Ki te Mama Puapii Maata (Mama Principal) Mama Yvonne Marsters, ko korua tei tuku i to korua tuatau i te aere mai i te apii ia matou i ta korua i kite. Aroa takake ki te Mama Orometua Tekura Tereora no te tuatau taau i akataka noou kia riro koe ei puapii ia matou na roto i teia tuatau i te akari anga mai koe i toou kite kia matou, e pera ki toou tokorua akaperepere koi oki a Papa Orometua Tereora Tereora, tei turu iakoe i teia tuatau. Kia akamaata ua mai rai te Atua i to korua maroiroi e te kite ki roto ia korua. Te oronga katoa atu nei i te aroa ki te au Putuputu'anga Vainetini katoatoa i Rarotonga nei e tae ua atu ki te pa enua i vao mai ia tatou. Aroa takake, ki to matou au papa tei tauturu mai ia matou.









Ei taopenga i teia nuti ou a te au Mama Apiianga, te karanga nei ta matou Theme "Creation, Creative, Go Local" Kia orana e kia Manuia.



*Tataia e Metuakore T. Nikau, Mama Apiianga, Takamoa Neneia te au tutu tivaevae e Nga Mataio, Tekeretere Maata*

## 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; some taken by her, some by her colleagues. Happy reading. *Editor.*



### 1. THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION COOK ISLANDS REPORT OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE, NEW TAIPEI CITY, TAIWAN

*"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength" Maya Angelou*

The 13<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Conference was held in New Taipei City, Taiwan from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with the theme: **Unite, Thrive, Grow.** There were over 500 members, staff members, volunteers, members of Friends of Asia Pacific and day pass visitors attending the conference We



applaud and take our hats off to Girls Scout Taiwan for hosting the Conference with success despite only having 3 months to prepare themselves for the Conference. As we all know the 13<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Conference was supposed to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. But due to unforeseen terrorist activities 5 months prior to the conference the Sri Lanka Girl Guides put the safety of all participants first before anything else.

The Conference was held in the hearts of New Taipei City sharing venue between 3 different hotel located next to each other. Hotel Cham Cham, Caesar Park Hotel and the Hilton Hotels.

Prior to the Asia Pacific Conference was the Young Women in Governance program which I believe is the first to be held in any conference, out of this young women's program, young women ambassadors are born, a group of strong young women who will lead and carry out programs for young women in leadership roles.

The Conference was spread out in 5 days with programs running from the morning till the evening. From business meetings, speed dating, forums, playground ideas and so forth.

Day 1 started with opening of Business with roll calls and introduction of procedural teams, introduction on regional committee candidate as well as the opening ceremony. The Mayor of new Taipei City declared the Conference open by the hitting of the gong. The day carried on with Regional and Global updates on motions from the last World Conference from the Chair of the Asia Pacific Region Marybelle Marinas and Global team members Sarach Nancolas, Jayne Wachira and Ruchira Jayasinghe.

One of the main topics that was much discuss on day 1 was "Our Future" What will the future of WAGGGS look like? What can our member organisations expect from WAGGGS in the coming years and how we can as member organisations contribute to the movement? WAGGGS is in some financial situation which led to a major downsizing of WAGGGS staff right across the regions, some staffs have been relocated, some are in volunteer positions and some are left without work. I believe with the new WAGGGS structure it will have a heavy impact on small member organisations like us here in the Pacific, who will be sharing one relationship manager with the rest of the Asia Pacific Region.

The first day of the conference wrapped up with the international night, blessing the room with our presence in our island wears, our pare ei and beautiful island smiles. Show casing some of our art and craft, from ei poepoe, parau shells, head eis, printed pareus and a cultural dance by our young woman. With items sold on the night we made about \$246 USD which we donated to the Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS.



Day 2 started with a beautiful reflection by Sri Lanka Girl Guides followed by a new strategy and planning cycle for WAGGGS, this is a 12-year strategic direction for Girl Guides the will begin in 2020. It is quite a difficult topic that we are still trying to get our head around. On this day also we get to meet all the candidates for the regional committee through speed dating. We met them individually to get to know them not only on a personal level but also to know how they can contribute and assists member organisations especially us in the Pacific.

Proposed motions are also presented on this day for MO to discuss and asked questions about the motions that has been put through before voting on the motion in the next few days as well as the motion to bid the host of the 14<sup>th</sup>

Asia Pacific Regional Conference.

An example of a proposed motion that was tabled at the conference was that *it is recommended for WAGGGS to offer programs, events, resources, etc. more accessible to girls and young women from MO which speaks or operate in languages beyond the four official language of WAGGGS*

- 4 official languages of WAGGGS, English, Spanish, French and Arabic

Later on in that evening we had the Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS Membership ceremony for new and up grading members of Friends. It is with great pleasure to inform you all that we have 3 new Friends members, Ms Tatari Mitchell, Ms Peggy Turua and Miss Angelina Vaine Mitchell which brings our total number our Friends to 6. We hope and strongly encourage other GGACI members to become members of friends as well.

Day 3 we had the forums, forums are network sessions delivered by facilitators who has the capable skills and knowledge on certain topics or programs delivered and shared to other MOs. Topics such as, Asia Pacific Region funded projects, Free Being Me programs, Sustainable Development Goals, Promoting the Olympic in Japan through Olympia Badge, STEM and so much more. This was also our free night; each delegation was responsible for their own dinner. So we took this opportunity to explore a little bit of New Taipei City as well as the Nanya night market which was about 20-minute walk from our accommodation. There were plenty to see at the night market, lots of food and toys, ice tea is very popular there but sadly not much craft or souvenirs. Highly recommend to visit the night markets if you are ever in an Asian country.

Business of the Conference continues on day 4 with meeting for CEO's. International commissioner, Chief Commissioners. Pacific Island Member Organisations met with the AP Chair as well as with other Member Organisations in the Asia region on how we can support each other. Hong Kong Girl Guides donated us with some badges. There were also some discussions around Pacific Islands supporting each other to build each other because we know and understand our Pacific ways. As the meeting were being held a forum playground was also happening. The playground idea is where you meet different MOs displaying or sharing activities or programs that they use in the MOs and would like to share with other MOs.

The voting of the new executives took about 3 hours! Imagine that! After 2 rounds of vote and error occurred with the voting poll which led the whole conference to start the whole voting process again as well as the roll call. Voting was done electronically on the new WAGGGS app, with only the head delegate to access the voting app. After 3 hours we welcome our new APR committee!

Winnie She (Chair) - Hong Kong Girl Guides Association  
 Bronwyn Hughes (Assistant Chair) – Girl Guides Australia  
 Katheri Ann Charcos-Puyo – Girl Scout of the Philippines

Aya Inaura – Girls Scout Japan



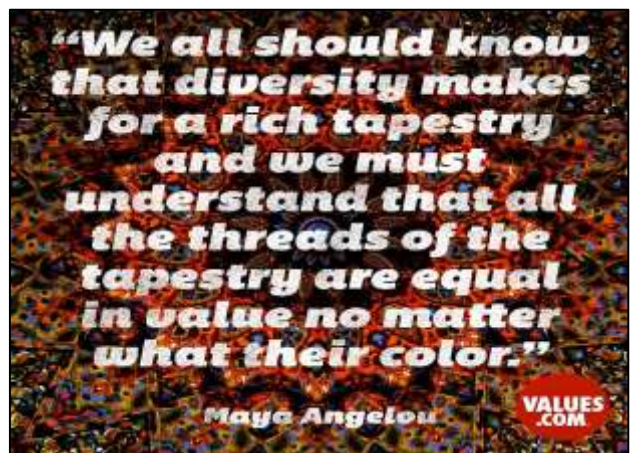
Chempaka Emalin Pahamin – Girl Guides Association Malaysia  
 Maiya Twayanbasu – Nepal Scouts

In the evening we had the Asia Pacific Region 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner, their celebration dinner or program is very different to how we celebrate events here in the Cook Islands. It felt more like an award ceremony than a celebration night from my observation. Dinner was different to what we are used too, they bring out the menu one at a time, by the time you get to the last meal you are already full! And we had Chinese buns as a birthday cake which they said it brings you blessing.

On the last day of the conference for the first half of the day we talked about global programs in the region such as the World Thinking Day program, Olympia Badge (we learned a radio cardio exercise) and the Sustainable Development Goals. Followed by award and gift presentation to the host country as well as the outgoing APR Committee. As we farewell the old committee a lot of exchanging gift took place to say thank you for their services to the APR in last 3 to 6 years. We placed ei poepoe and shells with poe tiare on the outgoing executives as well as a printed pareu on Marybelle Marinas the outgoing chair.

The rest of the afternoon was a free day and a sightseeing tour arranged by Girls Scout of Taiwan. We had 3 options to choose from with all 3 ending with a visit to the night market.

We would like to extend a meitaki atupaka to GGACI and our sister guides for your financial support through our air fares, accommodation, and conference fee. Thank you atupaka for your support through gift, prayers and so much more. We cannot thank you enough for all the support you all have shown towards us in making this 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Asia Pacific Region an enjoyable one and making it possible for 5 members to attend the APR conference.



Meitaki Atupaka

**2. TE MAEVA NUI 2019**

**Avarua Girl Guides Company**

“Te au ingangaro o taku putuputuanga Girl Guide - Te au kite karape kia akararangi ia, kia taporoporo ia”.  
 “The love and passion of my organization – To embrace it, to preserve it”.

Turou, Oro Mai!  
 Happy Birthday to all Cook Islanders today here and abroad.  
 Special Greetings to all our Leaders of our Country – Government, Traditional Leaders and Church Leaders.  
 Kia Orana kotou katoatoa.

Today we will be displaying some of the passions of our organizations through show casing the skills and passion of weaving. These are knowledge and skills that have been pass onto us by our pioneers and leaders before us from 1928 till this day – 91 Years of Guiding in the Cook Islands.

Avarua Girl Guides Company believe that, our Love and Passion for our company comes a long way. The skills of Weaving, using our Tree of Life – Tumu Nu. Through our many leaders and mothers, the knowledge of weaving has pass on from one generation to another generation. These skills are widely used in the home, community and church arena and in any outdoor programs. Teaching our girls in basket making, raurau, hat, mat, roofing thatches and so forth.



But the greatest love and passion of our organization is our GIRLS, OUR MEMBERS, without them there is NO Girl Guides. We want to embrace them and to pass on knowledge and skills that are taught in our movement enabling them to become better MOTHERS, better CITIZEN and excellent LEADERS of tomorrow.

Our Guide motto says: - “BE PREPARED” Kia Orana e Kia Manuia. Meitaki Atupaka!

**St Joseph Girl Guides Company**

LOVE & PASSION. St Joseph Girl Guides Company comes with these in the form of Garlands our Tropical Flowers.... Ei Katu & Ei Kaki. Ei Making and Floral Arrangement are taught to girls so they can be good Ambassadors of our country and understanding and embracing our customs when welcoming visitors and honoring guests in special events. The colorful flowers represent our LOVE to others.

Our pass and current leaders shared their skills in using our own tropical flowers and plant around the home and the community. The girls learn and earn badges in these areas as their rewards. Our Guide law says “A guide is kind to animals and respect all living things” Our passion for our organization is to reflect on our own cultural heritage. Ta tatou PEU MAORI, AKONOANGA MAORI. Have a beautiful day and Happy Birthday to you all. God bless you all! Meitaki Ngao!



**Nikao Girl Guides Company**

MY PASSION in Tivaevae Making. “Te au ingangaro o taku putuputuanga Girl Guide - Te au kite karape kia akararangi ia, kia taporoporo ia”. “The love and passion of my organization – To embrace it, to preserve it”.

Nikao Girl Guides did their best in displaying their Tivaevae and other embroidery work on this special day and they were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Placing. Their winning prize money gave them the opportunity to hold a picnic day for the members with BBQ food and ice cream to give thanks to their committees, supporters and the members of Nikao and financially support them in their company uniforms and badges for the girls.

TUROU, ARIA MAI! The different stitches and patterns shows the different type of Tivaevae are pass on from our leaders and Mama’s. We have Tivaevae Tataura, Tivaevae Manu, cushions, pillow cases and so forth to show you all. Meitaki Ranuinui, to Our Taunga tuitui Tivaevae like Mama Nga Mokoroa, Mama Maru Porea, Mama Teremoana and those who are not mentioned for sharing their knowledge to us today.

We honour and salute to those who are not with us anymore. Our girls are given the opportunity to learn and do these sewing skills and embroidery as part of their Badge work. These skills are taught to any girl in the movement, so they can improve their living in their homes and be a better mother’s.



Tivaevae making has taken some of our leaders and Mama’s to a higher levels of Exhibitions in the Region and International. Their work has shown a lot of pride in our country and overseas too. A guide has courage and is cheerful in all difficulties. Nikao says “BRING IT ON” Te Atua te aroa. Meitaki Korereka.

**Arorangī Girl Guides Company**

Would like to display 3 parts of their passion in Guiding.

Number 1

Tivaevae Display, they would like to dedicate this to many pioneers and mothers whom have been our back bone to pass on their knowledge and skills to girls and leaders since 1928. To those who are still here today, a Taunga in Tivaevae Making – Mama Tinomana Tokerau Ariki, Mama Vereara Maeva- Taripo, Mama Mataa Dean and those who are not mentioned. Meitaki Maata.

Number 2

Outdoor skills in Knotting and Gadget making. These skills are to prepare our girls for any outdoor programs or challenges that may arise during their life, such as camping, flag pole, clothesline, tripod, fire making and any planned outdoor events.



Number 3

**RECYCLING, REUSE and REDUCE.** Our girls have been taught, NOT to waste to be thrifty in their life. The beauty of the RECYCLE, REUSE and REDUCE has been part of our strong principle teaching our girls in these areas from mending old clothing’s, used carton boxes, reuse empty cans and bottles and so forth.

A Guide takes care of her own possessions and those of other people. Kia Orana e Kia Manuia.

### Titikaveka Girl Guides Company

Titikaveka Girl Guides Company shared their work on some areas they do at Monday training for young girls and women. They participated in the Te Maeva Nui Float parade on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Our theme this year 2019 says: - “Te au ingangaro o taku putuputuanga Girl Guide - Te au kite karape kia akararangi ia, kia taporoporo ia”. “The love and passion of my organization – To embrace it, to preserve it”.

Ke Ola! Love & Passion comes in different forms. Many says through our minds; some says through our hearts. Titikaveka says it comes through our hands. The skills of CRAFT.

Offering our girls these practical knowledge gives them the opportunity in developing confident, extend their imagination, to embrace and acknowledge these skills and to explore their boundary of creative ability. We dedicate these to our pioneers – Ms Pani Ben, Ms Naomi Iro, Mrs Makina Tutira and those who are not mentioned.

A Guide makes good use of her time. Have a wonderful day. Ata Wai wolo. Meitaki Polia.



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## 12. UIPAANGA NA TE KUMITI AKAERE O TE PCC



ua piri atu au ki roto i te uipaanga a te kumiti akaere o te Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) tei raveia ki Akarana mei te Monite 23 ki te Ruitoru 25 o teia marama Tepetema. Ko te ngai o te uipaanga koia oki te are tapaeanga (retreat centre) i Oratia – kare i mamao mei Henderson – tona ingoa ko te Bella Rakha Retreat Centre. E ngai teia mei te camping ground rai tona tu, tei koropiniia e te au rakau natura. Koia'i te akaieie i teia ngai, tano meitaki no te au taokotaianga mei teia te tu. E 15 matou i roto i teia uipaanga kumiti tei tae mai mei nga pa enua o te Pacific; Tonga, Samoa, Solomons, Fiji, e New Caledonia. Kua ikiia oki teia kumiti (executive committee) i te tuatau o te PCC assembly i Akarana i te marama Okotopa o te mataiti i topa 2018, tena te tataanga no te reira assembly i roto i te nutileta 72 tei tukuia ki vao i te marama Titema 2018, kapi 33-37.

### **Angaanga a te kumiti**

Ko te angaanga a te kumiti, koia oki te akapapu/follow-up anga i te au mea tei akaotia i roto i te uipaanga maata a te PCC tana e rave na i te au 5 mataiti katoatoa, tena oki kua taikuia i runga nei tana uippanga openga i oti uake nei i te mataiti i topa 2018. Ko te uipaanga katoa oki teia tei ututu/host a Rarotonga i te mataiti 2002; kua raveia ki te National Auditorium e kua noo te au mata ki te reira uipaanga ki roto i nga Ekalesia e 6, e pera tetai pupu ki te ngutuare o te Katorika i Avarua. I roto i te reira follow-up anga, ka ripoti mai te aronga angaanga o te opati o te PCC i Suva, no runga i te akatupuia anga o te au mea tei arikiia / update on implementation of programmes and projects approved in the assembly.

Te kite ra ireira tatou e, aiteite meitaki te turanga o teia nga taokotaianga – PCC assembly & PCC Executive Committee – ki ta tatou uipaanga maata e pera te kumiti akaere. I roto i te au uipaanga maata uriuria'i te au manako tei anoanoia kia uria, e ko te au mea tei arikiia, e angaanga ia na te kumiti akaere i te akatupu/implement/follow-up i rotopu i te au tuatau uipaanga maata. Kua pera katoa ki te PCC: uipaanga maata e te turanga o te kumiti akaere. Ko teia uipaanga i oti uake nei tana uipaanga mua i muri ake i te uipaanga maata o te 2018. Okotai taimete kumiti e uipa ana i te mataiti okotai, tera ireira te aiteanga ka uipa akaou aia i teia mataiti e tu mai nei 2020, penei ki Akarana akaou no te mea e mama ake te uipaanga kia raveia ki Akarana kia akaite iatu ki te akapouanga me ka raveia ki Fiji.

### Au tumu manako tei uriuria

I roto i teia uipaanga mua a te kumiti, ko teia i raro nei te au mea puapinga tana i uriuri:

- Meneti o te uipaanga maata 2018
- Akakitekiteanga/update no runga i te au tuanga tei raveia atu mei te tuatau o te uipaanga maata e tae ua mai ki teia tuatau
- Akapapaanga moni no te mataiti 2018 e te tamanakoanga akapapaanga moni no teia nga mataiti e tu mai nei
- Porokaramu angaaanga/strategic plan a te PCC no nga mataiti 2020-24
- Patianga na nga akonoanga Evangelia no te tikaanga kia riro mai ei mema tinamou no te PCC/application for PCC membership
- Tamanakoanga no te taokotaianga/merge i te PCC, Pacific Theological College (PTC) e te South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS) kia riro mai okotai kopapa ko te ka tuatuaia e, Pacific Ecumenical Council (PEC). E kaveinga ou teia ka akatupuia tei akamata takere tona paraniangaia mei tetai 10 mataiti i topa ake nei. Kua anoano oki te uipaanga maata 2018 kia oti e kia tupu teia i mua ake i te uipaanga maata 2023 te ka raveia ki Noumea, New Caledonia

### Akapouanga

Ko te au akapouanga katoatoa no te uipaanga, tera oki te aiteanga patete pairere, ngai nooanga, kai e te pereore, na te PCC. E no reira e mea meitaki kia orongaia te reo akameitaki ki te opati o te PCC i Suva, Fiji, ko tei akanoo/arrange i te au mea katoatoa no te tere maruanga o te uipaanga. Kia riro te vaerua o te Atua i te tauturu ua mai rai ia ratou i roto i te opati e rave maroiroi nei i te au angaanga i raro ake i te tamaruanga a te PCC e te akatereanga a tona executive committee.



Members of the PCC Executive Committee, 2018-23 *Photo by Netani Rika*  
 (gentleman in front row far left, and lady 4<sup>th</sup> from right in 2<sup>nd</sup> row, are visitors/non-committee members)

### PCC assembly 2018, Auckland, New Zealand



*Photos by N. Mataio*





### 13. FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



**UMMER SCHOOL 2019** The Commencement of 2019 began with a deliberate purpose to implement new courses and complete current courses. The College weekly program is designed to allow the students study time to ensure they complete their required assignments. There are new systems in place that benefit the students in their approach to each course and what is required of them. The Library is near complete and the opening was conducted to ensure the students could utilise the internet and books. The accreditation process for the College is nearly complete and the final outcome will be known in November 2019.

#### **LIBRARY**

The opening was conducted by Rev Vaka Ngaro and the library is constantly used on a daily basis. The Library received additional material and resources that were fundraised by the students as well as donated books and equipment. A representative from the Climate Change (CCCI) attended and spoke of the continued support to the College and its courses that are related to climate change and the environment. We are thankful to Climate Change for their support of the College by sponsoring the internet use in the Library. This allows the students to go on-line and source further information to assist in assignment requirements for certain courses. We are thankful to Dr Teina and Jackie Rongo for their assistance and advice to raise the standard of the Library and courses related to Climate change.

#### **NEW SUBJECTS**

Dr Teina Rongo is lecturing on the subject Eco-Theology. This is a new subject that has caused great interest amongst the students this semester.

This course will help the student to understand and respond to the current ecological crisis, climate change and environmental related issues. It will also bring a greater awareness of the responsibility mankind has in relation to creation.

The institution of the Church is recognized as an important pillar in Pacific island communities among government and traditional leaders. The church has the potential to address the plethora of environmental issues facing our communities today, yet their role has been limited to spiritual salvation. The purpose of this course is to bring attention to the role that the church can play in influencing decisions around the environment based on the Christian values of "stewardship". This course will provide a fundamental understanding of what Climate Change is and its impacts on communities. In particular, the course will examine the environmental crisis facing the world and the relationship this has with Christian ideals. With a special focus on a Cook Islands context, the course will also examine the influence of the Church as both the antagonist and a mitigation force for nature. While this course will be taught primarily in Māori, students will be given the option of submitting written assignments in Māori or English.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this Course students will be able to:

- 1: Describe what Climate Change is.
- 2: Critically reflect on (e.g., compare and contrast) different environmental issues within the Cook Islands and different approaches to mitigating the impacts.
- 3: Examine how our own lifestyles and worldviews enhance or endanger a healthy ecosystem.
- 4: Develop a Special Project regarding a specific environmental issue in our community from the perspective of the church.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTORS**

The accreditation process for each course requires all lecturers to provide a course descriptor. This allows the students to have a good overview of the whole course and they can plan the required work early.

Lecturers are required to follow the set outline or present an outline of each subject they will be delivering, to the Principal, before the course starts. This is to include:

- Course Title
- Course Code



- Course Level (Pacific Qualification Framework)
- Course Credits
- Entry requirements – Prerequisites
- Course Date
- Lecturer
- Course Description
- Learning Outcomes
- Outline and Schedule
- Learning hours
- Course Assessment (including matrix)
- Pass Criteria
- Required Textbooks and Resources
- Recommended Reading

These outlines are to be kept on file along with copies of the assessments in the Principal's office.

## **GRADUATION PLANS**

Apiianga in the 4<sup>th</sup> year are working hard to complete their Certificate and Diploma requirements. The graduation in February is planned for those who have completed the requirements for their studies. We have been able to capture classroom contact time and successful results since July 2017. We are very nearly to the end for the 4<sup>th</sup> year students who are working very hard to complete by Feb 2020. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year are on track to complete at the end of 2020, as are the 2<sup>nd</sup> year who are doing extremely well and look to complete in 2021. Some advanced students will begin the degree program at the end of 2019 and 2020

## **INFORMATION DESK**

An information desk will be set up in the Uipaanga Maata. The purpose is to display the direction, curriculum, procedures and guidelines and to visually show the Spiritual Journey of the current Apiianga. The information area will be manned by several Apiianga and the Puaapii Maata. This is to answer, explain and discuss any question or queries.

### **Statements**

Vision Statement

Mission Statement

### **Programs**

Certificate in Biblical Studies

Certificate in Youth Ministry (Commence 2020)

Diploma in Theology

Diploma in Ministry

Bachelors Program (External studies with PTC)

### **Pathways**

Pathway 1 - Certificate in Biblical Studies, Diploma in Theology

Pathway 2 – Certificate in Biblical Studies, Diploma in Ministry

### **Information**

Handbook 2019

Quality Management System (QMS)

Application Forms

Course Descriptors

This has been a very busy year with many initiatives, completion of projects and the pursuit of higher education. The College is in a stronger position with academic standards being raised as well as the delivery of a balanced program that meets the spiritual and physical aspects and needs of the Apianga.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Uipaanga Maata.

Your Servant in Christ,



*Rev Tere Marsters, Principal – Puapii Maata*

## 14. NUTI POTOPOTO



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

### ➤ **Upcoming CICC Assemblies**

- 2019 Sunday 13 – Sunday 20 October, Atiu
- 2021 Sunday 24 – Sunday 31 October, Aitutaki – to coincide with the CICC’s Bicentennial celebrations
- 2023 Sunday 12 – Sunday 19 February, Auckland, New Zealand (proposed, to be confirmed)

### ➤ **Next 4-year Cycle of the CICC Ministers Rotation Programme**

- Straight after the 2019 assembly, to be completed by end of year

### ➤ **Next 4-year Cycle of the CICC Office Holders’ Renewal**

- Last agenda item at the 2021 assembly in Aitutaki

### ➤ **Te Maeva Nui Constitution Celebrations**

- 2020 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August and
- 2021 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August

*(Source: Ministry of Cultural Development, Rarotonga)*

### ➤ **Next CICC Newsletter**

- Mid December 2019
- Deadline for submission of articles: early December

### ➤ **Gospel Day on Rarotonga**

- Cook Islands Gospel Day (Nuku) – Monday 28 October, Takitumu Primary School ground, Matavera

### ➤ **Annual Publications for 2020**

- TIA (daily readings card) – already posted to those Ekalesias with confirmed orders. Also available from the CICC head office in Rarotonga.
- PURE EPETOMA, KARERE – printed copies available at the CICC head office after the assembly. E-copies available, contact the CICC head office.

## TAKING NOTE AND LEARNING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

*Stories that are meant to inspire, to bring awareness, to provoke constructive thought, to pass the time if you like.*

### 1. A MAN'S TRUCK WAS STOLEN WHILE HE WAS ROBBING A STORE ACROSS THE STREET, POLICE SAY

A Washington man who reported his truck as stolen was arrested after police determined he was robbing a store when the vehicle was taken. William Kelley, 42, told police he'd left his red 1992 Chevy pickup truck in a parking lot after a night out a tavern, according to a release from the Kennewick Police Department. When he returned to pick it up early Sunday morning, he said he left the keys on the seat and went to find a bathroom.

Surveillance footage of the area obtained by police shows a man on a bicycle ride by and spot the keys. The thief can then be seen tossing his bike in the back and fleeing the scene. Kelley called police to report the theft, but because he had a prior warrant for his arrest, he was booked. "And then the story got real interesting," police said.

Upon closer inspection of video from the tavern, police discovered that Kelley had driven to the location that morning, then went into a business across the street to steal items. "His truck was stolen as he was stealing items," police said. "He was booked for Burglary."

Kelley's vehicle has still not been located and police asked the public for assistance identifying the car thief.

*USA TODAY, August 27, 2019. Post by Kennewickpolice.*

### 2. LAMENTING THE END OF AN ERA

*The kind of writing employed below is probably best described as a cross between poetry and laidback.*

#### Part I: The Early Years

- In the mid 1960s, Government erected an over 100-metre radio mast at Matavera Primary School, Rarotonga
- It was the ideal technology of the day to improve transmission and reach the outer islands, the *real deal* of the day, in today's language
- *To bring them closer*, so the experts in the field say
- It certainly brought the outer islands closer; clearer and faster radio communication
- No more; *Sorry, I can't hear you properly, can you please repeat! I sent you a telegram, did you get it?, etc., etc.*
- Built right in the middle of the school, it seems no one bothered asking questions at the time as to whether that was the most suitable location
- I mean right in the middle of a school with over 100 pupils? Why would anyone in his right mind even ponder over such a location?
- If it was build today, it probably would never have passed even the planning stage!
- People of this generation are a whole lot more vocal than the generation of 50 years ago, and no such crazy plans would be entertained in either the office or a public forum today
- Anyway all went well, no worries, communicatons personnel was there regularly to maintain the structure
- No issues, no headaches, no questions asked, sweet as, so why worry, be happy, lets keep moving on with our lives and catch up with the technology



## Part II: 54 Years of Service

- ✓ 1965 when it was built, to the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s – the mast stood, proudly no doubt
- ✓ At over 100 metres (107 to be exact), nothing within its vicinity come anywhere near to its height
- ✓ One can see it from as far as the CICC church on the east, and a kilometre or so towards town
- ✓ And when one is up the hills and mountains of Matavera, it is clearly visible from all angles
- ✓ Up the hills of Tupapa and Ngatangiia, one can probably still see it with a pair of binoculars
- ✓ It continued doing the task expected of it for many years, in fact it turned 50 like 4 years ago
- ✓ While the school celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, it was doing like-wise for its 48<sup>th</sup> birthday
- ✓ This therefore means its 54 years old this year, and have probably reached the end of its economic life
- ✓ No doubt the country was brought and kept closer all those years for it to continue surviving that long
- ✓ Because if it had not, it would've been history already



*Takitumu Primary School celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September 2013; radio transmission mast in background.*

## Part III: Not As Good As New Anymore

- One of the smart inventions of today happens to be the drone, *peeping tom* it can also be called
- Someone thought well if I can see things from up there, why don't I take a look at this over 50-year-old fella? If the experts say its still safe, lets see what the drone says, send it up for some close-up shots
- So up goes someone's drone – *and lo and behold, look at this, the structure is rusting away!*
- Rusting most likely due to lack or no maintenance over the past 10, 20, who knows how many years!
- I've lived in Matavera all my life, I cannot recall seeing people climb up the mast during the past 20-odd years
- I can clearly remember seeing them regularly go up during the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, in fact I know 2 of them very well, one lived in Matavera and the other in Aitutaki
- I have the greatest respect and admiration for their courage to scale the structure, putting their lives in great danger
- They have since passed on, and as mentioned above, I've never seen anyone else do that kind of job for a long time now – until 2 months ago (see **Part IV** below)
- There are lots of people who never like heights, and I happen to be one of them, and climbing the mast is certainly not for the faint-hearted; much safer on the ground

## Part IV: So We Have A Problem, Lets Deal with It

- ❖ The drone says *You guys are living dangerously down there, you had better do something before its too late!*
- ❖ Teachers, school committee: *Oh my goodness, what shall we do? We've gotta do something, can't sit around doing nothing! Let's look at some realistic options*
- ❖ I'm guessing that the popular view amongst the officials (teachers, school committee), including the legal adviser of the committee, would have to be *Well, what are we waiting for, lets get the ..... out of here!*
- ❖ Okay, hold your horses, you guys need to do this properly and wisely; go see the bosses and the experts

- ❖ And so they did, and the outcome was that they *both* had to move; the school as well as the mast itself!
- ❖ So the ball started rolling in that direction
- ❖ Which resulted in the school being relocated to the Holy Spirit Revival Church and the CICC Sunday School Hall both at Matavera, and the Titikaveka Pre-School
- ❖ Yep, the school packed up – reluctantly no doubt – and moved; juniors to Holy Spirit, seniors to Sunday School Hall, and Pre-school all the way to Titikaveka Pre-school
- ❖ Expecting of course that the relocation wouldn't take much longer than a couple or few weeks
- ❖ Anyway, moved they did, and not one of them – including the pupils themselves – celebrated the move, in fact they wanted to move back as soon as possible because of the many disruptions to the normal schooling system in their temporary environments

**Part V: And The Mast Itself?**

- ◆ Yep, it also moved – not to another location but all the way down, down to the ground and into history
- ◆ So it was like, *Now you see, now you don't*; those who are reciving this newsletter will recall reading up on this very subject matter of *see/don't see* in issue no. 74 released last March, pp. 53-56
- ◆ So the relevant Government authorities (CIIC, MoE) gazed around for someone to do the job
- ◆ Local company Raro Steel & Welding was selected, and because some materials and equipments required for the job had to be secured from abroad, the duration of the project therefore went from a few weeks to almost 3 months, with the actual dismantling within 3 weeks
- ◆ The school moved out in May, and moved back in during the last week of August
- ◆ So from the tallest man-made structure in the country, to no-more within a matter of under a month
- ◆ What a fantastic job Conrad & his local team did, good on you boys, job well done, congrats
- ◆ It is now clear that high-risk jobs such as these can be carried out by our own boys, no need to look outside of the country



*After 54 years of useful service and enduring the elements, the mast was dismantled by Raro Steel & Welding Co. in August 2019*



## Part VI: So How Does It Feel Now?

- ⊗ The saying *Now you see, now you don't*, fits in nicely here
- ⊗ It has stood for over half a century, served its designated purpose, survived the elements, and certainly looked down on kids studying and playing, kids who went on to become leaders in many fields of society
- ⊗ But there's another saying; Solomon in Ecclesiastes 3 says *there is a time for every event under the sun*
- ⊗ So if we go along with that logic, the mast was built, it did its job, and it was in the end dismantled
- ⊗ If it can talk, it will probably say something like; *I did my job, and is this what I get back, killed and dumped into oblivion? What kind of an arrangement is this, rewarding good with evil?*
- ⊗ Well, sorry mate, its either you or our children; you either continue standing and your usefulness continues to go downhill because of the advances in technology in this day and age, or we care more for our children, the leaders of tomorrow, which means you must disappear, whether you like it or not, its safer for our anau, thankyou ra
- ⊗ Ok, now how shall we do this in a more humane way, you know, in such a way that there are no ill feelings?
- ⊗ Let's try this:-
- ⊗ The mast: *Okay, I think I understand, I'm just an object, I've done my part and I'm old and tired now, I reckon a good retirement will do me a lot of good, so let me go in peace, I'm off to write my memoirs, bye ra children, continue doing well at school and be good kids, citizens and leaders of tomorrow*
- ⊗ The school: *Oh what a good feeling, back to school, back to normalcy, no place like home, best for schooling, but wait, we are not gonna see our neighbour anymore! Sorry mast, we will miss you, we will think about you, we won't and can't forget you, after all we did live side by side, day in day out. We're priviledged to have co-existed with you, the generation of tomorrow is not going to have that opportunity. So bye ra, you have a great retirement which you so deserve after serving the country for so long.*



*Write-up and photos by Nga Mataiao, former school student, parent of 2 former school students*

### 3. HAIR-DRYER-WIELDING MONTANA WOMAN TARGETS SPEEDERS WITH FAKE RADAR GUN

It's an old trick, but in this case, at least it got people's attention. There have been more than a few fake speed-trap cameras used around the world, from a DIY effort made from a drain pipe and an old beer mat in the U.K. to decoys once installed by police forces in a Maryland town. The effort in all these cases is the same: to get drivers to slow down. A Montana grandmother decided to join the trend armed with nothing but a hair dryer, and it might have even fooled some drivers. For her efforts, she was made an honorary trooper by the local police.

This summer, Patti Baumgartner pulled a lawn chair to the side of the road and simply pointed her hair dryer at passing cars to get them to slow down in the area where her grandchildren live, which is south of Kalispell, a small city of about 23,000 near Glacier National Park. She was proud of her efforts and threw up some pictures on Facebook. It's just the kind of thing that has the potential to go viral, and that's exactly what happened. The Montana Highway Patrol's Trooper Noah Pesola was so impressed that he tracked Baumgartner down to give her a hat and a badge (well, a sticker badge) for her efforts.

Pesola has made it his personal Twitter feed's mission to share all kinds of safe driving rules, including some that must come in handy often in Montana: "If you are in a rental car and hit a deer at 6:45 a.m., don't wait until 11 a.m. to call . . . I promise it will save heartburn with the rental company." For motorcyclists, he noted



that if there are four or more cars behind a bike, the biker needs to pull over and let them pass, otherwise it is considered impeding traffic. He also let his followers know that you shouldn't swerve for deer and that there's no speed limit grace period when you're going down a hill. Pesola's getting attention for humor, but not always: He posted on July 22: "42 fatal crashes in 45 days across Montana." That puts Baumgartner's fake speed gun into perspective.

*Car and Driver, September 21, 2019 Photo credit: P. Baumgartner via Facebook*

#### **4. A 4TH GRADER WITH SPINA BIFIDA ALMOST COULDN'T ATTEND A CLASS TRIP. A TEACHER CARRIED HER SO SHE COULD**

When a 10-year-old who can't walk was unsure how she'd attend a class hiking trip, a teacher offered a solution: He'd carry her. Ryan Neighbors has spina bifida and is paralyzed from the waist down. So, she uses a wheelchair to get around. When Ryan's mother, Shelly King, learned about a class trip to the Falls of the Ohio State Park, she worried her daughter would miss out.

King said she explored the possibility of carrying Ryan in a special backpack, but then one of the teachers of Tully Elementary School in Louisville, Kentucky, stepped up. Jim Freeman — who isn't Ryan's teacher and who hadn't interacted much with the 10-year-old, according to King — offered to carry Ryan for the day. King said the offer from Freeman was "out of the blue."

10-year-old Ryan Neighbors nearly missed a class field trip because she needs a wheelchair to get around. Tully Elementary School teacher Jim Freeman carried her around in a special backpack. "That's how wonderful this man is," King said in a phone interview with USA TODAY. She added, "We've never really talked. I didn't know his first name before he offered to do this."

Freeman had to carry Ryan, who, according to her mother, is roughly 55 pounds, while traversing boulders and fossil beds. "It melted my heart," King said. King posted pictures of Freeman carrying Ryan to Facebook. The photos have been shared more than 1,000 times.



King said her daughter, who had to miss a field trip last year, will never forget the kindness the teacher showed her. "When I got to see the fossils and stuff, I was like, 'Wow, that's like, really cool. I haven't gotten to see that before,'" Ryan said in an interview with WLKY-TV in Louisville.

Freeman told the TV station he wasn't looking for recognition. Tully Elementary is part of Jefferson County Public Schools. "All the teachers here at Tully and JCPS, they work harder than most people realize," Freeman told WLKY. King added she never expected the photos to reach as far as they have. "To anybody else who is in a wheelchair, nothing should stop you ... and you shouldn't be afraid to ask for help. There are good people out there who want to help you." she said.

*USA TODAY, September 24, 2019. Contributing: Ashley May*



## MEMORY LANE

*I am indebted to the Head of the Ministry of Cultural Development (Anthony [Ants] Turua), Government of the Cook Islands, for kindly granting me permission to access and publish via this newsletter, Cook Islands memory-lane photos of yester-years from the Archive Division of his Ministry. Much appreciation also goes to Ms Paula Paniani, the Ministry's Archivist, for going through old records and collections to retrieve and make e-copies of the images. There is only one purpose here; to facilitate dissemination of the images to Cook Islanders (and interested non-Cook Islanders as well) scattered all over the Pacific and beyond, who will no doubt resonate with some of the images in this and future issues of the newsletter for a number of reasons: they might sight ancestors or can recognise some of the current events related to those of years gone by, and so on. Such a rich collection of memories should, I strongly feel, come out of the closet to be enjoyed by a much wider audience: not everyone will ever get the chance to visit the Ministry's Archive and view the images for themselves on the spot. As you Cook Islanders view and decipher the comparison of the world then and now, perhaps take a few moments to imagine and appreciate how far things have evolved and more importantly, where might they be heading tomorrow in this increasingly IT-driven, fiercely competitive, and rather mad in a manner of speaking, world today that we call our home. Editor.*

### Gospel Day (Nuku) images on Rarotonga from the 1960s and 1970s

October 26 every year is public holiday to commemorate the arrival of Christianity to the Cook Islands (Aitutaki) on this day in 1821. The CICC parishes get together to showcase allocated Biblical dramas, known as Nuku. The Nuku photos below come from the Johnson Studio collection being kept at the National Archives. According to Paula, a deal was struck in 1987 between former Museum Archivist George Paniani and Marguaret Johnson (of the Johnson Studio) for the collection to be kept by the Archive for the enjoyment of future generations.



Nuku by Ekalesia Matavera at Takamoa.



*First 2 photos at top: Nuku by Ekalesia Matavera at Takamoa. Middle left: Nuku at Takamoa, Ekalesia uncertain. Rest of photos on this page: Nuku, venue and Ekalesias uncertain. First 2 photos next page, Nuku, venue and Ekalesias uncertain.*



*Tereora College, the national secondary school of the Cook Islands on Rarotonga.*





*Tereora College, 1985, with teacher Maeva Karati.*



*A Government function by the late first premier of the Cook Islands, Sir Albert Henry, for what appears to be a visiting delegation from abroad.*

## CALL OF THE APOSTLES

(They trod the dusty roads of Galilee – An Independent Study on the Apostles of Christ)

### PART 9 (continued from last newsletter)

#### **JAMES – THE SECOND SON OF ALPHEAUS**



Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13

Once again we are faced with the challenge of studying an apostle about which little is known except His name. Once again we are forced to remember a practical principle the message is more important than the man, even an apostle.

A.W. Tozer once preached a sermon entitled *What Man is not to Glory in and Why*. His text was Jeremiah 9:23, 24. *Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches...But let him that glorieth glory in this, That he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord Which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, In the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.*

*righteousness, In the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.*

There is good reason, explained Dr. Tozer, why the mighty man is not to glory in his might or the wise man in his wisdom or the rich man in his riches. The reason is simple. The wisest of all men are really not so wise. Who has yet to explain the origin of life and the universe? While there are great advances in information, each door of knowledge that opens reveals a more complex and immense field of study.

In like manner the mighty man is not so mighty. Years ago, in 1927, when Jack Dempsey was fighting Gene Tunney for the heavyweight championship of the world, the event was billed as the fight of the century. One honest sports commentator was not impressed and made the observation that a half-grown gorilla could whip both contenders with no problem at all. Living in a day that glorified the athlete and the power of the gladiators Paul reminded people that bodily exercise profiteth little. There is some profit but exercising to holiness is more important.

And the rich person should not boast in wealth. The One who gave it can take it away suddenly or, He can take the person from the money. In 1988, the death of Christina Onaiases was reported. She died at the age of 37. Though the heiress of billions of dollars she was not able to function normally in life. Drugs did not help. Four marriages did not help. Like others before her, Christina was a poor little rich girl and she exited from life in a tragic way.

Power, education, physical beauty, money, or being an apostle must not be glorified in. Rather, a person can only glory in understanding and knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Jesus told the apostles not to rejoice in their abilities to heal the sick or raise the dead but *Rejoice because your names are written in heaven.* (Luke 10:20) If we know little about the apostle James it is enough that his name is written in the *Lamb's Book of Life*.

However, there are some things that can be said about James. Through careful study of the Scriptures three probable conclusions can be reached. First, he is the brother of Matthew. James is consistently identified as the Son of Alphaeus. Mark tells us that Matthew (Levi) was also the son of Alphaeus. Many Bible scholars are in agreement that Matthew and James were brothers but they were brothers who violently disagreed over politics and religion.

Matthew chose to unite with the Roman Empire in order to take money from his own people through taxation. As a result, he brought shame to his religious heritage and family tribe, which was the priestly tribe of Levi. In contrast, it may be that James chose to identify himself with the Zealots. The Zealots were a fanatical patriotic Jewish group whose single purpose was to overthrow the rule of Rome through every means including terrorist activity. The evidence that James was at one time a member of this terrorist organization is slight but interesting. In the list of the apostles given by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, four disciples are consistently named together.

1. James the son of Alphaeus
2. Thaddaeus (Judas, the brother of James)
3. Simon the Zealot
4. Judas Iscariot

In ancient documents each of these men are linked to the Zealots in some form. If James was the brother of Matthew as the son of Alphaeus, and if he was a member of the Zealots then there must have been some intense hostility in the home of Alphaeus. One son was considered to be a traitor to Israel while the other son was constantly subject to Roman arrest. And yet they came together to follow Christ. It is a wonderful testimony to the fact that Jesus came not only to reconcile men to God but also, at times, to reconcile people to each other. There is not always a happy ending to conflict within families. The place of pledged love often becomes a battle ground for the launching of verbal, mental, and physical abuse. The Bible is realistic. There is sometimes much danger within families. There is much hatred and hostility as individuals try to control the behavior of others.

The Holy Spirit faithfully records the unspeakable:

1. Cain killed his brother Abel.
2. Jacob robbed his brother Esau and lied to their father Isaac.
3. Even the Lord's own brothers and sisters thought that.
4. He was mad for claiming to be the Messiah.

Jesus said that He came to put a sword in the home and divided husband and wife, father, and son, mother and daughter. Some of the greatest opposition to the cause of Christ comes from family members. However, there is also the reality that when individuals submit to the Lord Jesus as Master, He has a wonderful way of transforming hearts. No longer do people need or want to hurt each other. They can be gracious again.

It has been noted that a hundred piano's tuned to one instrument are tuned to one another and, a hundred Christians following Christ will care for one another. Here is a great lesson. If Christian grace is to reign in a relationship, then individuals must first of all be in love with Christ. The Lord can restore a broken relationship when He is honored and the principles of 1 Corinthians 13 are seriously applied to specific situations. The working together of a political zealot and a pawn of greed demonstrate the power of Christ and the gospel of redeeming grace.

Whatever else is known about James the son of Alphaeus, is shrouded in legend and tradition. One interesting story has been preserved in the Golden Legend, a seven-volume collection of events in the lives of the saints dating back to AD 1275. The legend relates that James resembled Jesus Christ so much in his physical appearance that it was difficult to tell them apart which is why Judas kissed the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. The killing kiss of Judas was to make sure that Jesus and not James was taken prisoner. Having spent three and half-intense years with Christ, maybe James did begin to look like Jesus. Certainly it was his desire to be like Christ. That is a worthy objective of every believer.

*O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer,  
This is my constant longing and prayer,  
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear*

Tradition records that James preached in Persia and that he died a martyr by crucifixion. The word martyr literally means *witness*. James was a witness for the Lord until the end of time. There are two basic ways to witness for Christ: by life and by lips. The life of a Christian ought to be different in public and in private from the life of a person unconverted. There are certain things Christians should not do because they are fundamentally wrong. And there are certain things Christians should do because they are right. The fruit of the Spirit can be manifested such as love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, and self-control.

In addition to being a witness by living a virtuous life, there is the matter of the lips. The Bible says that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. But how shall people hear unless Christians witness to them and *tell* them the gospel? In Acts 8 the story is told how all the Church was persecuted by Saul and had to hide for protection. *Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.* It is the church as a whole that must preach the Word of God and not just a select few. This point is essential to



understand because it puts a responsibility on every man, woman, and young person to somehow, somewhere, *tell* others that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Being an effective witness for Christ takes desire and sensitivity, but the Lord will have His people witness for Him. He has given us apostles as examples. They in turn have given us their own lives to encourage our hearts to go forth with the good news of saving grace. We must do something for Christ whether we are remembered in detail or not.

The truth of the matter is that most of us, says Dr. Herbert Lockyer, *are commonplace, having no exceptional gifts or powers. We are inconspicuous, simple, ordinary folk, models of mediocrity. Yet the common place character of our limitations should not make us indifferent about living to the full in our small corner. Much of the world's most needed and most blessed work is done by those about whom the world knows nothing.*

### The Baptism of the Believer

Without question the best starting place to be a witness for Christ by life and by lip is in the act of baptism. Baptism is the will of the Lord. It is His holy command and so is not to be neglected or ignored. While it is true that baptism does not save in and of itself, and while it is true that baptism does not keep a person saved, it is also true that baptism is commanded.

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said, *All power is unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

The Church has no option but to obey the will of the Lord. Every Christian has a Great Commission

1. To teach all nations and to be taught the things of the Lord.
2. To baptize all disciples and to be baptized as well.
3. To disciple others in the doctrines of grace and to be students of the Word as well.

In the act of baptism several things happen.

1. The Lordship of Christ is honored. Many years ago, a number of prominent literary men were assembled in a plush clubroom in London one day. The conversation was directed to a discussion of some of the important figures of the past, and one of the company suddenly asked:

*Gentlemen, what would we do if Milton were to enter this room? Ah, replied one of the men, we would give him such an ovation as might compensate for the delayed recognition accorded him by the men of his own generation. And if Shakespeare entered?*

*Asked another. We would arise and crown him master of song, was the answer. And if Jesus Christ were to enter? Asked another. I think, said Charles Lamb amid an intense silence, we would all fall on our faces. If Jesus has all regal power, and if Jesus has all saving power, then obviously He is to be obeyed.*

It is the will of Christ for His subjects to be baptized. It is the will of the Savior for those for whom He has died to be baptized because in the act of submission to baptism His Lordship is recognized.

2. In the act of baptism, a spiritual symbolism is expressed. By going down into the water the believer is buried in the likeness of His death. And when the person comes up out of the water, he is raised in the likeness of His resurrection. By the act of baptism every believer is identified with the substitution death of Christ. We do not have to die at Calvary but Christ did. We do not have to go to hell to atone for sins but Christ did. He took our pain and our just penalty in His own body and He asks us to identify with Him in that great work of redemption.
3. In the act of baptism, the world knows that there is no turning back. This was certainly true for the early Jewish converts who came to Christ. By baptism they made a dramatic break with the past. Many Christians who have come out cultic structures or the occult experience the same radical cleavage. There is no going back.

4. In the act of baptism, the experience is such that it shall never be forgotten. There is a feeling of being born again because all sins have been washed away.

*A ruler once came to Jesus by night,  
To ask Him the way of salvation and light;  
The Master made answer in words true and plain,  
Ye must be born again  
Ye must be born again  
Ye must be born again  
I verily verily say unto thee,  
Ye must be born again.*

Nothing illustrates the new birth better than the act of baptism.

5. In the act of baptism, great humility is revealed. It is somewhat embarrassing to be baptized because it does not happen every day. New situations are always a little uncomfortable for most people. But Jesus said, *If you do not confess Me before men, neither will I confess you before my Father who is in heaven.* To be ashamed of Christ is unthinkable for a Christian.

If you have never been obedient to the will of the Lord in baptism, then do not delay. By life and by lip, by private conversations and public demonstrations, tell the world you are a Christian so you can sing with sincerity:

*I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian  
I'm not ashamed His name to bear;  
I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian  
I'll take Him with me anywhere.  
I'll tell the world how Jesus saved me,  
And how He gave me a life brand new;  
And I know that if you trust Him  
That all He gave me  
He'll give you.  
I'll tell the world that He's my Savior,  
No other one could love me so;  
My life, my all is His forever,  
And where He leads me  
I will go.*

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