

# Ministry Update from the Fiji Islands

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Dear Friends,

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The College of Theology and Evangelism Fiji (formerly Fiji Bible College) was born out of the desire to obey the Apostle Paul's injunction, "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" 2 Timothy 2:2.

## Alumni Focus



Tevita Lalahi (B.Th., 2005) is the senior executive officer of the newly formed Bible Translation Organization (BTO) of Tonga.

In his recent College visit, Tevita shared his vision of promoting Bible translation among Tongans and in the near future, he hopes to be a Bible translator in Papua New Guinea.

Tevita recounts that the ministry of the Fiji Bible College fostered in him a love for the Scriptures and a desire to see God's Word proclaimed clearly and accurately. While studying at the Fiji College of Theology and Evangelism Tevita met Dr. Greg Fox, a Bible translation consultant who had come to teach a session on Biblical Hebrew. Curious, Tevita quizzed Fox about his work. It was at this time, the Lord instilled in his heart a burning passion for Bible Translation. His full story can be read at <http://www.wycliffe.net/stories/tabid/67/Default.aspx?id=2961>.

## Student Focus



Jason Rua is a first year student from the Solomon Islands. He was born in a family that placed a lot of emphasis on education but had very little time for the things of God.

Jason recalls his upbringing challenging as his mum and dad had constant fights with each other. Sadly, today they remain divorced.

Lacking parental guidance added to Jason's own personal struggles. **He recalls drifting in the sea of sin and how he was on the way to a dangerous precipice**

**that would have taken him to hell. One day finding himself near cliff-edge, he notes, "Christ caught me and saved me."** He said the Lord used the director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Solomon Islands to lead him to salvation.

Last year, the director of CEF was visiting Fiji Islands. He met Dr. Nair and this initiated Jason's journey to CTEF. Well, Jason has successfully completed his first year of training and he is hoping to complete his Bachelor of Divinity studies by 2016. Upon graduation Jason is hoping to go back to Solomon Islands to equip saints and evangelize the lost. We count it our privilege to train and equip future church leaders like Jason.

## Practicum



Jason Rua takes his turn to do a 3-minute presentation after a week-long seminar on the Art of Bible Story-telling. Students were awarded a Certificate of Completion



## Love in Action



An Australian mission's team tidied the Student's kitchen. They not only gave their time to this project, but brought with them all the stainless steel cabinet hardware.



## Psalm 110: A Prophetic Messianic Royal Psalm

How would you like to be a silent auditor to the conversations of the leaders of this world? What if you had an extension of the “hot line” in your own home? What we have in Psalm 110 is something of an inside in heaven itself. We are with David as he is listening to the intercommunications of the Holy Trinity! In this text we are in the highest heavens. In these words we join David as he heard YHWH speak to Adonai.

1. Psalm 110 is a direct prediction of the Messiah. The first oracle is introduced by a phrase common in the prophets (the LORD says), a formula of **prophetic** revelation signifying a divine utterance. The phrase “the LORD says” is frequently used in the Bible in divine oaths but it occurs only here in the Psalter.
2. Psalm 110 is unquestionably a **messianic** psalm. A Messianic psalm uniquely focuses upon the Lord Jesus Christ and finds its greatest and ultimate fulfillment in Christ. The New Testament records that Jesus himself refers to verse 1 as having been spoken by David through the Holy Spirit. He clearly sees this Psalm as applying to himself even though the Pharisees would not admit it (Matt. 22:41-46).
3. Psalm 110 is a **royal** Psalm. A Psalm in which David foresees Messiah enthroned as divine King and royal priest who will triumph as a holy warrior. This portrays God as King over all the earth and a God who is executing his plans for human history.

Hence, Psalm 110 could well be the greatest of the messianic psalms in which David utters a prophecy of the coming Messiah who will combine in his person the office of a **King, Priest, and Warrior**. No wonder Christians can sing songs like, “Jesus Messiah, name above all names.” May this encourage our walk with Him today! Sadly, in more recent times the Psalm was interpreted in the light of Form-Critical Research, the traditional exegesis was met with an abrupt rejection.

*More on Psalm 110 next time, notably, its complexities and significance.*

### Lovu Bible Church: 3-Day Family Camp on Oct 18-20



Abby playing with Briana

Camp was well attended. I was asked to preach 4 messages. I also conducted one of the seven group discussions after each preaching. On my right you can notice a newly-wed Hindu couple listening attentively. In fact, a total of 11 non-believers came. Our camping ground was a Hindu private school. In the Sunday evening program, some Hindu neighbors also came. We thank God for the opportunity to share the Gospel. Please be in prayers for our church and the outreach efforts.



Lunch being served. Charlene looks on.

*Beloved, Sharmila and I am encouraged to see your participation in the Lord's work going on in Fiji. Your prayers and giving helps us in the ministry. THANK YOU. All glory and praise be to God!*

**By God's Grace,  
Premend & Sharmila**