

# FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



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Christ's Burning Bushes For The Pacific

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## Breaking New Ground

You and I helped make history to do the first ever "National Sunday School Children's Festival" here in Fiji, tying it into the National Conference of the Assemblies of God. In the past the National Conference (General Council held once every two years) only involved the pastors. We partnered in vision with the national leadership to make the General Council here an event that not only challenges and encourages pastors in their vision and ministry, but that reaches out to equip whole families.

**Thanks to your faithful** support and prayer, and help from BGMC and Good New Crusade Fund we saw over 400 children from all around Fiji enjoy 4 days worth of games, snacks, and challenging programs in the capital city of Suva.

**Programs that challenged** the kids to be born again, know who the Holy Spirit is, and equipping programs that taught them how to lead a friend to Christ and pray through in salvation.

**Take a look** at the following links below to open up Youtube videos of:

- 1) The Obstacle Course, Team Games, and Relays we set up
- 2) That Crazzy Monkey KIKO! Messing up the scripture and distracting like an ADHD hopped up on espresso double shots!
- 3) The Bible Tiger - our New Friend who brings climate change in the soul with God's Word!



GAMES



KIKO



BIBLE TIGER

We are following this up in October with an outreach to over a thousand school children in Nausori that includes training for the local churches to be able to disciple these children.

I asked Pastor Singh, the lead pastor we are partnering with about the training, "Would you like us to just focus on who the Holy Spirit is and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for kids, or do we need to also cover how to bring a child into a personal relationship with Christ and be born again?"

His reply was, "Pastor, before you came here, we just taught the kids Bible stories. You are bringing this whole new thing of children being born again. Please train us in that as well."

Thank you for sending us. Thank you for helping us to demonstrate the desire of God upon the overlooked and underestimated.

## Dreketi Outreach



**Children Watching "The Miracle Maker," one of the best Jesus films for kids!**

We read in the local newspaper about a village that had been destroyed by the cyclones of 2021 and how an Assemblies of God church graciously provided land next to the church for the village to "tent up" until they could rebuild their own structures.



Over two years later the village was still struggling to move off the church property and relocate. We went to look for ourselves and it was heartbreaking to see the conditions the people were living in. Imagine going camping for two years!

We had to do something! We had a team of students with us from Southeastern University, and so we went to the island of Vanua Levu, partnered with our local



**A Side view of "The Miracle Maker" movie we showed in Dreketi. We are so thankful for the "BGMC Big Screen," portable enough to take around these islands and do big events!**

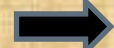


The NSSCF was the first time the majority of these kids had ever been challenged to be born again and receive Christ at their young age.

Out here in the islands most churches wait until kids are in their mid-teens to challenge them in a personal commitment to Christ.

With the introduction of TV and internet into this "screenager" generation we no longer have that luxury. While we wait the world actively goes after their hearts.

**Don't Miss The Backpage!!!**





# THE BACKPAGE

## Answered Prayers, Anointing continued...

churches and did a big "KIDS NIGHT."  
We had a fun time of praise and worship, set up our BGMC Big Screen, and showed "The Miracle Maker," probably the best Jesus film ever made for children. Afterwards we challenged the kids to follow Jesus and serve the One who laid His life down for them.

**Afterwards we served** refreshments to all the kids. Perhaps we can't relocate the entire village. The government is in the process of helping them to do that and it is taking a while, but at least we can go in and in a practical way show the love of Christ. I love Matthew 10:42 in the Living Bible: "And if, as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded."

**Thanks for helping** us give more than just a cup of water. Thanks for helping us share the Living Waters with this generation in these remote islands!!!

## Women's Ministry Summit!

What an incredible month it has been, first with the National Conference, but also with the National Women's Ministry Summit. Kim had the opportunity to teach five sessions of ladies under the theme of "Economic Empowerment (Home/Small Business opportunities to support families)."

**She decided to do** a fun project with them rather than just give another seminar/lecture. By the end of the week 260 women had learned about making flowers from fabric, tissue paper, and crepe paper, but they had actually made one of their very own flowers from poster board. The excitement in the room was hard to express in words as they saw their petals coming together to form a beautiful rose.

**More than half** of them had never done any kind of art project. The photos went on for hours as did the joy. In this picture you can see one group of ladies displaying their artwork.

Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful creativity you have placed in us all!



Prayer Corner

**Thank You!!!**

**Calvary Temple International  
in Wayne, NJ**

and

**Morningside Assembly of God  
in Sioux City, IA**

for your sponsorship of this project!

Many of these women are or have been Children's Ministry Leaders and we want to equip them not only with skills for ministry, but even with skills and knowledge to help them support their families and their churches.

1. People's Church (Salem, Or) missions team join us Oct 23rd - Nov 2nd for outreach, evangelism, and training
2. Continued grace over the missionary families we are mentoring (Rioses, Dorrises)
3. GT Church (Reading, PA) missions team join us Dec 5 - 17 for outreach and evangelism to Rabi Island and Vanua Levu Island.



### - OUR VISION -

**BRING KIDS** into an **ENCOUNTER** with the **HOLY SPIRIT**

So they can **KNOW THE GRACE**  
of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**,  
and

**BEING** thus **EMPOWERED** can **MINISTER TO OTHERS.**

We need \$4000 for maintenance on our vehicle and trailer.

Delivering food packs to mountain villages and taking vehicles on ferry boat rides across the ocean to other islands wears parts and tires down.

With your help, whatever you can do, we will keep going. The giving link is below - Thanks!!! 😊

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