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Bible Institute AT RAIWAQA

GRADES FOR 1ST TERM Instructor: Rocco Hugh Pierce



Some of the BIR Students

We had a great 1st Term. We had 11 students at the start of the term. Family issues took out 2 of them, but 9 of them completed the requirements for the course. We are proud of all of our students. They have a thirst for knowledge and zeal for God.

I taught three classes. English Composition I, The Pentateuch, and Preparation and Delivery of Sermons. We started the term with 10 students and added another student late for a total of 11 students. 2 dropped the class for personal reasons, one received an incomplete due to illness.

English Comp. I LC 101	Prep. & Del. of Sermons LC 102	The Pentateuch LC 105
3 – A's	4 – A's	2 – A's
3 – B's	0 – B's	4 – B's
2 – C's	4 – C's	0 – C's
		1 – D

11 Students took part in these classes. Those receiving passing grades are listed above.

ALL FIJI WORKSHOP Nabouwalu, Fiji



At the close of the term, (14 to 17 April) our students attended the All Fiji Workshop in Nabouwalu. We took 2 cars and all the rest took the bus to Natovi which is several kilometers north of Nausori (about a 2 hour drive). Then we all took a four hour ferry ride to Nabouwalu. The students stayed at the church building, and the women stayed in the home of one of the members.

Four of our students spoke on the program. Jason and I were the keynote speakers. Vili, one of the students, translated the lessons from the English speakers into Fijian. Debbie and Devan spoke on the ladies' program

with one of the ladies from Raiwaqa translating for their lessons. There were over half of the sixteen congregations of the churches of Christ represented at the workshop. On Monday following the workshop, our students canvassed the Nabouwalu community passing out tracts, inviting people to attend the church, and setting up Bible studies. We headed back to Suva on Tuesday, April 18.

The Lord added 4 precious souls to His church during the workshop including one of the wives of one of our students. One other came forward confessing sins and asking for prayers. One planted, another watered, but God gave the increase! (1 Corinthians 3:6)



The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. – 2 Tim. 2:2

SHORT COURSES AT NAILA

Instructors: Semi Matalau, Sr., Rocco Pierce, and Jason Pierce



Semi teaching a short course on the history of the church in Fiji

Jason and I co-taught the class on Wisdom Literature. I covered the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, and Jason covered Song of Solomon. Some had already received credit for the Wisdom Literature class last year. We had 3 to audit the class and 6 to take the class for credit. Of those who took the class for credit there were 5 A's and 1 B.

Short courses began on Tuesday, April 24 and went through Friday, May 5 at Naila Village. Brother Semi Matelau Sr. taught a course on the History of the Churches of Christ in Fiji and did an excellent job. The students found his classes interesting and they were given opportunity to supply their knowledge of the growth and development of the church in the Fiji Islands. Hearing this history of the church was beneficial for them for future church planting. We had 9 set for Semi's class with 4 A's, 2 B B's, 2 C's, and 1 F.



Isakeli leading prayer at the Lautoka Church of Christ

LAUTOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worshipping with the brethren at Lautoka



Lency, our newest student from the Solomon Islands

On Sunday, 8 of May, I preached at Lautoka Church of Christ. Debbie taught 20 children in their children's Bible class. It has been a while since we have been to Lautoka, and it was so good to see everyone again! Two responded to the Lord's invitation, requesting prayers.

1ST INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Lency from the Solomon Islands

On Monday, 9 of May we picked up Lency, Nancy, and Yoanna Mena. Lency is our first foreign student in our program here in Fiji. He comes to us through the recommendation

of Rod Kyle, a missionary to the Solomon Islands. He is here currently on a visitors permit, while we work on finalizing his student visa which will allow him to be here for the 2 year program. Lency has already proven himself to be a capable and diligent student of God's word. He is the first of many we hope to have in the program in the future.

DEBBIE'S DIARY

A busy missionaries' wife!

Debbie has been quite busy helping with children's classes at Raiwaqa, helping to coordinate the ladies who prepare the lunches for our students, and serving as the executive secretary for the school. She also keeps the home fires burning. Shopping presents a special challenge when you have to take taxis to get around. Laundry is especially challenging when you live in a rainforest, trying to find enough sunshine to dry clothes. Not having access to foods that you are accustomed to, means learning to cook new and sometime exotic foods. Debbie has more than risen to the challenge!

VINAKA VAKA LEVU for your prayers, support, and words of encouragement!



Deb at the Nabouwalu Workshop



Deb teaching children's class at Raiwaqa



Deb hosting housewarming for Nancy from the Solomons