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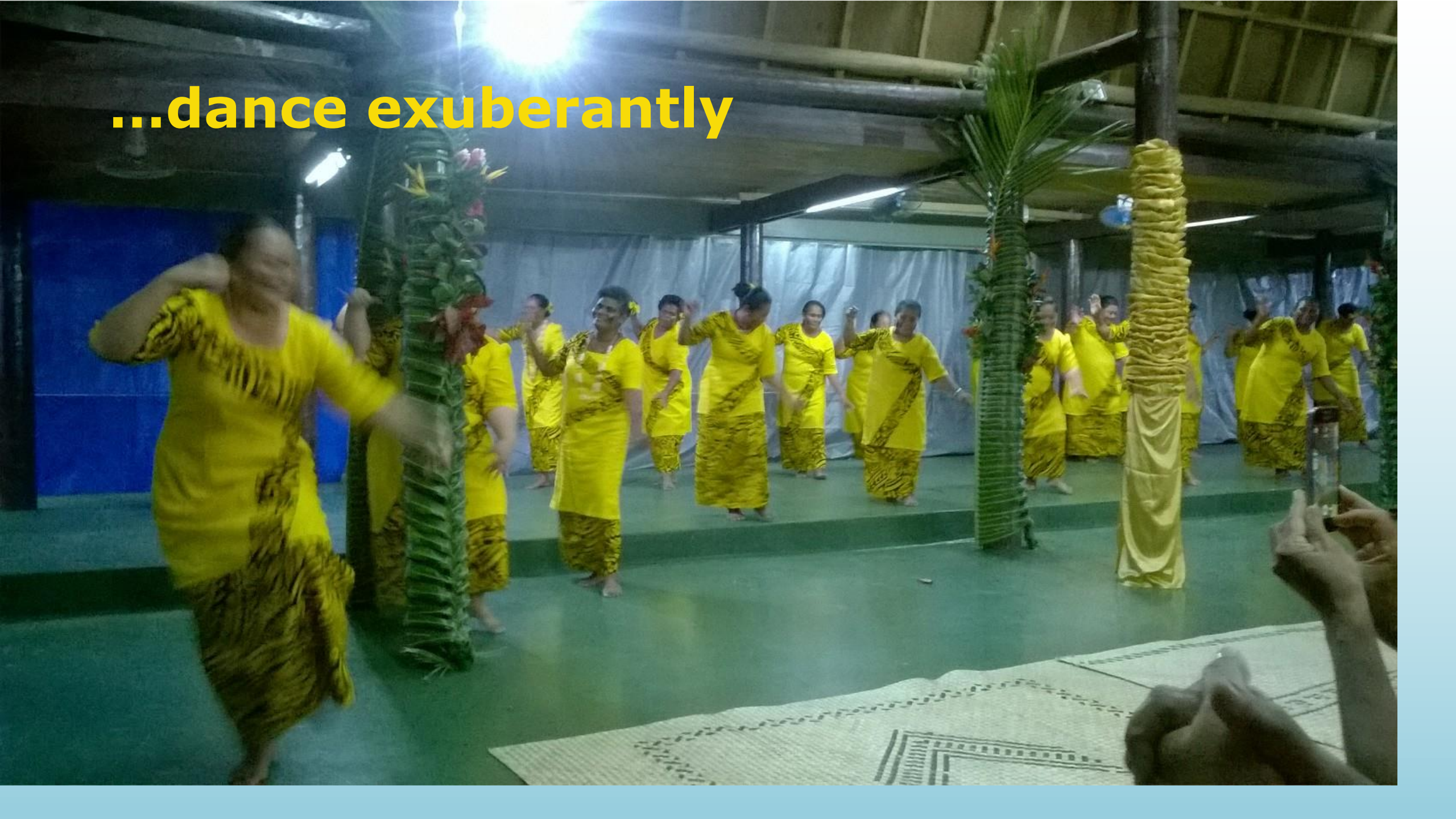
Beat the Lali

Let us Praise God

Let us praise God for the Gold!



...dance exuberantly





...celebrate family

...feast abundantly



...work cheerfully



...dress collectively



...live relationally



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Authentic *talanoa*?







**In the UK, how do the best conversations about faith and life happen?
Where do we model relationality?
What's our equivalent of *talanoa*?**

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We joyfully present this servant of God, to be commissioned for service in the World Church.

God's mission is one throughout the world and we thank God that you have responded to God's call to work in the Church overseas. You go to serve the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you live, work and worship with fellow Christians may you grow in mutual respect and love, so strengthening each other. We are one with you in this act of dedication. We will pray for you. Pray for us also.

Will you share fully in the life of the Pacific Theological College to which you go, and accept its discipline?

With God's help I will.



In the power of the Holy Spirit will you seek in your daily living to demonstrate the love of Christ and proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom?

With God's help I will.





Will you try to stay open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that you may be enabled to take your part in the mission of the Church, according to the opportunities available to you?

With God's help I will.











My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour Luke 1. 46

Will you maintain your links with the home Church, receiving its support and sharing your experience with it?

With God's help I will.

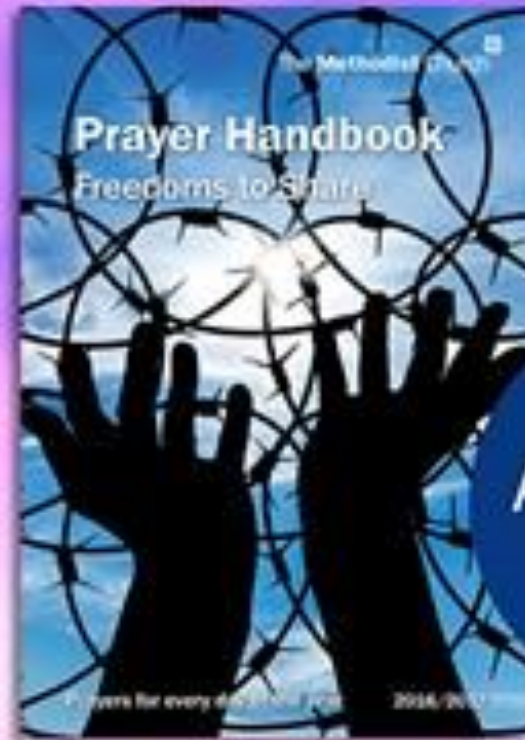
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Leader: Members in Christ, will you support by your prayers, understanding and love this person now being commissioned, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the World Church?

All: With God's help we will.

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PTC 50th Anniversary 1965-2015



**A Day of Thanksgiving
and Celebration**

6th March 2015

NATIONAL NEWS

Christian leaders

By SITERI SAUVAKACOLO

AMID the many political, social and economic changes in the region, President Ratu Epeli Nailatikau has praised the Pacific Theological College for breeding Christian leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the lives of Pacific Islanders.

He made the comment at yesterday's PTC 50th anniversary celebrations in Suva.

While some nations have achieved independence from colonial powers and some have struggled with internal strife, Ratu Epeli says that throughout this time, the college has developed Christian theologians and leaders, many of whom have been outstanding in their contributions to the lives of Pacific Islanders.

"The Pacific Theological College brings together students and



Students of the Pacific Theological College march pass during their 50th anniversary celebrations in Suva yesterday.

Picture: ELIKI NUKUTABU

teaching faculty from the churches of our Pacific Islands and from around the world. They come from more than 20 Pacific Island churches and from a dozen different churches from outside the region, each bringing with them

their particular ways of worship and theological understandings," Ratu Epeli said.

"Studying and living together and worshiping together in the college chapel within a community of such diverse Christian backgrounds

builds deeper understanding of the historical divisions within the church and encourages respect for differences."

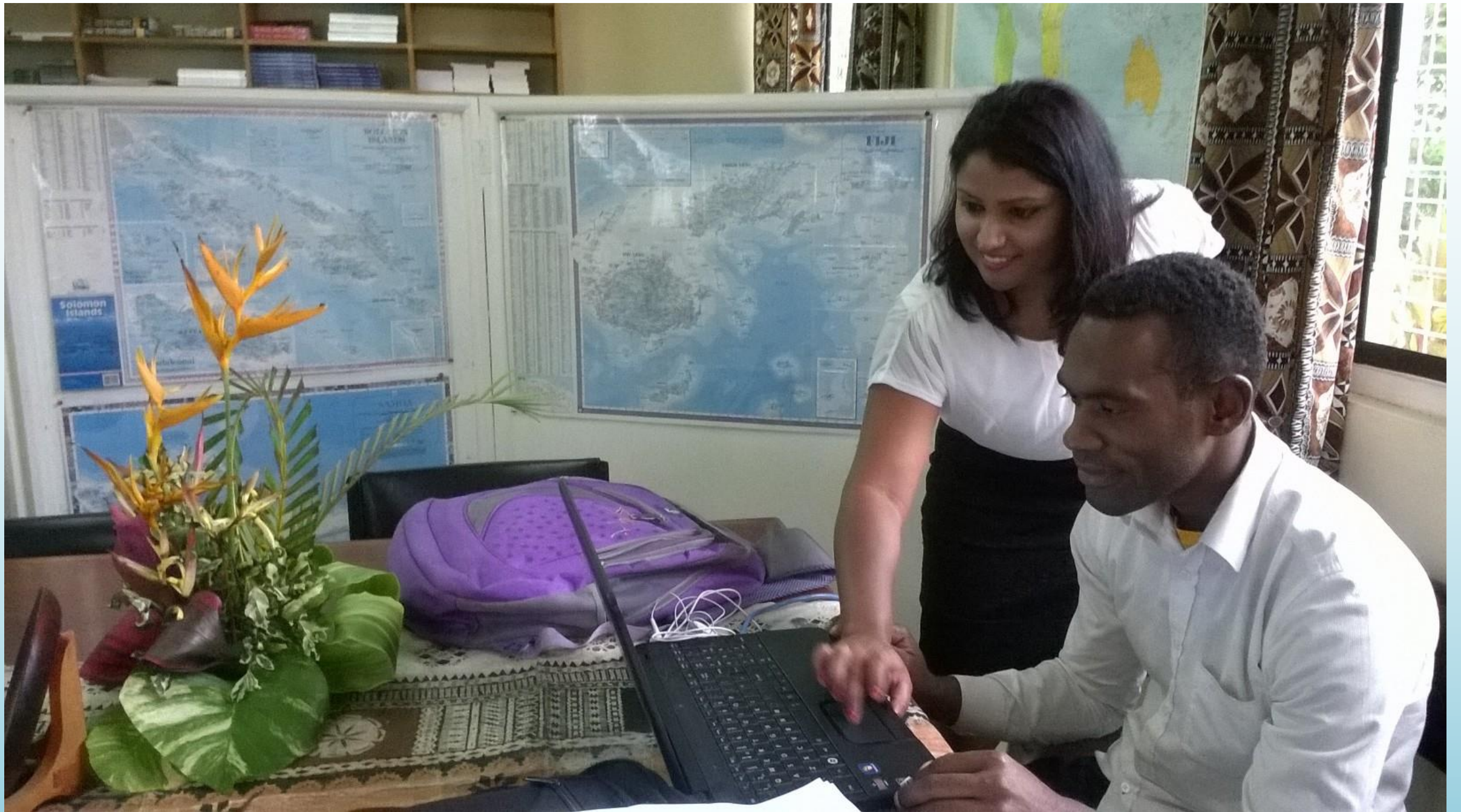
The 50th anniversary celebrations, attended by Christian leaders from around the region was held at Veiuoto yesterday.

Conditions of Service: As a member of the Executive Staff and Faculty of the Pacific Theological College you undertake that you will:

- a) Uphold the Constitution of the Pacific Theological College; and
- b) Diligently and faithfully perform the duties of **Director of PTC Education by Extension:**
 - 1) Manage the Extension programme of the College, having responsibility for all operations and the total administration of the programme;
 - 2) Relate effectively to the Pacific churches who own the College;
 - 3) Relate effectively, both internally and to partners and partners' bodies in the region;
 - 4) Relate effectively to external funding partners;
 - 5) Relate effectively to PTCEE students throughout the Pacific region;
 - 6) Manage programme staff, including academic and administrative staff;
 - 7) Promote the development of the PTCEE Francophone programme;
 - 8) Oversee the design, writing, publishing, and revision of extension courses, and relate effectively to internal and external course writers and markers;
 - 9) Participate in the development and implementation of new curricula and programmes to be delivered by extension;
 - 10) Prepare an annual budget and manage programme finances, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Administration;
 - 11) Participate in committee work and other appropriate duties assigned from time to time by the Principal and/or the College Executive Committee.









The reason I want to encourage young men like me to study theology is because there are a lot of opportunities to be God's helping hand to others. To gain knowledge about the bible and to live the word and encourage others to do good and become very vibrant young men by just abiding through the word of God and to become a better man in life and also to withstand any situation in life. I am finding it very challenging and very very exciting, interesting, exciting and enjoyable. *Josese*



After reading to the end of the earth, Book 1-2 and studying about all the martyrs who died so that the new generation could worship God freely, it touches me in a way that I want to worship God spiritually and in the right way and following in his teachings. Every Friday, our knowledge about God is extended as we learn and hear wonderful teachings from Rev Val. And afterwards relax with a cup of coffee or tea and snacks.

At PTCEE you will feel at home. Mentors, teachers and friends are around if you need any help. So please do recommend PTCEE as a place to extend and learn more about God. PTCEE won't let you down. *Peci*









Assignment 1 Coversheet

Journals

B101Ae Introduction to the Study of the Bible - part 1

Mr Sairusi Kadi Kaiwaidau

P O Box 61, Dreketi, Labasa, Macuata, FIJI ISLANDS

Date completed: 25/05/2015.

Do you have any comments, questions or suggestions for us at PTCEE?

There was no envelope accompanying the resources.
However, all is well. I was motivated to complete
after meeting Rev. Dr. Val at the Labasa workshop.
Now, I have learnt to discipline myself, even though I'm a pastor.

Marker's comments on the assignment

UNIT 11

Jl. 45

Something I learnt,
I wish is TOP EAST
IS RIGHT

Wow!!! My, my, my...

I've learnt today the books in the Bible were written in different places. That is beautiful to know!!! And the maps in the GNB, clearly indicates the boundaries of some of the clans mentioned in the Bible.

So writers are writing from places either of their wish or against their wish. For instance, EZEKIEL, because he was taken to Babylon, it was believed the Book of EZEKIEL was written there - River Chebar

Another examples

① Paul and Luke write their books also outside Israel or Judah.

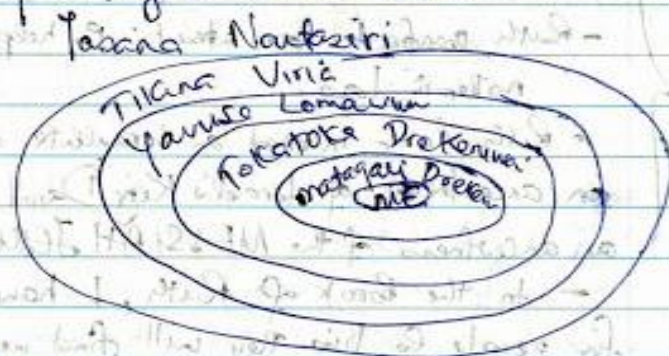
② The book of Revelations, written on an island in the Mashedar sea

UNIT 23

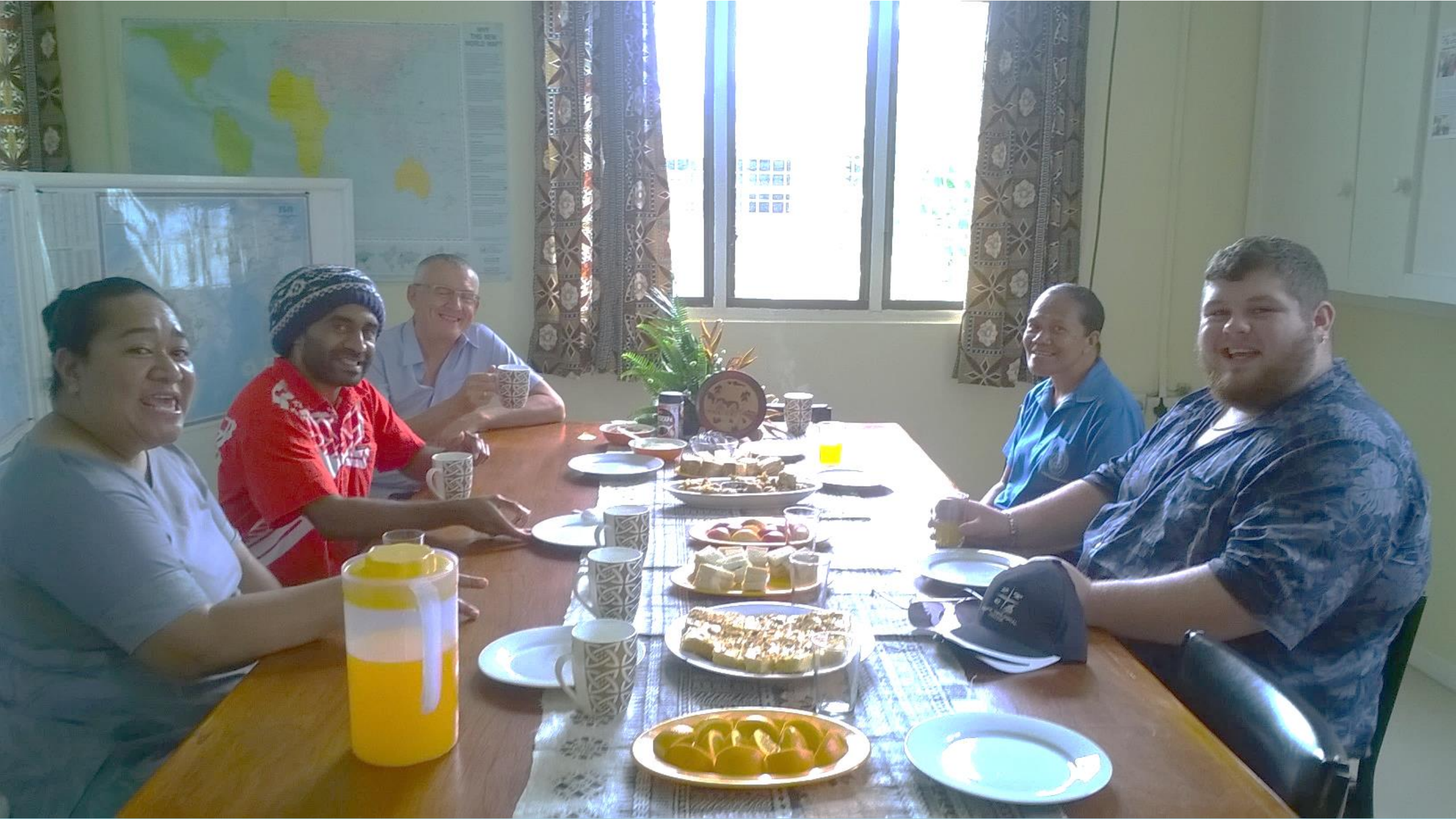
Jl. 11

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Reading the settings of Kinship systems works baffles me. The setting in the Israel Kinship is more like similar to my setting as shown below:



What baffles me, is that the setting, as I read Joshua, is just like mine. Here in Fiji, and the South Pacific, people live in a communal setting. In a communal setting, there will be group work, cooperation, assisting each other **there is no INDIVIDUALISM**. So it brings me to the point, no wonder our settings are like this, similar to the Israelites because God, the father, Jesus, the son and the Holy Spirit are **ONE - family of TRINITY**. **WOW! WOW! WOW!**













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Oqo na siga! Oqo na siga!
Sa lesia na Kalou. Sa lesia na Kalou

Meda marau. Meda marau.
Laga sere vua. Laga sere vua.

Oqo na siga sa lesia na Kalou.
Meda marau laga sere vua.

Oqo na siga! Oqo na siga!
Sa lesia na Kalou.

Yehi hain din. Yehi hain din.

Jo khudawand ka hain. Jo khudawand ka hain.

**Hum honge shaad. Hum honge shaad.
Aur khushi karenge. Aur khushi karenge**

**Yehi hain din jo khudawand ka hain
Hum honge shaad aur khushi karenge**

**Yehi hain din. Yehi hain din.
Jo khudawand ka hain**

A memorable day that the Lord made...

Striking Fiji at Category 5 intensity on 20 February 2016, Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston inflicted extensive damage on many islands and killed 44 people. Communications were temporarily lost with at least six islands, with some remaining isolated more than two days after the storm's passage. A total of 40,000 homes were damaged or destroyed and approximately 350,000 people—roughly 40 percent of Fiji's population—were significantly impacted by the storm. Total damage from Winston amounted to FJ\$2.98 billion (US\$1.4 billion). The nation's government declared a state of emergency on 20 February which remained in place for 60 days. Immediately following the cyclone, the governments of Australia and New Zealand provided logistical support and relief packages.

















...live relationally



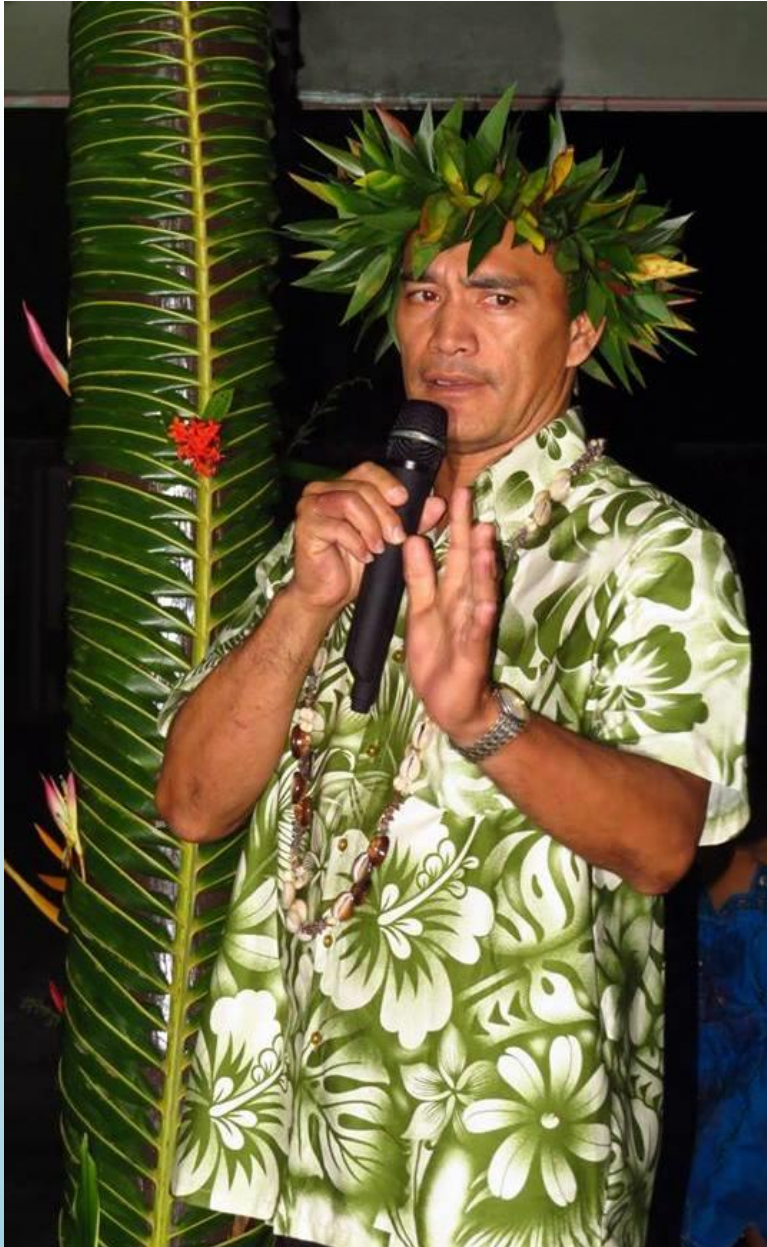
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What are Pacific theologians
thinking and writing about?

Rev Henri Tupaia
Maohi Nui (Tahiti)

John 6. 35-51: The *manava* or womb, stomach: a place to become or not to become.

Just a short glimpse of what I mean by *manava* to begin with. *Manava* has to do with eating but is also a greeting. In fact, we have three ways of greeting someone. The first one is *Maeva*. *Maeva* is especially to greet someone of high status like the king or God. The second one is *la ora na* which is the common greeting, literally translated as *life be in you*.

The third one is *Manava*. *Manava*, because of its first meaning stomach or womb, means two things, a greeting followed by eating. When someone or a group of people is greeted or welcomed by the word *manava*, it just means that they will end up feasting. My womb or *manava* greet you and will feed you. This is the practicality of *manava*, it is not only to greet with words but to fellowship in the sharing of food.

For us, the *manava* or *womb* speaks stronger than the heart. The French introduced this concept of heart and started to teach such as “learn by heart”, “listen to your heart”, “speak from your heart” but these are all foreign and abstract to our people. We learn from our *manava*. We listen from our *manava*. We speak from our *manava*. When we express something, we express it from our *manava* because *manava* is not only abstract but also practical.

It is not only restricted to material food but also to spiritual and epistemological food. I am not surprised by why we have revived our old word for theological school, actually translated by *fare haapiiraa* (house for learning) by *fare airaa upu* (house to eat prayer) or *fare airaa vanaa* (house to eat knowledge). It is said that what we eat will tell us who we are and where we are from. This is true.

Our identity is revealed in what we eat. Our behaviour is judged in what we eat. If we ask Jesus what he eats, he will surely answer that his food is to do the will of God. And by doing the will of God, this will tell us of his identity and where he is from. Jesus is speaking from his *manava*, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” (NIV, John 4, 32)

Comments and Connections ?

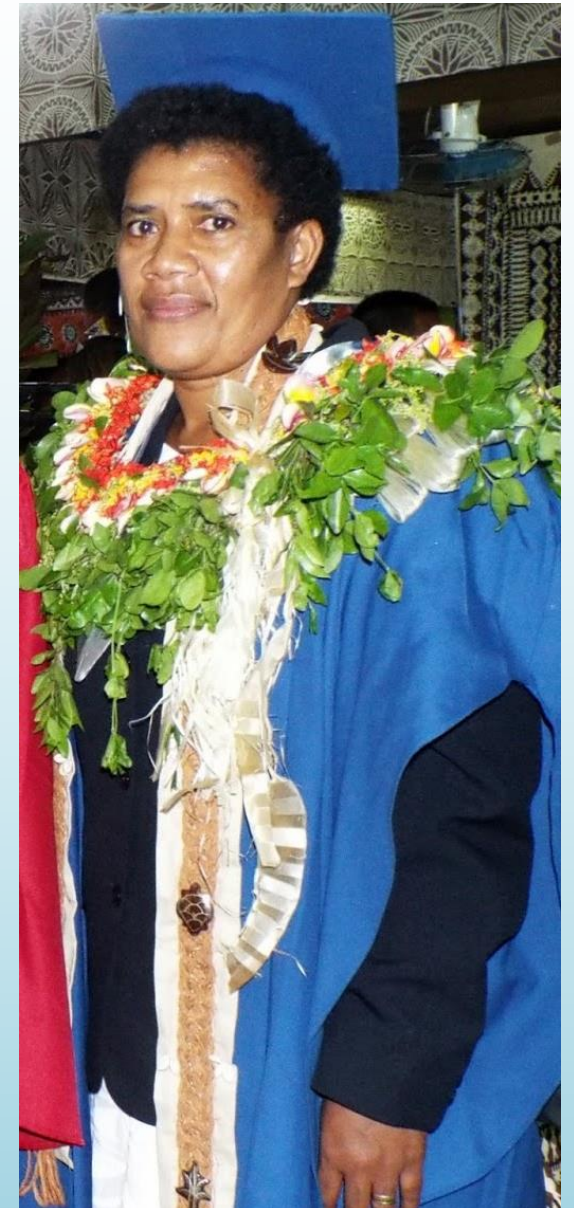
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**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN THE MUANIKAU CIRCUIT
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
IN FIJI: CHALLENGES AND
POSSIBILITIES IN ADDRESSING
IT AT THE
FAMILY LEVEL**

A Thesis Presented to the
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AINEN MATAWA – A PRACTICE OF
PROSTITUTION REVEALING CHALLENGES TO
FEMALE SEXUALITY IN KIRIBATI CULTURE: A
MISSIOLOGICAL RESPONSE

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In Partial Fulfilment of the
Requirements for the Degree
Bachelor of Divinity



**Rev Berenike
Bakarere
(Kiribati)**

CONCLUSION

This thesis has pointed out that the female sex trade called *Ainen Matawa* as a form of prostitution on fishing boats leads to the breakdown of Kiribati cultural norms that are common in the life experiences of girls that concerning sex and sexuality. In addition, the paper has examined some of the factors that contribute to the existence of the female sex trade and the social and spiritual consequences on the lives of those involved, their families, and community. Moreover, the paper has proposed the need for a missiological response.

On the whole, the Kiribati long held traditional culture values female sexuality if it is aimed at serving marriage, family, and community. Female virginity is the sign of an ideal marriage choice for men and the family involved. In the test of time, the ideal of female sexuality cannot stand up to the challenge of *Ainen Matawa* as a form of prostitution. The practice of *Ainen Matawa* is a difficult issue. The question of women's role is another matter. The thesis is tempted to say that Kiribati women are treated as inferior because their role is in the house and in the family, while the role of men is in the *mwaneaba* or "big house" and in public. The reality is that both cultural and Christian values of the female role and sexuality in marriage and family life cannot withstand prostitution arising from developmental, environmental (climate change), and economic issues facing the country.

From the above point of view, the church has very few resources with which to address this issue of *Ainen Matawa*. Given the limited natural resources on land, the government's drive for the vast ocean fishing industry is often the cause of this issue. The church needs to be bold enough to take the first step to speak up against the decisions of the state and the community. The government needs to reshape its thinking so that everyone must have a fair sharing in its decisions not only for today but also for the betterment of tomorrow.¹

. As a woman minister, I also believe that it is better not to judge people through their outward appearances: rather it is good to be part of them and to ask questions about why things happen to be like that? This approach can give you the right outlook and the right motives for helping the people of God. This is the most important thing to do, especially as Ministers of God's Word. Hence, before ministers preach and teach any passage from God's Word, they must make sure that this is the right food to nourish and liberate their spiritual hunger. In the same way this also applies to the government or in particular, the KPC in dealing with such a problem through ministry. It is better to be sure of what the main problem is rather than taking inappropriate steps, because by doing so, it will be useless and sometimes it can make the situation worse..

Comments and Connections ?

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MATTERS**

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‘I encourage anyone who wants to be challenged and stretched in their Christian understanding to consider a course with PTC Education by Extension’, said Revd Dr Banivanua, in conversation with PTCEE’s Director, the Revd Dr Val Ogden after the Graduation ceremony. ‘For many years now it has been a much valued resource for our whole region, and we pray that its ecumenical vision for learning and formation will go from strength to strength’.







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