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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Church in Central Papua Conference

Hello everyone.

Welcome to the SIVARAI magazine once again since you last received some years ago. We are pleased to share to you all the mission work carried out in the Conference by our Departmental Directors. At the same time the work carried out by District Directors in their Districts and church Pastors in their local churches. I also want to take this time to thank all the church membership of the Conference using their gift, talents, resources, life to the mission of church.

Yes, God is Great, God is Good, God is Merciful unto all who call is Name, Yesterday and today and forevermore, He abide and His always the same.

God calls not only for our gifts for the needy but for our cheerful countenance, our hopeful words, our kindly handclaps. When Christ held the sick, he laid His hands upon them. We should we come in close touch with those whom we seek to benefit. I trust that you have been very blest as you have involved your life for service.

Doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord" (Ephesians 6:6-8). So keep your faithfulness to the living God.

The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our territory and all who serve faithfully will glow from that fire can truly light the world.

In conclusion, I salute you all for your faithfulness in serving the Master Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the CPC office staff, I wish you all happy blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year 2021. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR CPC OFFICE BEARERS 2021.

HR Manager & Associate Conference Secretary Min. Roy Uzetto

Ministrial Association & Field Secretary Pr. Gibson Lohia

Director - Youth Ministries Pr.Matthew Walter

Director - Women's Ministries Minister. Julian N Lava

Director - Personal Ministries & Sabbath School Pr. Andrew Anis

Graphic Designer & Associate Communication Director Mr Otoa Sepuna

Departmental Directors Administrative Assistant Miss Aiava Kauri

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE DECEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

- FOOD AS MEDICINE
- UNCLE ARTHUR'S BEDTIME STORIES



Note: Adventist Book centre Shop will open through out the festive season

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP MINIS-TRIES DEPARTMENT

The Stewardship Ministries department is projecting on empowering church members to move into modern farming, a shift from traditional/subsistence farming which concentrates on small family gardens each year. This is a shift that promotes commercial farming which aims to transform the living standard and involve every family in each society to work cooperatively in building a strong and selfreliant community as well as a self- reliant church.

Therefore, the Stewardship department has conducted an Agriculture and Entrepreneurship training on the first week of March (02 - 06) 2020.

1. Stewardship Empowerment training on Agriculture and Entrepreneurship

More than 250 participants attended the Stewardship empowerment training. Areas of training and facilitators were:

- Fish farming and livestock Ms. Rebec ca Gebi
- Brick mold Min. George Vanua
- Trade store management Matthew Koatavita
- Agriculture (Vanilla and vegetables) Pr. Gideon Agusi
- Entrepreneurship Heather P. Vanua
- Land management Manoa Wanagah



2. Districts field follow up visited

The field trip was aimed to visit all districts from Abau to Aroma. Unfortunately, all districts have not been visited because of the transport that was having difficulties with clutch which was not encouraging to continue on four other districts. Thus we only visited Cape Rodney, Korela, Rigo, Mt, Diamond and Edevu.

• Farmers

Only the farmers beside the road were been visited and dedicated.

- Cape Rodney has 3 farmers. Among them is Mr. Ken Marui is from Sepik but is married to Domara from Cape Rodney District. He has one hector of an existing Vanila farm - Korela District has four farmers. Attached is the Lege family farm of Bukuku village. In the picture is the 1 hector of Vanilla and pawpaw with the nursery house.

Rigo District

Two farms were visited at Rigo district.

- One hector of vanila farm from Dubanatebo village.

- One hector of vanilla and Yava bana farm from Dubanatebo village.

- Edevu Primary School

We also visited two institutions to become part of the project (Mt. Diamond and Edevu).





Conclusion

It is impressing to see the participants of any training return with focused mindset to implement and put into practice what they learned. For the farmers and our rural church family, our visit was very encouraging and motivational. We look forward to visit more farmers in the next field trip.

CHILDREN MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The First Vacation Bible School for Granville SDA Church



Granville SDA Church is located in the North East District of the Nation's Capital. It's located just behind the 9 Mile Cemetery. Granville has been the company of Koiari Park Pidgin Church until 2018 Granville became a Stand-Alone Church. There are over 100 children in the church. And, at least half of this are children that come to church without their parents or come to church with their grandparents. At least 25% of the children never attends school and that makes a lot of Grace-link activities challenging. The children Ministry Department planned to host the first ever VBS for Granville during the 2nd term holiday, despite the COVID 19 Challenges realising that VBS could be one way to help kids who never attend school to learn how to write, read, paint, etc., while participating in the VBS.

Curiosity and excitement moved each one to come early for registration and registration was done with great spirit on Sunday, 9th of July. With the Children in the Real Time Faith and Corner Stone Classes as crew, registration began with great anticipation. All the children participated in decorating their Lamb Shelter and the stations such as the Craft Station, the Bible Discovery Station, the Prayer Station, the Milk and Honey Café, the Game station. It was such a great start.



Heroes Week

The next 5 days of the VBS were just amazing. Everyone came in their group colour, red, purple, blue and green. Not only our faithful Sabbath school kids came, but kids who never attend any church, and those who attend other churches came as well. They came in one of the group colours so were asked them to join the groups accordingly. Every one learned so much about the little Heroes in the Bible. They heard about Mirriam, Samuel, Norah, Rhoda and Jesse who became little Heroes in their own ways. Not only that, they did crafts such as baby Moses paper basket, little Samuel's candle stick, origami paper butterfly's, tissue box flowers and finally able to paint their Hero Tree. Not only was making craft an enjoyable one, our Personal Prayer Activities were so fulfilled. Every day, for each day there were fun activities they did and then stopped a while for prayer. For example, for the first day they were to do a Flip-a-coin game. It's similar to a dice game. They moved their small pebbles to the places according to the coin side they flip. When they reach a block that asked them to pray, they would pray together about the prayer request.

Each day they had similar activities and the children loved praying. They prayed to Be Brave, to Be devoted, to be Caring, to Be Bold and to be Sharing. The prayer room was created in a quiet environment, and every kids enjoyed the prayer moments.

Each student was certified with the help of the Children Ministry Director, Mrs Ruth Batu. She officiated our graduation on the 01st of August, 2020.



Highlight



Our greatest high light was to see kids who never attended any church came and participated for the 5 days and sing the songs, pray together, answered questions. It was motivating. Those who came participated well in all the activities. They came early every morning. Most of them when asked stated that they loved all the activities we did. The songs we sang, the crafts, the Bible stories that was acted out by the crew every day, the prayers, the games, and even the little lunches they had. There was one boy who came in, registered with K5 and faithfully attended and participated in each of the activities. When they were in the Bible Discovery Section on the last day, the Crews asked a volunteer to pray. And this boy put his hand up to pray. It was so amazing to hear a kid who has never attended church to pray a simple but thoughtful prayer. All the kids were amazed.

In every activity, we encouraged respect, polite manners, group work, sharing, caring, and love for each other as they discover the little Heroes and their messages as some of this qualities are hardly seen in kids around the block.

Summary

Kids have their own favourite heroes from the movies that they watch. And when you ask kids about the heroes, they will give all the little details as they can. They are so passionate about those heroes. Since the theme of this year's VBS was Heroes, we decided to make Bible heroes as sweet as possible to their ears so that they can passionately talk about the heroes they learnt throughout the week like they talk about the heroes from the movies.

We praise God that we achieve this through His goodness and we thank the CPC children Ministry Department under the leadership of Mrs Ruth Batu for shedding light in what we Children Ministry Leaders could do to make Bible Learning more interesting.

And we are really looking forward to next year where we will have another VBS.

In His Vineyard.

Alice-Napasu Kopel.

Granville SDA Church Children Ministry Leader

LANDS DEPARTMENT



SIGNING OF EASEMENT AGREE-MENT WITH CEPA AND BAUTA-MA MANGROVES, A PROTECTED AREA

CEPA (Conservation and Environment Protection Agency) recently signed an easement agreement with CPC while declaring the Bautama Mangroves as a protected area. This means the normal things people do in and around mangroves will cease to happen within the Bautama Mangrove Protected Area. Things like fishing for marine products (shellfish, mud crabs, and fish) will not be allowed. Nor will cutting down of mangroves for poles, posts and firewood be allowed to take place there. An easement agreement is a type of agreement where access or 'right of entry' is granted to another party, which in this case is CEPA or parties deemed by those who have signed, CPC and CEPA (signatories) whose interest are in accordance and within the Spirit of laws and policies governing Protected Areas. The ownership of the property is CPC but the agreement gives permission to CEPA or its authorized agents to gain entry to the property to conduct, research, and monitor ongoing activities and assess health of the mangroves.

In the picture is President of CPC, Pastor Kove Tau and the Secretary, Pastor Rex Koi signing on behalf of CPC with Mrs. Kallim representing the Managing Director of CEPA Mr. Joku. These brings to a conclusion nearly 4 years of dialogue and consultation between the two parties.

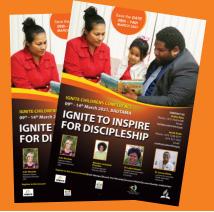


Mrs. Kallim representing the Managing Director of CEPA Mr. Joku.



Secretary, Pastor Rex Koi signing on behalf of CPC

SAVE THE **DATE** 09th - 14th MARCH 2021 IGNITE CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE



LOCAL CHURCHES - HOME CHURCHES REPORTS

HOHOLA 4 HOME CHURCH

Hohola 4 was known as "Hell on *Earth*" before the covid-19 lockdown period. Illegal activities occurs every days and nights in which it was always not safe for the communities living around that area. In 2019 Nathan and his family moved in to Port Moresby from Kiunga and settled there. They built a little shelter for them to worship and they always pray to God that one day this place will change and people around that area will join them for worship. God answered their prays during the Covid-19 lockdown period. More than 60 new intrest members have joined. Five (5) classes, one (1) adult class, one (1) Enga tokples class, one (1) baptismal class which is made up of 19 members and two (2) kids class. This little shelter is now like a shinning light to the people and the community as a whole.



By Senior Elder Nathan Luso Hohola 4 Home Church

HOHOLA 4 HIIL TOP SDA CHURCH

Currently with 40 Church members, Hohola 4 SDA Church is operating under Silver Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church and is located on the mountain tops of Hohola.

- **2013** they started worshiping under small tree within that area.
- **2014** They selected the area to build
- 2015 Church members started building with whatever little they have.
- 2017 & 2018 They started worshiping.



By Senior Elder Raynold Samo

HOHOLA SURBURB HOME CHURCH

While big gatherings and going to church was restricted by the SOE, families from Hohola surburb, Port Moresby enjoyed worshiping together with family members and interested neighbours. The surburb is known to be a noisy street every weekends but God revel himself during the covid-19 lockdown period with respect from neighbours within that area. The family has established a family choir, sharing the word of God through singing and outreach programs with the support of the Central Papua Conference Stewardship Director Pr. Wally Kapi.



By Stanley - Home Church Leader

KOKI SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

From the hill top of Wanigela village, Koki Seventh-day Adventist Church is one of the unique church in the Central Papua Conference with more than 3000 plus membership from diverse villages in the National Capital District worshiping together. Though living standard is one of the main factor in the village, villagers have improved alot during the Covid-19 lockdown period. Many interested members and some backsliders joined and are faithfully attending church after the lockdown period. Giving of the tithes and Offerings doubled their fast takings. With the abandant blessing's of God, Koki Seventh-day Adventist Church is growing and spreading the movina aospel.



By Pr. Warimo Vavana Church Pastor

UPPER 2 MILE HOME CHURCH

Covid-19 lockdown period opened many doors for church members to worship in many big churches in Port Moresby, National Capital District. Upper 2mile is a small home church under 2 Mile church recently formed during the Covid-19 lock-down period with many new interested members and backsliders faithfully attending church. Though it was a lock-down period, church members faithfully returned their tithes and offerings with whatever little they hard. Upper 2 Mile church members are looking forward to build a better shelter for worship with the help of church leaders.



Upper 2 Mile

KAUGERE HOME CHURCH

Thirty to Fourty members worshiping a Kaugere Home Church, Port Moresby National Capital District during the Covid-19 lock-down period. With the help of the callforters and the Central Papua Conference Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director Pr. Miller Kuso, bible studies were conducted and bibles were distributed. Carol is one of the church member whom she left church long ago and was very thankful for the bible studies conduted by the callforters with the PMSS director.



By Carol - Kaugere Home Church

8 MILE HOME CHURCH

Though big gatherings where restricted due to the outbreak of Covid-19, church families enjoyed worshiping God under jerry tree shades at 8 mile. With the increasing growth of membership every sabbath, the area was cleaned and extended. The area was not safe, however with the willing hearts, youths and new interested members are now faithfully monitoring this area. Bibles were distributed followed by church pastors visitations.



By Elder David Kumini , Gordons SDA Church

GAMES POLICE BARRACKS HOME CHURCH

Its amzing when God intervenes. Believe it or not, with God all things are possible when his disciples are willing to go and do what he commands. After visiting the family of late Joyce by one of the street evangelist, the family decided to open their home for worship every sabbath. With more than seventy (70) plus church members with new interested members now worshiping at Game's Police Barracks Home Church assisted by senior elders of Gordons Police Barracks SDA (GPB SDA) with the supervison of Pastor Joe Kauga ,Gordens Police Barracks Seventh-day Adventist Church. Fourty six (46) adults and thirty (30) children. Fiftheen (15) members have made their stand to go into water of baptisim. Giving of tithes and offering is around 1,400 to 1,800 every sabbath.

LEALEA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The church existed 20 years ago and was finally dedicated in 2012. Lealea Seventh-day Adventist Church is currently operating under June Valley SDA Church with more than two hundred (200) plus church membership. The aim of the church is to extend so that the people in the village can come to know God.



PNGEI HOME CHURCH

"We must always put our hands for service and our hearts to love" by mother Thresea.

Jesus Ministry is a small family group ministry started in early November 2019 by Mr. Kasi Kakaito, Assistant Treasure of Gordons Police Barracks SDA Church. Jesus Ministry simply applies what Jesus did when he was on earth, feeding, sharing, healing and comforting the homeless. With the power of Jesus this little ministry has changed the lives of drug dealers, rascals, street baggers and pickpockets along the drains through visitations and bible studies conducted. They have come to realise how special they are in God's eve's and have surrendered their lives to Jesus. If the government, the society, the community has done nothing, God has task us to do something.



By Elder Loko Aniau Gordons Police Barracks SDA Church



By Mr. Kasi Kakaito - Assistant Treasury Gordons Police Barracks SDA Church

SAMARIA HOME CHURCH

With the increasing numbers of church members and new interest's into the church, Samaria home church is in Taurama Valley, Port Moresby, National Capital District is planning to set up a proper shelter which can accomodate the increasing growth of membership. With the assistance of the Associate Church Minister Sasa Kelwin, church members are trained how to conduct bible studies in small groups so that they can help spread the gospel to the unreached before Jesus comes.



By Min. Sasa Kelwin Associate Church pastor - Murray Barracks



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