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Ni Bula Vinaka, (a very respectful Hello)

As our winter months begin to subside, we are welcoming the sunshine back with great enthusiasm. The dark, gloomy weather - marked by continual rain and wind - seemed to dampen the atmosphere most days, but even when sunshine was lacking, the blessings of the Lord continued. Brighter days are ahead!

Regular attendees and visitors: Our four regular families continue to be faithful and we have regular visitors. There have been three families that are originally from New Zealand and Australia that have become semi-regular attendees on Sunday mornings. Pray for Niko and family, Rusila and family, and Caleb and family as we seek to determine their spiritual condition and how we can minister God's Word to them.



With these visiting families we have come to realize that we can quickly reach a maximum capacity for the current place we meet in. With this in mind, please pray for a new meeting place which will be centrally located, more space, and cheaper rent.

Returning: If you remember back to the beginning of our time here in Fiji, we had three Bible studies going in three different homes. Two of those three families have been attending our meetings and have become members of the mission work.

Last month, Tess and I visited Joe the welder, whose Fijian name is Josefa, and his family to continue our regular connection with them. Following that visit, they decided to attend our Sunday meetings. Please pray that Josefa and his family will faithfully attend and that God's Word will work in their lives. As far as I know, Joe is the only one in the family with a testimony of salvation.

Renewal update: We have renewed our U.S. passports and are now preparing the paperwork for a residence permit based on assured income. Our current three-year religious work permit expires in January 2027, and by the time you receive this letter, we expect the documents to be submitted. Please pray for a quick approval.

Resources available: One part of the ministry here that we do not often mention is our publications ministry. We print tracts, Bible studies, discipleship materials, and books used to train men for the ministry. At a recent Leadership Conference held at Nausori Baptist Church, we were able to fill numerous orders for these materials. This ministry allows materials from our sending church's publications ministry to be printed here at a lower cost.



Reading: Next week we will be conducting our next Bible Training Institute class on Theology Proper. A couple of the men that are members of the mission work have expressed interest in training to be a pastor one day. We are excited to be able to see these men readily sign up for the class.

Relocation: During our time here, I have kept an eye out for housing in Navua so we could be closer to our meeting place, regular attendees, and members. Last month, a house became available in an ideal location, and we were able to secure it right away. With many military moves behind us, we relocated everything in just a few days. We have already hosted several fellowships there, and many of the people can now walk to our home.

Note: You will notice at the bottom of the second page our post office box has changed.

Prayer Requests:

- ⇒ Pray for souls to be saved and recent visitors (Caesar, Sebastian, Niko & family, Rusila & family, and Caleb & family).
- ⇒ Pray for approval of Permit to Reside through Fiji Immigration.
- ⇒ Pray for ongoing and future Bible studies.

Your support for the ministry here makes a daily difference. Thank you again for standing with us as we serve in the South Pacific.

Vinaka Vakalevu, (Thank you very much)



Loy & Tess Hower

"Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands" - Isaiah 42:15



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