



VIAs and teachers learn prison terms

By Paul KOS

Adventist Volunteers In Action (VIAs) and teachers of Northeast Papua Mission (NEPM) in the Northern province gathered at Biru Correction Institutional Service (CIS) to learn more on prison terms and conditions.

More than forty local mission workers serving as pastors and teachers took a day off to visit prison institution in order to gain more information that can be useful in their respective fields addressing law and order in their communities.

Superintendent Commander for Biru CIS, Mr Teddy Biaga and Senior Inspector Manager Operation, Mr Crispin Unga, took time off from their official duties in meeting with the visiting team of pastors and teachers, introducing them of the general operation of the prison and rules governing the prison.

Mr Biaga said that Biru CIS is one

of the model of all the prison institutions in the country in terms of prison facilities and the general operations of the prison. It is comparably manageable with less number of inmates to other prisons in the country. After the brief encounter, the group were given opportunity to ask any questions concerning the prison in which Mr Biaga and his associate attended to answer.

After a brief moment with the visiting parties Mr Biaga and a team of warden really appreciate the effort the church is taking and encouraged the group to keep up the good work in maintaining peace and order in the community.

Mr. Jacob Baribari thanked the CIS commander and the team of warden on behalf of the visiting group. Mr Baribari also praised the CIS team for allowing the SDA team to learn and explore the prison and its operations.

Quotes

"The man who knows God looks upon all men as equal; they are his brethren... Those who love their fellows and who have pure hearts shall see God. God never forgets sincerity. He will guide the honest of heart into the truth, for God is truth."

Adventist minister welcomed to conduct bible study in Anglican community

Seventh-day Adventist Minister Vani Uruhe slipped quietly into the an Anglican worshipping congregation on the 19th of May near Kokoda station and began playing his guitar, in accompaniment with the singing congregation.

After the worship, the Anglican community of more than thirty members invited him for lunch at their 'wind house' and they began a conversation.

Interestingly, they allowed him to speak about the Sabbath truth in the Bible and explaining scriptures concerning Sabbath to the interested members of the non-Adventist faith.

To his amazement, Selvin Nana, a village chief and leader in the church invited him to go and talk more on the Sabbath issue and he has welcomed it with enthusiasm.

He is now planning another visit and is requesting the church to pray for his ministry and the interested members at Kokoda.

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NEPM launches DVDS

By PAUL KOS

North East Papua Mission recently launched two DVDs titling 'Adore' and 'Aiyo, Harim Me' at the mission headquarters in Popondetta.

The two DVDs are on sale for K50.00 and K30.00 for the fundraising initiative to build nine District Directors' houses for both Milne Bay and Northern provinces at the end of this year.

The first DVD titled Adore is a praise and worship DVD featuring Pacific Adventist University (PAU) choirs together with local group such as mountain view echoes of Efogi village and many others. The second DVD is very helpful and informative and is called 'Aiyo! Harem Mi.' It was directed and produced by the children's ministry department of Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Lae. The DVD contains several series of movies based on the true events that affects the lives of many people in many parts of the country today.

The selling of DVDs are part of major fundraising that is schedule to walk the famous Kokoda Trail on the month of September .

During the launching, District Pastor Gideon Auguzi promoted the content of the DVDs and has encouraged churches and families to purchase a copy for the benefit of families, churches and the general goal of the church for quality families and families.

The Meaning of Logo

The choice of the Church's logo reflects the core values that Seventh-day Adventists are committed to.

- The foundation is the Bible, the Word of God, shown open since its message must necessarily be read and put into practice.
- Central to that Biblical message is the Cross, and is also central in the logo.
- Above the Cross and the open Bible is the burning flame of the Holy Spirit, the messenger of Truth which comes threefold representing three angels' message of Rev 14:6-9

It is our hope and prayer that though this logo is a very simple picture of the foundation of Adventist beliefs and values it may be a recognizable symbol of the Adventist message to the world.



House & Home

Richard J B Willis

BUC Health Ministries Director

The meaning of the words 'Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain' (Psalm 127:1, RSV), has been broadened in understanding with a new public health interest in 'the built environment'. This interest is more than a reference to the already recognized Sick Building Syndrome, it embraces even the use of the space around buildings.

Dr Jonathan Samet and John Spengler, commenting on this new emphasis, say that it 'signals a timely recognition of the relevance to health and well-being of the indoor environments where people spend most of their time. Even in temperate climates ... people spend most of their time indoors: at home, at work, in transportation, and in many other public and private places. The quality of these environments affects well-being and productivity, and risks for diverse diseases are increased by indoor air pollutants, surface contamination with toxins and microbes and contact with people in these places'.

Dr Richard Jackson sums up the recent focus of the built environment: 'We now realize that how we design the built environment may hold tremendous potential for addressing many of the nation's greatest current public health concerns, including obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, injury, depression, violence, and social inequities'. Dr Wendy Perdue elaborates, 'Physical spaces can expose people to toxins or pollutants and influence lifestyles that contribute to diabetes, coro-

nary vascular disease, and asthma'.

The siting of homes in relation to places of work; the location of libraries, hospitals, shops, and schools in themselves affect the health of communities. Public transport facilities (or their lack) and the safety of neighbourhoods and roads all have a bearing on well-being. For example, the UK government recently stated that one in five vehicles on the roads at specific times are used for school runs. Since children are not walking to school, more children are becoming obese which, unless dealt with, will contribute to their future ill-health. The introduction of 'walking buses', where groups of children walk to school, has been suggested as one remedy for the problem.

As with many other health issues, prevention is the cure. Dr Perdue and her colleagues say that we should all get engaged in the built environment solutions by:

- getting involved early in the Planning process
- making sure that all the relevant data is considered in Planning Meetings
- speaking out independently on environmental and aesthetic concerns (not leaving the debate to the official parties involved)
- promoting healthy activities for children of all ages
- speaking up for minorities and the under-represented
- encouraging government (local and national) to lead by example, not just by regulation

Not only is there 'a time for building' (Proverbs 3:3) but, it would seem, a right way of going about it for our health's sake, a time to turn a house into a healthy home.

Fundamental Beliefs

1. Holy Scriptures:

The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to man the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the authoritative revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 4:12.)



Pr. Auguzi and student leaders standing with Bruce Mammu (in blue shirt), a local missionary with Founa church elder at the convention site.

OASA convention venue explored

By **RICKY KEROHARI**

District Director for Popondetta district, Pr. Gideon Auguzi and a team of Oro Adventist Student Association (OASA) leaders took a trip to Founa village, a proposed venue for this year's OASA convention in April.

It took the officials about three hours from Oro Bay to Founa beyond spears point via outboard motor owned by locals from Founa village. Villages and church members welcomed Pr. Auguzi and the team

to founa village for the weekend programmes and fellowship.

After the Sabbath worship the group discussed the convention venue with Paul Anaibera, the convention convenor for OASA. The people of Founa were so excited to have the student leaders and the presence of their District Director during visitation. The Convention will be a major event during the end of this year and the Founa village people are looking forward to meet lots of young people and experience the event.

UNRE students held reconciliation program

By **PAUL KOS**

The Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) students attending University of Natural Resource and Environment (UNRE), Oro campus in Popondetta conducted a weekend retreat program at Inoda Adventist primary school

The purpose of the program was to put away the differences amongst the continuing students and to officially welcome the first years into the UNRE Adventist Student Association (UNREASA).

It was the intention of student leaders attending UNRE to conduct such a program of reconciliation and to welcome the fresh members into

the spiritual organization.

Total of twenty-five students consisting of first, second and third years attended this program. Among them were some non-Adventist students who have shown their interest to be part of the spiritual organization were also attended.

The program was officiated by Min. John Atade and Min. Paul Kos with the word of encouragement emphasizing the importance of working together as students in achieving and fulfilling of mental, spiritual and social capacities of student life.

The program was then concluded with the burning of a box containing the list of negativities that the students put on the papers and the building of altar as a symbol of commitment to work together as a team for this year.

Objectives

1. To support the movement of the Gospel commission of Jesus Christ to every part of Oro and Milne bay.
2. Make sure that integrity and accountability is maintained with the Local church level and the mission level.
3. To train and equip treasurers in record keeping and proper management control of local church funds.
4. Make sure all Tithes and Offerings are collected, transported, banked and reported to the mission Head Quarter.

Brief Report

Treasury operations in Oro and Milne Bay is growing, in terms of:

1. Tithe & Offering growth trend
2. Record keeping and reporting Local church accountability and management

Despite the growth indication we still see need for improvements. We want to conduct more trainings for treasurers in record keeping, reporting, church budget plans and money management. We also want audits to be done to all Local church in Oro and Milne Bay to maintain integrity and accountability.

We want to do as much as we can but our treasury department is limited in man power, and limited in financially resources. As a result other remote districts are left behind without getting trainings and visits. If only all training is done to every district in remote places, we believe that improvement will take place.

NEPM is always faced with challenges especially in financial matters and challenges on transportation (land/sea), but we have seen the hand of our good God working for North East Papua Mission. Therefore despite those challenges Treasury Department is willing to move on to press on, to see change, and to see growth for North East Papua Mission.

NEPM Treasury

Hi! everyone, welcome to Youth Quarterly Bulletin for Northeast Papua Mission (NEPM). In this section we will bring to you the updates of youth news, programs and activities that are taking place within the NEPM covering Milne Bay and Northern provinces. Below is a brief overview of the proposed plan and projects for this year;

Projects

The date for Youth President's walk along famous Kokoda Trail to raise funds for District Director's house is on September 22nd - 29th, 2013.

After the walk, the funds will be available for the youths to take ownership in completing the projects of building District Directors' houses.

Retreats

However, in order for the President's walk to be a success, the following preparations are needed to be done on schedule. Below are the dates and venues for the retreats;

- ◆ Kokoda
14th - 16th June, Kokoda church
- ◆ Alotau
21- 23 June, Gopaea
- ◆ Rabaraba
26 -28 June, Kivikivi
- ◆ Popondetta
26th - 28 July, Ajaro church
- ◆ Combine
17 - 21 September, Kokoda

Objectives of the retreats are;

- i. for spiritual preparation
- ii. To check on the progress of songs and Sabbath programmes in Port Moresby
- iii. Sabbath Sermon in Port Moresby
- iv. Fund raising and travel arrangements and
- v. Uniforms

Pathfinder camporee

Date: 15 - 21 December, 2013

Venue: Ulya, Jiwaka province

Registration dates for the camporee are as follows;

- a) Early bird - K150.00 up to July 31
- b) Late registration - K180.00 up to September 30th.

Quota

Oro - 150

Milne Bay -150

Total = 300

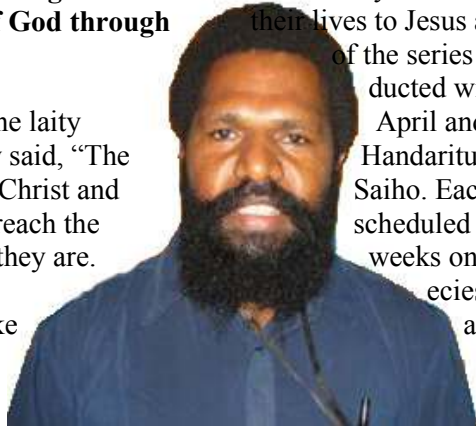
....More coming up in the next issue.

Laities on fire for the gospel

Laities are tremendously engaging with Northeast Papua Mission (NEPM) in spreading the truth about the love of God through evangelism and church planting.

President of the laity group Alex Kerry said, "The truth about Jesus Christ and His church must reach the people wherever they are. We must build churches and make disciples for all nations before King Jesus returns."

Many who have experienced changes through the programmes confessed that evangelism work of conducting crusades and ten times more prayer power (10xp) programme excites and grows the work of God dramatically in unexpected ways.



Mr. Alex Kerry, laity president

A total of sixty-one souls were baptised and added to the church while many more surrendered their lives to Jesus as a direct result of the series crusades conducted within the month of April and May in Handarituru, Timbeki and Saiho. Each crusade was scheduled to preach for two weeks on grace and prophecies. More crusades and preachers assigned to preach this month are John Atade (Doropota),

Elder John Riroriro (Tufi and Irena Mupang (Hohota).

Mr Kerry encourages the Adventist churches in Popondetta district to support them in prayers and work together in moving the work of evangelism in this part of Local Mission.

New faces joined NEPM staff

By ALEX RIRORIRO

The Administrative committees (Adcom) of Northeast Papua Mission (NEPM) resolved to add new members onto the list of existing staff to share the workload on the 28th May.

The decision was made to solve the problem of staff shortage, workloads, and the demand of pressures from in the field and the administration currently faced by the Local Mission. It was a bold step out of the boundary in order to add new faces as support staff for the administrative tasks in running the affairs of the mission.

The newly elected members who appointed to fill the vacation in the mission are; Alex Riroriro (Youth), Paul Kos (Communication) and Mrs Osla Binda (Counselling).

The two departments, Communication and Counselling are recently introduced into the NEPM upon the needs and requests of the church to address the issues affecting the church, families, communities and societies around the nation.

Pr. Peter Yorio, president of NEPM congratulated and welcomed the team to NEPM staff those who responded positively to work on voluntarily basis sharing the workload of the Local Mission.

Meanwhile, the office of the Director of Personal Ministry and Sabbath School (PMSS) is yet to be filled since the previous director, Pr. Leonard Sumatau moved to the office of General Secretary at the beginning of this year.

In the mean time the office space of the PMSS is temporarily used by the following department;

- a. communication every Monday and Friday,
- b. every Wednesday is schedule for the youth department and
- c. Tuesdays and Thursdays for the counselling team.

NEPM is the first Local Mission to have a counselling department operating and meeting the needs of the general public especially mothers and children.

SPOTLIGHT MUSA

With Kingsley ONEVA

Musa is one of the nine districts in the North-east Papua Mission (NEPM) that covers the vast areas of forest, swamps and savannah lands. Because of the huge landmass, the district divided itself into three divisions. The upper, middle and lower Musa.

Most of the villages and hamlets in Musa areas can only be accessed by boat or by foot. Fast flowing rivers, swamps and overgrown shrubs in most part of lowlands Musa adds travelling far more difficult in wet seasons. Dugout canoes are mainly used by almost every village in the lowland Musa to do fishing and gardening and transport food and families to and from big rivers and nearby coastal villages.

Because of the lack of proper infrastructure and basic government services, ordinary people had to walk miles to find medicine and education for their children. Bulk of the people denied excess to basic rights in education and health services due to poor road conditions and absence of public servants to deliver services to the people.

Education

In spite of the struggles and difficulties faced by the people of Musa, NEPM of the Seventh-day Adventist church through its church organised programmes reaching out to assist people with resources and trainings necessary to the needs of the people.

Education is one of the priorities of the Local Mission focusing on the

wellbeing of our young generation as potential leaders of the nation and the church of tomorrow.

Adventist teachers both in elementary and primary schools are very dedicated and committed to serve the people of Musa. The resurrection of Moiavei primary school after many years of negligence by the government in the lower Musa and several elementary schools administered by Adventist teachers are the benefits of Adventist presence in the community. Children are now back in class learning the basics to education taught by Adventist teachers in various schools.

Young lads from Karaisa going out for a ride on the Musa river

Church

Musa district is also known to be the home of pioneer missionaries who had come from other parts of the country into the province. With its first administrative office stationed at Karaisa, Musa district.

Thus, like other districts in the NEPM, Musa serves to be one of the oldest existing districts in the LM.

Thou many suns had set for Musa district, the spirit of the pioneers still moves on and the candles still burning for Musa.

Women Ministry Training

Recently on the month of May 8th - 15th, about forty women of Embessa braved the rainy season with tracks covered by mud and rainy water, walked forty to fifty kilometres to Momoyoga to attend level one and two trainings held by the women ministry's coordinator.

Attended at the training were also interested women from the Anglican dominated areas of Bendoroda, Avanina, and Guruguru by canoe to witness and learn new skills from the Adventist mothers.

Anglican church leader and Chief William Jango of Momoyoga village welcomed the Adventist mothers to have their programme freely in his village as a way Christian and fellowship.

Plans and Objectives

By August 21st - 29th, Musa district will hold one of its major crusades at Guruguru village, along the mighty Musa river.

The giant Musa district has eight organised churches and eleven hand churches. One district pastor, two local mission workers plus two Volunteer in Action (VIAs) pastoring the whole Musa district.

Looking forward to major events; i) Evangelism and nurturing are the top priorities to evangelise youth back to the church. ii) to increase tithes and offerings for the district. iii) Develop human resource iv) To open new work areas and v) To build more churches. Please pray for Musa. God bless all.

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