

For the last week of the time in Fiji, we changed locations for our Pacific Islands Staff Training Conference. During this time we all focused together on practical ministry training and philosophy - the how to's of doing ministry with university students. Other adults cared for the kids during this time so I got to participate in the meetings, too.

A highlight of the time was having a visit from Vonette Bright (wife of now deceased, beloved founder of Campus Crusade for Christ - Bill Bright). Our Pacific Islands group was blessed by her stories of the early days of CCC. Campus Crusade has always been



and continues to be all about winning people to Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to reach others. Her presence was a poignant reminder of why we were gathered there.

We had our photos taken with Vonette.



Our "Jack" was also privileged to be a part of a traditional Fijian torch lighting ceremony during the Staff Conference. "Bula" means "hello" in Fijian. ©

February back in New Zealand has meant blasting off into a new school/university year here. All students in the southern hemisphere are on summer break in December and January and go back to school in February. We are trying to reconnect with the university students we got to know last year and figure out the best way to move forward with our student ministry here in Auckland, focusing on students from the Pacific Island countries.



We love you all! We thank you for praying for us and supporting us financially! God is at work in this part of the world and we LOVE being a part of that!

Your ambassadors for Christ in the Pacific Islands,

Melanie, Don & "Jack"

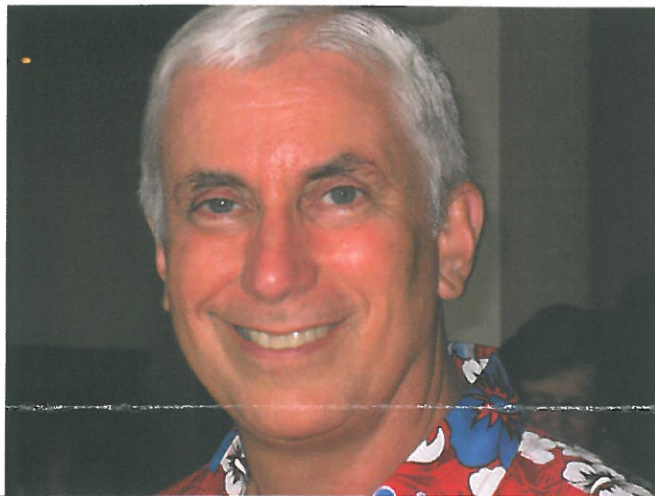
Roths' Slice of Life

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Thy Word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against Thee. (Psalm 119:11)

Life has been incredibly busy since we last wrote. We had a marvelous time in Fiji in January! My precious and diligent husband put together two fantastic conferences for all of the CCC staff in our Pacific Islands region. Because our ministry outreach on campus is based on the Word of God, we try to pull our staff together every couple of years for a two week program we call the Institute of Biblical Studies (IBS).

For several months in advance, Don tirelessly worked on all the details of the conferences for 100 people. He set up housing, arranged for transport and meals, secured Bible teachers for the classes, got the necessary textbooks. Truly - he handled a myriad of details.



On the left is a photo of the adults who were involved in the IBS program. Below are some of the comments they wrote in his thank you card:

"Thank you, Don - Because of you, we've learned an immense amount about God and have been entirely refreshed for our ministry in Fiji!"

"Thank you, Don, for being such a servant to us all. I'd like to say thank you to your ministry partners for sending you to the Pacific region because you and Melanie are a big blessing to us all!"

"Don - you have put an incredible amount of time and effort into putting together IBS. I am so thankful for your organization and vision. It has been a privilege to be a part of these classes."

John Lane (who adopted the nickname "Jack" while we were in Fiji) and I took part in the childcare program during IBS. Our venue for childcare was a Fijian primary school. The school loaned us a classroom and, as January is summer time in Fiji, we also had the school yard to ourselves. Daily for those two weeks, a handful of adults (including me) supervised 20 children (aged 5 - 15) from 8:30am - 3:30pm while the staff parents went to their Bible classes a few blocks away.



The children loved being together! We grown-ups took turns teaching daily Bible lessons and there were plenty of games and crafts to enjoy. I praise God for this time with the kids! They learned about Him and His Word and they loved being together.

