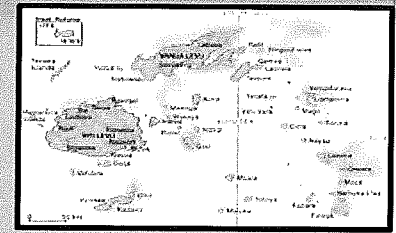




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*News from Paul and Martha Daku
Missionaries to Fiji and the South Pacific*
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GOOD NEWS! Those words evoke such a positive response when we hear them that our hearts are encouraged and a smile shows on our faces! With all the discouraging things in 2022, it is so good to know there is **GOOD NEWS** and that the Lord of heaven is still drawing people to Himself and calling out a people for His name. We have prayed for many years for more laborers. Several missionaries have recently left Fiji for various reasons. So we were overjoyed with the **GOOD NEWS** that not one, but TWO couples are considering Fiji as a place to minister. (1) One young Filipino couple (and their pastor) were just in Fiji for one month. Ian and Priscilla left lucrative jobs in Singapore to answer God's call to serve the Lord. We are overjoyed! (They have gone home to raise more support and hope to return to Fiji full-time in March 2023.) (2) We are anxiously awaiting a family of four who are considering Fiji as a mission field. They are from India which has become a difficult, dangerous place to work. With the large Indian population in Fiji, we are thrilled with the **GOOD NEWS** that they might come here to minister. This family will be visiting Fiji for one month starting 20 September.

CAMP! July 2022 was a very busy month as we prepared for camp for the first time in three years. We had 96 campers and 18 of them prayed to receive Christ. Including the pastors and their families, we had 135 people to feed and find a place to sleep. Pastor Mark Mahan from Altoona, PA did a splendid job of reaching the hearts of the teens on the theme, "Victory in Jesus." It was a very successful week but camp always takes weeks of prep and then a couple weeks to recover! We have a new program at our church called "Adopt-a-Teen" to encourage our teenagers to continue living for the Lord and to be faithful to church. Most of them come from homes where they get no encouragement in this direction.

DEDICATION OF SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH:
GOOD NEWS! As we write, the floor tiles are being laid in the new church auditorium. There are some more finishing touches which we hope to have completed in time for the Dedication Service on 5th November. We will be joined by our sister churches from all over the island. With this

dedication and official opening, we will also begin to hold services on Sunday mornings, rather than Sunday afternoons, and will engage in a rigorous outreach to the homes and people in Rakiraki. The physical church building is nearly done, and now we are anxious to see the Lord build His church and fill it with people who need the Lord.

GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION: There were several who Paul led to the Lord personally in the past three months. One young man is Nemani who has already moved to Australia. Another is Pulia, a young man from Tonga who is in Fiji studying to be a doctor. There were others who came to Christ, but space does not allow us to report on them all. It is always encouraging to see our people grow in their faith as well. One young father, Choy, is taking Bible Institute classes and really desires to serve God.

LOCAL PASTORS: One aspect of our ministry here is that of encouraging the national pastors who labor in Fiji. We have had several meetings this year for pastors and their wives. It is a needed ministry as we all face the challenges of ministry in these trying times. Please pray for Pastor Josefa, Pastor Orisi, Brother Pauliasi and Brother Jerome in particular as they have such a heart for God but sometimes struggle to provide for their families.

GOOD NEWS! Martha had a check-up in May for her cancer and was again declared cancer-free. She has another check-up the third week of September, so pray with us for another good report.

THANK YOU AGAIN for partnering with us through prayer and financial support. We pray that you will rejoice with us in the **GOOD NEWS** that we have shared with you here.



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