

PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE



Greeting our fellow,

We write to you with great love and care. Praying that you are all doing well. **1 Corinthians 1:4** *I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus.* We hope that all of you are joined together in the unity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **1 Corinthians 1:10** *Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

We are thankful to all of you for the work that you do for the Lord in the places where you live. **Romans 10:15** *And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"* We encourage all of you to work together to save souls, **2 Timothy 4:2**, *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

The Work So Far

We were so thankful to travel this summer as a family to the islands of Fiji. This was the second trip the entire Ferguson family has taken into the Pacific. This was both grandparent, brother Stacy and sister Kathy, as well as brother Nathaniel, sister Rachel, and their two children Atticus and Zoe. It was a great time for the family to work together and serve the Lord.

Kathy and Rachel taught childrens classes every night while the adults attended the PIBC classes. Stacy and Nathaniel taught courses on Job through Song of Solomon and "The How of Soul Winning". The Children also helped by handing out bible tracts for people to read.

Stacy and Kathy have gone to work with many of the Christians across the Pacific, as well as brother Robert. The PIBC team is growing and Lord willing this will allow us to better help the church all across the Pacific.



Labasa, Fiji Church of Christ

Words to Remember

In **Hebrews 4:9** it reads, *There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.* We have been given a promise that we will have an eternal rest away from sickness, death, and pain. This place where we will rest forever is called heaven. The Hebrew writer makes a connection between the sabbath and heaven. There remains a day when God's people will enter a "sabbath rest". This is like the sabbath for the Jew but this rest will be eternal in heaven. If we want to enter the sabbath rest then there are some things that we need to do.

We need to be diligent, **Hebrews 4:11** *Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.* The author of Hebrews tells the audience that if they want to enter that rest they must do something. What must they do? They must "be diligent" or strive. There is work that must be done to enter the rest. A person must labor to be paid. We must work to have rest. **2 Timothy 2:15** [ESV] says, *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.* We must do our best to be approved by God.

We must do our best to rightly handle the Gospel. We must do the work, **Hebrews 4:10** *For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.* God has promised that if we will do the work then the rest will come. A day will come when we will rest from the work of this life.

We must hold fast our Confession: **Hebrews 4:14** *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.* One of the major themes of Hebrews is the priesthood of Jesus. Coinciding with this is Christ's role as a mediator between us and God the father. Christ speaks on our behalf and defends us against the accusations of the Devil. For this reason we should not neglect the confession which we have given, **Matthew 10:33**. The confession being the belief in Jesus which we learn from the Gospel.



Nadi, Fiji Church of Christ

**In Christ,
The PIBC Team**