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Have you had questions about Port Moresby, the physical developments, pollution, urbanisation, social issues, migration, squatters, crime and raskols, school leavers and unemployment, dumps, roads, transport, and much more? Did you ever wonder if anything was being done about some of these issues? These were the topics and issues that Urban Geography students Robert Saliu, Lisa Walu, Gwenly Ravu, and Jacklyn Balik and their lecturer Jennifer Litau, discussed with the Financial Controller of NCDC, Augustine Ravi and Kenneth and Amanda who are two of the Commission's Planners. NCDC stands for the National Capital District Commission which is the administrative organisation for the nation's capital city. The students also visited Hanuabada, the old site for the House of Assembly, Tougaba Hill and old locale of Port Moresby from Konedobu through Badili.

Some findings about crime and raskols, squatters and unemployment: High unemployment exists mostly among young people who drop out of school. NCDC has a crime and raskol prevention program in which they identify and sponsor high risk to criminal activity youth for vocational training at technical schools. The beneficiary is required to pay 25% of the amount, but the rest of the tuition is covered by the Commission. About 200 young people have been supported through this program. Sporting activities are also encouraged to get high risk youth off the streets. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is helping with similar activities in the settlements. Who lives in squatter settlements? Over half of the occupants are Highlanders. Many Gulf and Central settlers also live in settlements.

Our findings about rural-urban migration and squatter or city living: NCDC has plans and programs in place to improve city living. These include regulating rural-urban migration. But these are contested on legal and political grounds. The National Constitution guarantees the freedom of citizens to move anywhere in the country, including Port Moresby. The unprecedented growth of the city's population to a Commission estimate of half a million, is partly attributed to politicians who bring people in to settlements to set up voter bases. The challenge for NCDC is to get political commitment towards sensible regulation of rural-urban migration and improvement of residents' living. In other words, cooperation is needed between NCDC and others, including politicians, to turn migrants into a force for good in the city. The challenge for squatter living is that there are plans to build model settlements (one to the right of the field at

Facts from NCDC



L-R (front): Kenneth Binoka (Manager Strategic Planning), Augustine Ravi (Financial Controller), Jacklyn Balik, L-R (back): Robert Saliu, Gwenly Ravu, Lisa Walu, and Amanda Binoka (Physical Planner)

9 mile) and the need for much money, in the order of a few hundred million kina, to upgrade squatter settlements into suburbs with proper amenities and facilities.

Findings about Port Moresby: Did you know that in 1873 Captain John Moresby did not discover Port Moresby, which he named after his father, because there were already Motuans living there. The Motuans were the real discoverers of the place. These people have, over the years, traded with and engaged in inter-marriage with the Koita people of Gulf. The outcome of this is what is now known as the Motu-Koita tribe. These people now claim themselves as traditional landowners of the land on which the capital city is located. These landowners own open spaces of land in Waigani that NCDC had planned to develop into a central area. NCDC has not been able to pursue this option because landowners are hesitant to have their land registered and titled for fear that, through fraudulent activities, they would lose their land titles to others.

Did you know that many open spaces in the city are on land titled to NCDC? Did you know also that the Commission has been the victim of fraudulent land titling activities through the national Lands Department? These have contributed to the loss of some of the strategic open-space land that the Commission would have developed for improving the living standards of the residents. As a case in point, many of you would have noticed landscaping and ground works on the open space in front of Foodworld at Gordons during the last few months. One of NCD's Governors, Powes Parkop, was to turn this space into a play park for children and families to access. However, someone notified the Commission that they were trespassing on private land.

Did you also know that the NCDC, which is the governing organisation for the capital, had plans to centralise development and growth in Waigani? Do you wonder why this has not occurred? The answer provided by the NCDC Financial controller was this: "In Waigani, there are pockets of open space

Values

(Adapted from *Families Today*, by Connie R. Sassa)

What are values?

A SHIP'S MOVEMENT AND DIRECTION ARE CONTROLLED BY THE RUDDER. IN LIFE A PERSON'S DIRECTION IS CONTROLLED BY VALUES. Imagine a concentric circle with two rings, the inner and the outer. The outer represents behaviors, be they social, mental, physical or spiritual. The inner ring represents values, from which our behaviors are determined. But what are values? Connie R. Sassa states that "Values are beliefs and feelings about what is important. They are based on ideas about what is right, good and desirable." Sleeping on time shows we value good health. Families that speak kindly to each other value courtesy. So "values are who I am. They become my character, the real person. They are expressed in what I do and how I act. They provide the basis for all decisions and actions during life." (Donna J. Habenicht). The same author listed the following as some of the core values: peace, kindness and compassion, patience, humility, respect, responsibility, perseverance, loyalty and commitment, honesty and integrity, self-control, contentment and thankfulness, faith in God.

The set of values that you have is called your value system, developed within your family. How you spend your money, time and energy shows your value. You choose certain activities over others. You enjoy some people more than others. You may feel that some principles are worth standing up for, even fighting and dying for, while others might not interest you at all. You choose clothes and words that reveal your attitudes about what is important. You adopt qualities that you admire and feel are right for you. Together, all of these make up your value system.

Values mean nothing without action. That's the way it is with values. First you learn them, and then you live by them. You are only honest if you act that way, even when no one is watching. You are only thoughtful if you pay attention to the feelings of others. No matter what you say, people will soon see your real values through your behavior. As you examine your value system, ask yourself if your action match your beliefs. If not, why? What can you do to act on what you believe is important?

A strong value system can help you.

- **A value system helps you make decisions.** Values can reduce confusion in your life. When you know what is important to you, making choices is easier.
- **Values provide motivation.** When something is important to you, you are likely to stand for and go after it. Knowing what you want can cause you to take actions. You are more likely to be more focused than drift along in life.
- **Value control behavior.** Positive values keep people from doing what they should not do. They place limits on behaviours.

- **Clear values provide confidence and strength.** When you have values that steer you, you feel confident and secure.
- **Values bring consistency to your outlook and actions.** People know what to expect from you. Behaviours that are more reliable are more readily accepted by others.
- **Positive values enable you to focus on others, not just yourself.** Rob avoids meeting his girlfriend in the dark alone to avoid unacceptable behaviour. His concerned for others affected his girlfriend and her parents in a positive way. In return he felt good about his actions

Here are some guidelines to use as you develop a value system that will serve well throughout life:

- **Follow the rules.** Rules and laws were created from the experiences of those who have discovered that without order there is destruction. The rules of society are based upon values that respect life, property, and truth. Taking law of the society seriously contributes to the strength of the society. It also makes you stronger person. People who follow the laws gain respect and opportunity in society. Laws and rules are changed when it is necessary. Challenge to them can be made, but not by breaking them. Speaking out and writing to legislators are all ways that people use to bring about changes.
- **Choose right over wrong.** Even though answers are not always clear-cut, you will often know inside what is right. Often it is tempting to push an important value to the side. Take time to think about what is really best for you and others. Challenge what you see and hear before you accept it. If you are not sure, ask yourself these questions: "Is it legal? Will it be harmful to me or anyone else? Will I regret it later?"
- **Learn from others.** Observe what goes on around you. The mistakes and experiences of others can be helpful as you decide what to include in your value system. Talking to an adult you trust - a family member, teacher, or counselor, for example - can also help you clarify your principles.
- **Become aware of your values.** When you know clearly what your values are, they will be there when you need them.
- **Contribute to the family value system.** If you learn good values in school or from others, apply them in your family. Suggest to your family to try them.

Your value system is developed with the help of your family. Because you are continually influenced by other people and events outside your family, values may seem to conflict at times. For this reason you may need to be prepared to preserve, defend, adjust, and strengthen your value system. Good judgment will help you. Good and positive values are part of God's nature, of who He is. When you think about them seriously and allow your behaviours to be guided by them, then your life will truly glorify God.

land that are held in customary ownership to the Motu-Koita tribe. Due to fraudulent titling at the Lands Department, the landowners are hesitant about getting these lands registered and titled for fear the titles will be sold to another. Later on this year, NCDC will host a conference for all landowners in the city and discuss issues that affect them, such as their rights, and the implications of urban development for them.

Finally be aware that more urban growth and development is headed outward along the Hiritano Highway. There is a pull for growth also on the coastal front due to the Napa Napa refinery and the NCDC's plan for growth in Waigani is hampered. If growth occurs along the Hiritano Highway, then there will be a need for new dump sites to prevent the carting of rubbish through the city.



Also on the environment, NCDC is currently undertaking feasibility into the advantages of recycling and sees this as a long term strategy. There is potential here for business, we learnt from the meeting. We also learnt that legislation demands that buildings have public amenities and undercover parking, but that ruling has often been violated by developers. NCDC has plans to improve their regulation and taxing of parking in the near future. So there you are, with the update of perspectives on the capital from the three officers we met with.

Meanwhile NCDC has donated a copy of their National Capital District Settlements Strategic Plan 2007-2010 and it will be reference section in the PAU library.

Finally the students would like to convey their gratitude to Mrs. Jillian Thiele, Mrs Karo Matainaho, Mr Vincent Teulilo, Elijah and Charles Litau for their assistance with the excursion. At NCDC appreciation to Mr Augustine Ravi, financial controller, Kenneth and Amanda for their assistance.

EVENTS CALENDER

FRIDAY JUNE 13

Friday Night Fellowship

Mr Ben Thomas

7:00pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY JUNE 14

Women's Ministry

6.00am @ PAU Church

Pathfinder Prayer Breakfast

(Bible Study)

6.30am @ Lamb Shelter

Sabbath School

Samoan Community

9:00am @ PAU Church

Divine Service

Pr Andrew Skegg

10:45am @ PAU Church

Pathfinder & Adventurers

2pm @ PAU Church

Bible Marking class

with Pr Jeffrey Paul

2pm at T1

Special Bible Study with Pr Aaron Lopa

3pm @ T1

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4:30pm @ PAU Church

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18

Prayer Meeting - Pr Vince David

7:00pm @ PAU Church

IN BRIEF

New Receptionist – Mrs. Yvonne Unobo: PAU would like to welcome Mrs. Yvonne Unobo to our team. Mrs. Unobo has started work this week and has already caught up with most tasks she will be responsible for. I would like to encourage all to make Mrs. Unobo welcome and we all hope that her work at PAU will be enjoyable and productive.

PAU to Organise a Major Business Summit: Mr. Ben Thomas, the Dean of School of Business, informs us that the Business Summit is now confirmed. It will be held at PAU on the 3rd – 4th November 2008. The Governor of the Bank of PNG has accepted to be a keynote speaker with a number of international and national participants. This is a new venture we hope will become an annual event. Mr. Thomas says: "I am very excited about this opportunity to bring key leaders to our fine institution." In the next edition of VC Views and News we will provide a more substantial report on the plans for the PAU Business Summit.

There
is no failure
except in no longer
trying

NEWS

“Engulfed by Cool Breeze”

By Rungí Daware

On Sabbath afternoon, as the day was cool and little harmonic waves were blowing across the 'peaceful, attractive and unique campus of PAU, some first year students led by Nelson Pokam and Rhonda Taumau decided to climb Mt. Eriama, just to enjoy the view of Port Moresby.

As the students slowly and breathlessly walked up the rocky hill, some were scared of papuan snake. However, after 45 minutes of climbing, they reached the summit and the cool breeze from the savannah land of Koiari encircled the pupils. They could see the outskirts of Port Moresby and the green land of PAU.

It was beautiful, with the view of the blue ranges behind the Koiari plains. As they sat there for half an hour on the top of Mt. Eriama, the eastern sun was setting in a glow of fire, slowly disappearing behind the horizon.

Further away, a student sighted the blue sea adjacent to Jacksons International Airport and commented that the sea was sleeping like a big dolphin waiting for a tsunami to wake her. At the far end of PAU, there were some birds, like the redcom, flying high searching for food and then returning back to land just like an aeroplane.

The beauty of the walk was that the students were engulfed by the cool sea breezes. To feel it yourself, why not try it out!

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Best of Luck to all the students in the upcoming exams

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