

IN BRIEF

End of Semester Exams

Did you know that today is the last day of classes for 2008? Well, believe it or not, it is! But it's not over, coz we still have the exams to prepare for. Well folks, hang in there and do your best.

We wish all the students much of God's blessing in their final pace for this semester.

Graduation around the corner

'Mixed emotions' are what prospective graduands are going through in their final lapse of study here at PAU.

They have worked hard through the years of study at PAU, and graduating at the end of this year would see most hard work paid for.

We wish all the prospective graduands the 'Best of Luck' and all of God's blessings.

Nursing Students on Practicum

Nursing Students have completed their exams two weeks earlier and most are now having their practicum.

Most practicum are being held at the Port Moresby General Hospital and the Clinic at the University.

Some however, have gone to rural blocks along the Hiritano highway to do their practicum.

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@ PAU 2008 magazine is due for release in a week's time. Be on the lookout!

Dr. Aaron Lopa receives award



Governor-General Sir Paulias Matane investing Dr Aaron Lopa with the insignia of an Officer of the Order of Logohu (OL) for services to the SDA church as a pastor and teacher to the Community in various capacities including as a member of the PNG Correctional Service Promotion Board.

By: Vagi Vele

Professor, Dr Aaron Lopa was among the 138 recipients of the Logohu awards for this year's Independence Day Honours List.

In a ceremony that was held at the Government House on Tuesday 11th November 2008, he was awarded his medal by the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Sir Paulias Matane.

He was invested by his excellency the Governor General, Sir Paulias Matane for his services to the Seventh Day Adventist Church

as a pastor and teacher to the Community in various capacities including as a member of the PNG Correctional Service Promotion Board.

Dr Lopa is currently a senior lecturer in the School of Theology at Pacific Adventist University (PAU). He has served the church most of his life both in pastoral ministry and in the church's educational system.

On behalf of the Administration of PAU, staff and students we wish to Congratulate Dr Lopa for a well deserved award.

Sermon on the sidewalk



By Ken Weslake - SPD Associate Education Director

I am in Perth at the moment visiting a number of the schools over here and having a most enjoyable time. This morning at the school I visited I was roped into a shopping visit. Always happy to go shopping – the grocery kind not the clothing kind just in case you women should get the wrong idea!

One of the lower classes in the school had raised around \$400 to spend on groceries to be made up into hampers to give to poor families in the community. The visit to the IGA store just around the corner was very well organised by the teacher. Each group had a list of what was to be purchased, the aisle number where it was to be found, the item with a coloured photo for identification and the amount for the item. A group of around 16 littlies can make a big impression in a small IGA store and this group were no exception. It didn't take long for the groceries to be found and purchased and as we exited onto the footpath they were asked to sit along the store wall out of the road of the pedestrians while I loaded the goodies into the teacher's car. While I was doing that the sermon began. Not about behavioural standards inside shops - these kids were angels! – But about why we

do things like this. One girl had given all of her birthday money which totalled \$20. I call that sacrifice, especially for a 5 year old.

The reason why we do this thing "...is because Jesus lives in our hearts and when he does it makes us want to do kind things like this." This little sermon was delivered while pedestrians were walking past. It will be more than the kids that will benefit from it.

I found the whole experience a lovely vignette of what special character is all about. *Acting out, living out what Jesus would do and what he wants us to do.* Now I am not sure what the plan is but I do hope that the students will have the opportunity to personally deliver the groceries to those who are finding it tough to make it through at the moment especially just before Christmas.

We were treated to a milk shake afterwards. The students had walked a long way by their standards to do the shopping and they would need the sustenance to get back as well, especially as the weather was a sunny 28o. Even the milkshake order had come out of an earlier maths lesson as the teacher tallied up the favourite milkshakes from the students. I can assure you that a cool chocolate milkshake is a nice way to spend some time with the shoppers!

So as you approach Christmas I wonder if there is some way for you to make a difference in the lives of the not so fortunate in your community. Remember what Jesus said? "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these my brothers . . ."

God bless you as you continue to show Jesus in practical ways to others around you.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21

Friday night fellowship
Campus Ministry - Special Baptism
6:45pm @ PAU church

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22

Sabbath School
9:00am @ PAU Church

Divine Service -Dr Branimir Schubert
"Will Jesus Come in my Lifetime"
10:45am @ PAU Church

Special Bible Study-Pr. Aaron Lopa
3:00pm @ T1

AY - Adventurer Investiture
4:30pm @ PAU Church

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26

Prayer Meeting - Pr Jeffery Paul
6:45 pm @ PAU Church

Announcements.

Baptism: There will be a Baptism on November 21-friday evening. Pastor Sefanaia Turava and the Campus Ministry Team will be leading out.

THANKYOU

We just want to let you know that we have been encouraged by your thoughts, prayers, and expressions of compassion after the loss of my Mum. It has been a long hard journey and one that will take some time to recover from. Mum suffered much, but rests now and we look forward to seeing her soon. With much appreciation,
Graeme and Kay Humble

