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Dr Aaron Lopa's progress

Dr Lopa is out of hospital. Still in pain though from the operation.

His recovery process will be at a much slower rate because of his age however he is taking pain killers to ease the pain and he said Tuesday (April 13) was the first time he did not take any pain killers.

Tuesday also was the first time he got to do some body movements out of hospital. He is talking well. Elizabeth Baelua had a chance to speak with him yesterday.

He said to send his sincere THANK YOU to everyone for your prayers for his recovery and please continue praying. Only time will heal his wounds and pains.

They are scheduled to return on April 26 but that will depend on his condition.

JCU Researchers address PAU on collaborative Male Circumcision and HIV prevention study.



Some of the faculty members standing with the visitors, Dr David McLaren (third from left,back row) and Mrs Michelle McLaren(second from right-front row) after the assembly period.

By: Chucha Posman & Vagi Vele

Dr David MacLaren, Lead Investigator, School of Public Health, Tropical Medicine & Rehabilitation Sciences and his wife Mrs. Michelle MacLaren, Project Manager, School of Public Health, Tropical Medicine & Rehabilitation Sciences from James Cook University spoke to PAU students, staff and faculty on Tuesday 13th April about 'male circumcision for HIV prevention in PNG study.' This is a collaborative research project between James Cook University, Divine Word University and Pacific Adventist University and partners OK Tedi Mining Ltd in the Western Province and Higaturu oil palm in Oro Province.

The School of Health Sciences was scheduled to take the assembly and was honoured to have the MacLaren's as the guest speakers.

Mrs. MacLaren who is a Social Worker by profession with a Masters in Community Development & Human Service Management said she is passionate about applying community development principles to research including action research with special interest in HIV. She added she loves working with people in the community

because everyone contributes to the solutions and the issue(s) being researched.

Dr David MacLaren, a PhD in Public Health gave a brief on the development of the partnership between JCU and PAU. The first meeting took place at the end of 2008 between JCU and PAU school of Health Science. In January 2009, a workshop was conducted to discuss the need and the feasibility of this study which led to a submission to the National Aids Council for funding to be made available for this pilot study. The submission was approved which saw the beginning of this research based project last Wednesday.

In his presentation, Dr MacLaren clearly described the worldwide prevalence of HIV. This included UNAIDS 2008, HIV in PNG, HIV prevention, male circumcision and prevention, intervention studies, biological mechanisms for male circumcision, male circumcision for HIV prevention and WHO/UNAIDS recommendations.

He said that after extensive studies, the World Health Organization (WHO) now recommends male circumcision to

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Dr Branimir Schubert - PAU VC

Leadership Dialogue Addresses Accountability and Emphasizes Growth

Last Monday evening all Officers, Directors and Deans met at the Library Seminar Room with the Vice-Chancellor for their regular Leadership Dialogue. This time the topic for discussion was Accountability. Dr. Schubert has used the events from the life of King David to illustrate the fact that all are ultimately held accountable and has stressed the need to be proactive in this aspect of the University's operation. A vibrant discussion took place with many commenting on how we can become a more accountable organization. Dr. Schubert also discussed a number of activities and projects taking place, such as Strategic Planning project under the leadership of Dr. Fifaia Matainaho, the Student Centre project and the future development of the campus. The Vice-chancellor stressed that PAU will experience significant GROWTH in the years to come and this will bring the new opportunities and challenges to surface. The growth will necessitate for PAU to build a new School of Business, develop more accommodation space, provide for larger classrooms and invest into the development of a large multipurpose venue.

Research Planning Workshop Held at PAU

The research project on Acceptability of Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention in PNG has officially started last Wednesday with the Planning Workshop held at the Library Seminar Room. Representatives from James Cook University, Divine Word University, NDOH, PJV, Higaturu Oil Palm and PAU have met to discuss the project, assess how it may link with other HIV

prevention projects, evaluate the pilot study and revise and plan study methods. This is a two-year project and it is hoped that the research results may show a way forward to decrease the HIV rate in the country and wider. In his welcome address Dr. Schubert has expressed his delight that such partnership has formed and that through this research PAU's strategic objective to encourage research and development is being met.

PAU Acknowledged on Hope Channel

In an interview given to Hope Channel, Mr. Dennis Perry expressed his gratitude to PAU for supporting Food for Life program over the past few years. In cooperation with Sanitarium, Food for Life has made a huge contribution to the disadvantaged communities in and around Port Moresby. In his recent report Mr. Perry writes:

"We have concentrated on Baruni Rubbish tip where hundreds of people live on the tip. Three years ago over 100 people were dying and being buried on this tip annually from starvation, thirst and hygiene issues. This is what they call home. We have reduced these fatalities to around 20 per year through our ongoing regular visits. Another encouraging program is a school we started around 18 months ago in a settlement. This has now 73 poor children attending every day in a large hut. We have commenced monthly Sabbath School and church services in this settlement and have really lifted the community and made a significant difference. Balance of the week has been spent in the HIV/AIDS ward in Port Moresby General Hospital, where we fed over 300 dying of AIDS, including children. At Cheshire homes for the mentally and physically challenged we provided breakfast this week. Thousands of people were ministered to this week in areas of different humanitarian projects which are ongoing."

Mr. Vincent Teulilo, PAU Assistant Bursar, is the driving force behind this project and we are very proud of his involvement. We pray that opportunities for future involvement in community service will open so we can be even more focused on the needs of the communities that surround us.

PAU Deputy Vice-Chancellor Represents PAU at Round Table Discussions in Australia

Currently Dr. Glynn Galo is at Gold Coast, Australia at the invitation of the Griffiths University. He is attending the Presidents Round Table Asia Pacific Association for International Education 2010 Conference and Exhibition hosted by Griffith University on Australia's Gold Coast.

PAU to Seek Assistance in Cleanup

PAU is seeking the assistance of the Police and the community to clean up the area in front of Kinakon where some have established unauthorized retail facilities. It has been observed that what is being sold in front of our property does not comply with PAU standards, including tobacco. Allegedly, illegal substances are also being traded, such as illegal alcohol and even drugs. We are working through Mr. Reuben Alu and his Security team to engage all avenues that will provide a better environment around our property. We would like to also seek cooperation from all at PAU to stay away from this area and not to engage in any activities that may stain the image of the University.

Dr Valentine married at La Sierra University Church

Dr. Gilbert Valentine, the SPD Tertiary Affiliation Officer with the Department of Education, married Dr. Kendra Haloviak of Riverside, California, in a ceremony performed April 4 at the La Sierra University Church.

Dr. Valentine was at one time Administrator of Mission College in Thailand. His new bride is a member of the Religion staff of La Sierra University.

The ceremony was performed by a trio of ministers including Dr. Lyell Heise of Australia, a long-time family friend and former pastor of the La Sierra

University Church. The other two ministers were Chris Oberg, pastor of the La Sierra University Church at La Sierra, and John Brunt, the bride's pastor at Azure Hills Church in the South-eastern California Conference.

Dr. Valentine was supported by his two sons, Andrew and Lincoln, who served as attendants.¶

Researchers address PAU on collaborative Male Circumcision and HIV prevention study.

be included in HIV prevention strategies in populations with generalized epidemic, heterosexual transmission and low circumcision rates. This however is not the solution but a strategy that highlights some advantages and disadvantages of male circumcision.

The main question they [researchers] are grappling with is; 'Is male circumcision an acceptable and feasible intervention to reduce HIV transmission in PNG?' It is aimed that this study will assess the acceptability and feasibility of male circumcision as an intervention to reduce the risk of HIV in four sites in PNG and to provide this evidence via presentations, reports and publications to inform national and international HIV prevention policy makers.

The MacLaren's will be based at PAU for several months conducting research and working in collaboration with the School of Health Sciences on this research project. ¶

PAUSA Attends ATSA Combined Fellowship.

By: Jeanette Selep

On Saturday, 10th of April, PAU was represented by leaders and some members of the PAU Students Association (PAUSA) at the first 2010 Adventist Tertiary Student Association (ATSA) combine fellowship that was held at the Medical Faculty, Taurama campus. Various student leaders of ATSA shared challenging messages with the members of the association with the purpose of empowering and enhancing the upcoming leaders of the Church.

Describing the challenges of the time, Terrence Mark, a former PAU student who is now a 4th year Medical student said; 'It is in the most painful contractions that more progress is made.' His precise statement meant that, leading will not be easy, challenges will rise and it is in these trying moments that new horizons appear and a lot is achieved.

Dr. Scott Charlesworth who took the Divine Service motivated each one to start trusting God now in order to be able to be led by Him. He said that one cannot lead without putting away all the negative concepts and happenings of the past.

Encouraged and renewed, the students left with the motivation that Jesus is the only answer to this year's success.

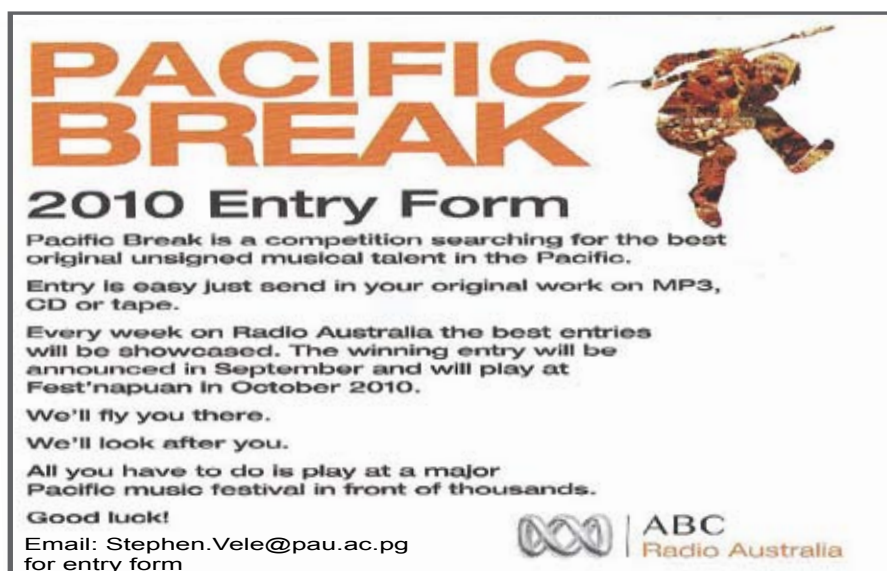
PAU to host a Climate Change Conference

PAU has accepted the invitation from the US Embassy to host a Climate Change conference, to be held here on PAU Campus.

His Excellency, Ambassador Teddy B. Taylor has initiated this invitation and PAU is delighted to partner with the US Embassy in preparing and making this event a successful one.

The visiting speaker, Mr Franz Litz will be in PNG for two days, April 26-27.

He will speak on the topic of 'Climate Change' to students and staff on April 26th at 4pm at the Health Science Lecture Room (HSL).



PACIFIC BREAK

2010 Entry Form

Pacific Break is a competition searching for the best original unsigned musical talent in the Pacific.

Entry is easy just send in your original work on MP3, CD or tape.

Every week on Radio Australia the best entries will be showcased. The winning entry will be announced in September and will play at Fest'napuan in October 2010.


We'll fly you there.

We'll look after you.

All you have to do is play at a major Pacific music festival in front of thousands.

Good luck!

Email: Stephen.Vele@pau.ac.pg for entry form



Invitation to PAU Research Colloquia

Thursday 15th April 2010,
10am – 10.50am, Room T5, Pacific
Adventist University

We are pleased to welcome special guest presenter

**Professor William John Hannan
McBride**
of James Cook University

to the Pacific Adventist University academic faculty fortnightly research colloquia and extend an invitation to interested members of the public to join us

Contribution of Dengue fever to the burden of acute fever illnesses in Papua New Guinea: an age-specific prospective study

Bio-sketch

John has major interests in the Tropical Infectious Diseases of north Queensland and the Western Pacific. After training in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology in Adelaide he completed a PhD on dengue fever in Townsville before moving to Cairns. He has a strong interest in HIV in the Western Pacific. He is a regular visitor to PNG and has recently been working with AUSAID in a program to develop management protocols and introduce anti-retroviral drugs to the country. Other areas of interest include Rickettsial infections, Melioidosis, Leptospirosis, Strongyloidiasis, and the Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases.

Qualifications

MBBS DTM&H FRACP FRCPA PhD

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Matthew Theo & Henao Mea
6:45pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
Women's Ministry
6am @ PAU Church

Sabbath School
Class 8 - Ruth Galang
9am @ PAU Church

Divine Service
Dr Scott Charlesworth
10.45am @ PAU Church

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Ex- Sonoma Students
Leader: Roy Baelua
4.30pm @ PAU Church

Adventurers
4:00pm @ C8

Pathfinders
4:00pm @ T5

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
Church Board
7:30 - 8:30pm @ PAU Church.

TUESDAY APRIL 20
Assembly Period
School of Theology
10am @ PAU Church

PAU Fun Run

The date is set!!!!

It is time to start preparing for the
Fun Run and Half Marathon
To be held on **Sunday 16th of May.**



2½KM 5KM 10KM 21KM
Place prizes and spot prizes

Happy training!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic Office

This notice serves to inform all students that April 23 is the deadline for withdrawing from a subject without penalty.

Students who wish to withdraw from a subject after April 23 will receive a WF (withdraw fail) grade.

New students, if you have any query on this, please contact the Registrar.

Personal Ministry

School of Education and School of Arts and Humanities in conjunction with Health Ministry plan to visit Port Moresby General Hospital on:

Date: Saturday April 24th

Time: 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Departure: 12:45pm from front of library

Staff and students from these Schools are invited to participate in this outreach initiative for the Church.

Malachi 3:16-17

God judges everyman according to his work. Not only that he judge, but he sum up the day by day and hour by hour, our progress in well doing.

Eye check-up at PAU Clinic

An eye specialist will be visiting PAU Clinic. See details below:

Date: Friday April 30,

Time: 9am – 2pm

Who to attend? Both staff and students

Fee: Free of charge

And

Date: Monday May 3,

Time: 9am – 3pm

Who to attend? Both staff and students.

Fee: Free of charge

Please come along and check your eyes because chance comes once.

Reminders:

1: Come with a clinic book or an exercise book if you don't have a clinic book.

2: Give your name in advance for formal arrangements.

DOSS Office

Please forward Male Circumcision Questionnaires to prepared BOXES at the Library & DOSS Office before this coming Friday, April 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR Office

New Staff members:

PAU welcomes the following new staff:

- Miss Sandra Iga
Secretary,
School of Theology and School of Health Science



- Mrs Ellen Faisi -Project Coordinator, Research & Post Graduate Studies.



Until sometime in June, Ellen Faisi will also be giving some Administration assistance for Beri Meare. Ellen's extension is 372.

- Dr. Fifaia Matainaho who will be assisting the School of Science & Technology and the Development Office on a part-time basis.

- Visiting research collaborators from James Cook University (Cairns campus), Dr. David MacLaren, and Mrs Michelle Redman-MacLaren. They are here with their two boys, Hamish and Locky, who are attending C School; the family will be based at PAU until September. David and Michelle are working full-time on research exploring the acceptability of male circumcision as a HIV prevention – a 2 ½ year project. David and Michelle will also contribute to research capacity building at PAU as part of our collaboration. Welcome to the MacLarens. Their offices are next to computer lab 2, under the library.



The MacLaren family - Hamish, Locky, Michelle & David

Please give them all the PAU welcome and make them feel at home!