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# MoU signed for new secondary school

By: Vagi Vele

A memorandum of Understanding was signed at PAU on Tuesday August 17, by four parties for a new secondary school to be built at PAU.

The four parties included, Pacific Adventist University (PAU), National Capital District (NCDC), Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) and the Department of Education.

PAU Vice-Chancellor said in his remarks, “I am delighted to welcome all the distinguished guests and partners in this project.” The development of a new Secondary School at PAU campus is the result of several partners coming together, lead by the Hon. Powes Parkop and Dr. Branimir Schubert. NCD has a need to provide additional Secondary spaces available to the growing student population. PAU has a need to have a quality Secondary School nearby so the students in training can access “real classroom” environment to fulfil their practicum requirements. Those two needs

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By: Chucha Posman

The PAU Vice-Chancellor, Dr Branimir Schubert challenged its staff and students to understand the real meaning of PAU on the first Assembly period for this semester on Tuesday 17th of August at the PAU Church. Dr Schubert based his presentation on each letters of what make up PAU (Pacific Adventist University).

He said it is human nature to forget what the acronym PAU really means. He began by speaking on the letter P (Pacific) which he said PAU is blessed to be a multi-cultural university, having both staff and students from around the Pacific as well as from other countries. He said staff and students should work together to embrace the Pacific spirit for a better Pacific and the world. PAU has a mandate to be a major educational influence in the Pacific region and this can be achieved not only by increasing the intake from various Pacific Countries, but also by strengthening its presence internationally.

He deliberately skipped the acronym A (Adventist) and spoke next on the letter U (University). He spoke particularly to students and said that university is different from high/secondary school in that in high/secondary level, most of the learning takes place in the classroom whereas in university, most learning occur outside of the classroom therefore students should make use of every opportunity presented

## PAU to participate in the NCD career Expo

PAU will be participating in the 3-day career expo organised by the department of Education. The expo will see more grade 12s and a few 11s visit exhibitions from various universities and stakeholders. The purpose of the expo is twofold. For the exhibitors it an opportunity to showcase to the students and also

# Vice-Chancellor challenges staff and students

to them in the university level. Research in the library and online as well as student and faculty interaction and dialogue play a major role in the learning process.

He then challenged the audience especially students, to be critical thinkers and not mere reflectors of thought.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded with the acronym A for Adventist. He said as Adventist Christian it is important to respect the church traditions like morning devotions, prayer, attending church services etc. However, if all these traditions are without substance or if they don't give praise, glory and honour to God then we have lost the substance of what it means to be Adventist. Our traditions must result in us becoming more like Christ; they must demonstrate in practice and every-day experiences that we have integrated the Christian values and have become more loving, just and caring.

*...Adventist Christian is important to respect the church traditions...*

The VC based his address on the Old Testament book of Zechariah chapter 7 where the question is asked from God whether we should continue our “traditions” – and God's answer to rather be concerned about executing true justice, showing mercy and compassion and demonstrating love for those who are oppressed.

Our University must go beyond forms and traditions and must constantly ensure that there is substance behind our practices, as only in that case we will truly be an Adventist University.¶

other stakeholders the courses offered at PAU and for the students it will be an opportunity to get firsthand information about various courses. This will enable them to make sound decisions for the future. PAU will be represented by the PR officer and student volunteers.¶

## PNG pastors in “the real world”

“Opened my mind up,” “I’m challenged,” and “The best I’ve ever had,” are comments from students on a new Master of Arts (Pastoral Ministry) intensive course at the Pacific Adventist University Study Centre based at Papua New Guinea Union Mission of the SDA Church (PNGUM), Lae.

Pr Lonol Winnie, District Director for Rigo, Central Province, has joined the MA(PastMin) course in his 8th year of ministry, and his 3rd year at District Director level. The first subject, Stewardship and Church Governance taught by Dean of School of Business, Ben Thomas, who also has a ministry background, he said, “has opened my mind up... It has lifted me out of a theology perspective and put me into the real world today.” While he didn’t expect to learn about management, he said, “some of it I did without knowing I was doing it – benchmarking, return of investment, governance. But now I need to make some adjustments, a lot of things I’ve done in ministry can be improved.” While Pr Lonol feels the struggle returning to study, after working in mostly rural settings, he says he is motivated and challenged.

Min. Alice Nathan, the only female in the class, is a church pastor overseeing 14 church groups in Simbu. She commented that there are relevant principles such as monitoring and evaluation for church work, so decisions are not based on guesswork.

Some colleagues had reservations about studying in PNG compared to an overseas institution, but she now believes these reservations are based on misconceptions. “We have been able to focus on the issues in PNG – that’s the advantage we have studying here; its more practical, based on reality.”

“We are working, we apply what we learn straight away”, says Pr Ian Andrew Anis, director for stewardship, youth and evangelism at New Britain New Ireland Mission in Rabaul. “The teaching moved us from a traditional approach we are used to in church... It’s a huge development in intellectual learning and a milestone in PNG – it shows growth in the level of

intellectual learning in the country.”

PAU Director of Research and Postgraduate Studies, Dr Tracie Mafile’o, says “This programme is part of broader research and postgraduate developments at PAU which build human resources for the church and society at large with contextual relevance to PNG and the Pacific. We are grateful to PNGUM for sponsoring this programme”

The students are about to start the second subject on Pastoral Nurture, taught by Emeritus Professor Aaron Lopa. The intensive classes started 19th July and end on 10th September. There will be two months of intensive study each year, over a period of four years to complete the MA (PastMin) programme. ¶



## Large study on male circumcision starting soon at PAU campus.

By Rachael Tommbe

Pacific Adventist University has been chosen as one of the sites for the research study on “Acceptability of Male Circumcision for HIV prevention in PNG”. The research project is a collaborative study between the JCU, PAU and DWU.

The data collection sites are PAU, DWU, Porgera Gold mine and Popondetta Higaturu Oil Palm. Divine Word University has started their data collection this week, which will be followed by Pacific Adventist University next week (22-08-10 – 26-08-10). The other two sites proceed later in the year and early next year.

On behalf of the research team at PAU we would like to extend an invitation to staff, faculty and students in this campus

to volunteer to participate in the survey that will be distributed to PNG student and staff leaders next week – this will involved single and married students and staff as well. Your contribution in participating for this study project will help our country to combat HIV/AIDS.¶



A recent photo taken at DWU with the research team from DWU, PAU and Porgera

# CLUB 1

**Joe Navakalomana**  
**Director of Student Services**

Let us form Club 1. This is my earnest and sincere plea to the PAU family today. CLUB 1 is important for our success and relevant towards uniting our multicultural community of Pacifika and beyond. Its core principle is in no way strange to the community orientation we value and practice here in Pacifika in terms of being wantoks (or ONE-talk), and, together members of ONE faith.

CLUB is an abbreviation of mine which I deduced from history recorded in the Bible. CLUB is the abbreviated form of the challenge and invitation by Nehemiah to his people – “Come Let Us Build”! (Neh. 2 : 17) This biblical history from the time of Nehemiah may guide us to possible solutions to issues we face in PAU today. Biblical history is still relevant to us today because we still have both: the same old Devil (or Satan), and, our old deceitful human heart with us today. Though history is old, it is also rich with ‘gold’ - precious for our learning!

CLUB calls for a change! Nehemiah employs the CLUB concept in Neh. 2: 17 by saying – ‘Come Let Us Build’ and change by being “no more a reproach (or shame)”! The broken walls and the burned gates have brought about this shame or reproach to the people of God. The rejected or broken rules & teachings of our beliefs & values here at PAU bring may bring about shame or reproach in some ways. The honour & glory of God that covers us when we obey the ‘protective wall’ of His commandments may depart from us and we become spiritually naked - resulting in a behaviour or lifestyle that brings us shame! Judges usually sit at the gates of a city. If the gates are burnt with fire then judgement is being destroyed! Has some kind of ‘strange fire’ destroyed our judgement when coming to a University like PAU? Shall we give away the wisdom that stems from the fear (or respect) of God to some other kind of wisdom? Which wisdom would help us become better judges in enjoying abundantly the goodness of this life?

In concluding, CLUB 1 calls for

ONE-ness! It calls all of us from our different backgrounds with our different gifts & talents towards the ONE purpose of ‘building’. Sin has brought about this ‘broken-down walls’ of our lives. Scientists may share the same view when referring to the increasing state of disorder in the universe as explained in the concept of entropy in Thermodynamics. Thus ‘building’ is relevant to our current reality from both scientific and biblical perspectives.

Nehemiah saw this important work and engaged all his people into this ONE project. This project is in no way different from the work or will of God for our lives here at PAU. It is the mission of the Master Builder himself given to His Church here in PAU!

He is the only ONE that can mastermind a building project that will effectively bring about change in our lives today. Shall we be ONE with Him as we begin this Semester? Yes! ...with that ONE and saving faith in Him; I’m confident of success this Semester. No longer to be a reproach... Never again to bring shame to myself, my family, my community, ...and my God! ¶

## 19 baptised at Bomana prison

### Personal Ministry Team

It was a special weekend for 19 baptismal candidates went under the waters of baptism to publically demonstrate to God that they want to follow Him even at prison. Among the 19 was a candidate from the Republic of Vietnam, Bui Van, who could not hide his emotions thus telling those that were present how excited he was and that he could not wait to go back to his country and share his Jesus with his countrymen.



It was also special occasion because three important ministers namely Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Don Polye, Minister Hon Benny Allen and Minister Hon James Marape. Many other important dignitaries were present for this special celebration. Central Papua Conference President Pastor Tony Kemo was the guest speaker who challenged the audience with the thought of liberation from sin by the Man from the Galilee. The message touched many lives which resulted in twenty-one other people members giving their hearts to Jesus and joining baptismal class.



Hon Don Poyle when making his remarks thanked the Seventh Day Adventist Church for taking a leading role in prison rehabilitation programmes and the effort they put in the ministry in Bomana. “I thank and praise God for giving some PAU members such passion they have in changing lives in Bomana prison”.

As the writer was writing this, his mind flashed back to a particular time when apostle Paul arrived in Rome for the first time and was so surprised to see the positive reaction of the believers he had never met before except through his epistle to the Romans (3rd Quarters Lesson). His epistle had done its share of work in changing minds and hearts of the Romans. Upon arrival apostle Paul saw the believers, according to Doctor Luke in Act 28: 15, “He thanked God and felt encouraged.” That was exactly how the writer felt that day when nineteen people were presented to God.

Ellen White says, “Where there is no active labour for others, love weakens and faith grows dim...” ¶

# James Cook University Visits PAU

Dr. Stephen Weller (JCU Deputy Vice-Chancellor) and Ms. Ailsa Lamont (Director James Cook International) have met with the PAU Administration and the representatives of the PAU academic community to further discuss partnership options and confirm commitment to further dialogue.

It has been agreed that there are a number of vital synergies between the two universities and that expanded partnership would benefit both sides. Both universities are rapidly expanding and impacting the region. There are also similarities in the type of population that is served and the challenges that are being faced in the rapidly-changing world. It has also been agreed that a return visit will be organised for the end of August.

Three PAU representatives will be going to JCU Cairns campus for further dialogue. Dr. Glynn Galo, Dr. Tracie Mafile'o and Dr. Kuresa Taga'i will be spending a day at JCU to work on more specific proposals for further cooperation.

The dialogue between PAU and JCU is based on a MoU signed earlier this year. This signed agreement gives us scope to pursue partnership options and explore ways of making PAU the best university possible though linking with JCU.¶

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have synergised and then were supported by the Government and the Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership. The result will be a model Secondary School serving the area around PAU providing quality Secondary education. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a proven track-record of running Secondary Schools in Papua New Guinea and this additional facility will be another opportunity for the Church and the University to serve the community needs. I am very grateful for the support given by the Governor and am looking forward to seeing the project completed with the goal of having first enrolments in 2011.

Pr Thomas Davai, on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist church said, "The core activities of the church are health programs, education programs and off course maintaining the spiritual activities and spiritual lives of our people. Education has been a part of our education system. Today, I am delighted to sign this document on behalf of the church. "

Dr Joseph Pagelio congratulated PAU and the SDA church for the timely initiative and

an initiative in the right direction. "Why do I say that, last year the government launched their vision 2050? This plans calls for a school system that will enable all children to begin at elementary and to go all the way to grade 12. There are only 200 secondary schools that can only cater for 12, 000 students. That is a challenge. Therefore your achievement today is very important in light of the vision 2050.

In the review of the higher education sector, one of the recommendations is for the secondary schools to be tied to a university. Although is it still a conceptual stage, PAU has moved ahead and he hoped that this move will be a model to the other universities.

Honourable Powes Parkop said, NCDC has allocated K3 million for this project and they [NCDC] are ready to start work immediately. If the work has to begin tomorrow, let it be and I am ready to sign the MoU now.

Dr Schubert (PAU), Honourable Powes Parkop (NCDC), Pr Thomas Davai (PNGUM) and Dr Joseph Pagelio (DoE) were signatories to the MoU.

It is envisaged that the school will take its first intakes of grade 9 in 2011.¶



Dr Stephen Weller (JCUDVC) and Ms Ailsa Lamont



Dr Taga'i and Dr Mafile'o at the JCU/PAU meeting



**ALL SMILES:** L-R: Hon. Powes Parkop (NCDC), Dr Branimir Schubert (PAU), Dr Joseph Pagelio (DoE) and Pr Thomas Davai (PNGUM) each holding a copy of the MoU.

# Students share their practicum experience

Education students Sosaiete Lautasi, Andriana Rance and Poisy Tava did their practicum at Cheshire Homes. The highlight of it was taking care of those who had multi-disabilities. It was tough and challenging but they managed quite well. Also doing practicum with them was Hezzerah Daroa, a first year theology student.



The practicum students with care-takers and children from the Cheshire Home taking a tour of PAU on Thursday 22nd July, 2010

Pictured is Hezzerah Daroa, 1st year theology student, taking care of a friend



Business practicum students with DPM staff



I (Valdesh Jui) have experienced the beauty of real field work with God's leading hand at PMGH. The practical things that I learnt in the first year 2008 till this year 2010, were quite challenging, especially the steps for each procedure. Sometimes I would feel tired, bored and even sick to follow steps in order to complete a procedure.

However whenever I feel this way, a beautiful thought comes to my mind. It is the saying that "When you are down to something, God is up to something". This thought encourages me to pray each day before attending to a patient. As a matter of fact, I am able to complete my required procedures and the hours. I am even prepared to save the people of this beautiful country of PNG. Thank you God.

**Sent in by Stanford Tokoya**

About 6 third year business students were engaged with the Department of Personal Management.

This is their story:

The Department of Personal Management is the department that manages and controls the human resource for the government.

Few of us who had been engaged with this department were attached with the information management system division. We dealt with all information regarding the government employees and their salaries, allowances and other benefits. We had a good time with our manager and all the people working there. They were very kind and helpful at anytime. We built a good relationship with them and our four weeks working with them seemed like four years.

Given the daily tasks we learnt that what we learn in the classroom is different from what you will be dealing with in the field. We totally did different things and they really appreciated our efforts and. They commended us for our behaviour and attitude in and out of the office. I therefore would like to extend my gratitude to all our members who had been with the Department of Personal Management for displaying excellent behaviour.

*More practicum experiences in next week's issue*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20  
6:45pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21  
**Sabbath School**  
**School of Health Science**  
**Coordinator - Mrs Ruth Galang**  
**Lesson 8**  
9:00am @ PAU Church

**Divine Service**  
**Pr Jeffrey Paul**  
11:00am @ PAU Church

**AY**  
4:30pm @ PAU Church

**Adventurers**  
4:00pm @ C8

**Pathfinders**  
4:00pm @ T5

## PAU Pathfinders bring smiles to Cheshire Home residents.

By: Vagi Vele

More than 50 young Pathfinders from PAU Club visited resident service users of the Cheshire Home to share the love of Jesus through songs and gifts on Saturday August 14,

Club director, Mr Owen Korawali, said that there were three main reasons for the visit. The first one is that it a requirement in the Pathfinder activity book. Secondly, they wanted to share the love of Jesus and thirdly to give the kids an opportunity to see that there are other children out there who are under privileged and that they should not take life for granted.

Mr Korawali spoke highly of the care-takers who had so much patience, love and courage to look after these handicapped children day in day out.

Mrs Dorcas Kuma, shared a short message from a picture roll. She showed the picture of Jesus and all the holy angels standing at the gate of Heaven. She told the residents that one day this miserable life will be over and we will all go to heaven where there will be no more pain, no more suffering, no sore, no blindness, no sorrow, no bad things and we will all be made new. She commended the care-takers for their hard-work and likened their work to the

Former lecturers of PAU, Donna and Richard Worley met with the Schuberts at the GC hence the lovely photo below. Donna was attached to the school of Education while Richards was attached to the School of Arts & Humanities. They send GREETINGS to the PAU community.



Danijela with Donna and Richard Worley

Also Former vice-chancellor Dr Harold Peters and his lovely wife Verna Peters send GREETINGS to the PAU community.



Verna and Harold Peters

work of Jesus when he was here on earth.

It was an eye opener for 10-year old Flossy Mali. She was happy that she had visited to see for herself the struggles that children who have disabilities go through. She even wanted to stay back and help in whatever way she could that day.

Fifteen- year old Anita Alu, said, "We should be thankful every day to God that we are normal and should not take it for granted. Whereas other kids it's very unfortunate."

The Pathfinders were happy for having visited Cheshire Home and most of them said it was a real eye-opener and that they



Mr Ivan Tutuo, father to Julie Aengari, Ancy, Nako, Linray and Bevan, died quietly on Thursday afternoon, 12 August, at his home in Ramata, North new Georgia. On behalf of the Administration, staff and students, we would like send our deepest condolences to the family. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## PAU WELCOMES

Mrs Jochebed Luke Geita, who is employed as a contract lecturer for one year to relieve Rachael Tommbe whilst conducting MC Research. She comes from Musau, New Ireland province and is married to Central Province.

Also Miss Rumah Serepa, who is no stranger to PAU. Rumah will be the new secretary for the DOSS. She commences work on Monday August 23.

*Please make them feel welcome!!*

## PRAISE GOD!

Our deputy vice-chancellor, Dr Glynn Galo has recovered from a major malaria attack. We 'Praise God' and Thank Him for His Healing power.

will thank God every day. They were also happy that they had reached out to someone in the name of the Lord that Saturday.☺

