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## The Next Generation

Having just had our 8th grand baby, I can't help but be overjoyed and thankful to God for his amazing blessings to us. What a privilege it is to be able to influence not just one generation of children, but the next generation as well. I don't take for granted this gift and I am very conscious of the responsibility it carries to influence well.

The Bible talks about God's blessing from one generation to another.

*Psalm 22: 30-31 - Our children will also serve him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord. His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything he has done.*

Helping to nurture and grow healthy families in our churches is not just a responsibility but an honor. When I see my grandchildren raising their hands and dancing in church, and praying to Jesus from as young as their first words; I'm confident they are growing up in the right environment.

Of course, our focus should be broken lives and the restoration of them, we are in the business of seeing Jesus transform a life. However, it's important that we are involved in the transformation of lives and also involved in influencing and nurturing the growth of the children in our churches. We do this through great kid's leaders and programs, parenting courses, and championing parents with encouragement and guidance.

If our kids come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior before their teen years, how much better could those years be, and what a great foundation for adulthood. Sometimes we have to shift program priorities to look at what is the most important. I know in a small church you can't do everything, but I believe kids ministry is one of the most important programs we can run for the sake of our future. Our children are our future.

We need Godly children, becoming strong healthy teenagers, who grow into young adults that understand the power of purpose, who then become adults that seek God first and live righteous lives. Then they will go on to influence their world for the sake of the kingdom.

Doing all we can to promote healthy, Godly families is very important. The church should have the best example of functional families. Which means as leaders we are responsible to give every opportunity possible for growth and development in this area.

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## **From the Field**

### **Fiji September 2016 - Ministers Trip**

Every missions trip has a different blend, a different focus. The key point about this mission was to assist and inspire other pastors and their churches in fulfilling their missions call. There were 10 of us - Senior Ministers / Leaders from around Australia - experiencing 5 days of intense hands on ministry. We again were hosted by our wonderful friends Ps.Sai and Liti of Penueli Church, Lautoka. Their hospitality and guidance on the field is of the highest standard.



We first had the privilege to visit Malake Island on the Friday, a few hours drive away from our accommodation. Cyclone Winston hit the western side of Fiji in 2015, with Malake the first to bear the brunt of its force. Once a beautiful, tropical canopy of trees hid the homes, but now are gone. Homes and buildings were destroyed but God continues to do a great work there in rebuilding lives and homes. House to house ministry and an impromptu church service was powerful as we preached the Word, moved in the Prophetic and witnessed God heal the sick.

Greater times were to come as we were strongly moved with compassion visiting the Lautoka Hospital and the local Correctional Centre. Both were two unforgettable experiences. In the hospital we were split into 2 groups - men and women - ministering bed to bed accordingly throughout the men's, women's, children's and ICU wards. Here we saw many salvation's, deliverance, healing and the prophetic word abound as patients and families were touched by the power of God. Likewise in the Correctional Centre, God's Spirit moved wonderfully as we were given 3 opportunities to minister. To those awaiting trial, those sentenced and to those in solitary confinement. We saw many decisions for Christ this day with the highlight being the opportunity to worship together with them in all services.

Sunday was a wonderful day at Penueli Church where all participated in ministry. Words of knowledge and healing's flowed as we soaked up 3 services over 5 hours. God's people were moved by His Spirit and encouraged to take up their cross for the Kingdom of God.

I would like to honour those who participated on this mission:

Rick & Helen Zago & Paul Lannotta - Albury Wodonga, NSW

Mark Kujawa & Joel Chapman - Beenleigh, QLD

Scott Camac - Burnie, TAS

Astrid Blackley - Sydney, NSW

Pete Sykes & Warren Betts - Toowoomba, QLD

**Evangelist, Nathan Buhner**  
**Southland Christian Centre, Pacific Pines**

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