

# The LOOOONG LETTERS

## February, 2017

Greetings from the Friendly Islands! Another month has come and gone. Still hot and still busy! On Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, I was invited to show my bible study, *Only One Name*, to a group of migrant workers from this island who are going to Australia to pick fruit. With Bro. Esioni Vai acting as my interpreter, we ministered in a Wesleyan Methodist church to nearly 100 people from every denomination on the island.



On the 4<sup>th</sup>, God ministered wonderfully in the monthly men's meeting. Then, on the night of the 7<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of baptising Sis. Akesha and her husband, Michael, from the Nuku Nuku church. Sis. Stow, wife of Pastor Miles Stow from Holonga church, met Akesha a year ago in the hospital yard and felt led to pray for her. She had just received word that she had cancer, but God healed her immediately! Just recently her family began to attend the Nuku Nuku church and Pastor David and Bro. Vai taught her and Michael my bible study on baptism. Then Bro. David asked me to baptise them.

We have been busy with the bible school. We have a great class this year with eight students eager to learn the Word.

My wife spoke at the Ladies' Prayer Group in Holonga early in February. It was a wonderful time in the presence of the Lord. She is still busy cooking and blessing everyone with her breads and cookies.

We continue to preach twice on Sundays and on Wednesday nights each week. Last week in Holonga a visitor came to the altar, raised her hands, and received the Holy Ghost almost immediately! Praise God! We are supposed to teach her and her husband my bible study soon.





Sis. Fane

Last night we went to a daughter work in Fua'amouta to show the bible study once again. At the altar call, three young ladies came forward to pray, one from a Mormon background and two from the Catholic Church. One young lady wanted to be baptised but her mother forbade her. Please pray for these girls that God will make a way.

You may have heard that the Queen Mother of Tonga passed away this past week at age ninety. My wife and I were invited by our next-door neighbour to attend the wake and funeral. What a ceremony! Over 2000 attended the funeral. The present king and royal family were just across the field from us along with dignitaries from several countries. Here is a picture of the bier being carried on the shoulders of 100 nobles on a large wooden structure. (Sorry about the tent pole!)



Required Mourning Apparel



We want to say a big “Thank You” to all who donated funds for special projects. Desks have been built for the bible school in Ha’apai and 24 benches for the churches here on the main island.



Ha’apai Bible School



Benches at the Youth Night

We were also able to print another batch of bible studies for those who are willing to teach them. This week we will be purchasing and installing a water tank and pipes in order to catch rain water for the people to drink when their tanks are empty.

God bless all you who are supporting our ministry in prayer and finances! Together we can reach souls.

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