

account. Soon all of the ministers and laymen were back preaching the Word of God.

Over 5,000 people have been baptized in the Fiji Islands in the past ten years. Last year alone there were over 1000 people who gave their lives to Christ and were baptized! Today there are 290 churches and church groups with over 24,000 members. This means that one person out of every 38 have accepted the Adventist message.

Jesus says, "Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:31-33, NIV).

As this article was being written, Pastor Mitieli Nakasamai, the grandson who was named after his grandfather, went to New Guinea. He was invited to attend on behalf of the Nakasamai family a special meeting of remembrance and thankfulness for all of those who were willing to bring the message of God to New Guinea.

In the spirit of that gratitude we want to thank the supporters of Light Bearers Ministry for all the gospel literature that has been shipped to the workers who labor in the islands of the South Pacific for the salvation of souls.

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Jesus Is All

By James Rafferty

The marginal reference of my Bible states that Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of Scripture with an equal number of verses to the left and to the right. It sounds providential to me when we consider the message this verse communicates: "It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8). It is just like God to sum up in a few words the entire message of the gospel, calling us to place our entire weight of confidence in Jesus Christ for salvation.

There is not a truth that needs to be dwelt upon more earnestly, repeated more frequently or established more firmly in the minds of all than our absolute dependence on Christ. This is because the heart is deceitful above all things (Jeremiah 17:9), a warning found in the context of our inclination to trust in the human instead of the Divine:

"Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man. And makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit'" (Jeremiah 17:5-8, NKJV).

Trusting in man begins with self-sufficiency and branches out from there. The level of trust we place in our own wisdom and abilities is reflected in our dependence on other people rather than God. Christ Himself recognized self-dependence

versus God-dependence as the basic battle over the human will. "Not my will, but Thine be done," were the words repeated by the Savior of the world as He strove against the powerful current of self-trust. His life was surrendered to God; His duty made plain by God; His authority came from God. Therefore Christ was unmoved by worldly influences that sought to undermine His mission, even if they came through His trusted disciples. His journey to the cross was a rebuke to His own nature as well as His closest followers. And in His life, death and resurrection we have the gift of His righteousness, a right standing and a right doing that can only be fully appreciated by the experience of placing self entirely in God's hands. There is nothing so difficult yet so rewarding. Amen.

CONSIDER THIS . . .

For a long time I have seen the danger that was coming into our ranks in the tendency to look to human wisdom and to depend on human guidance. This will always prove a snare to souls, and I am bidden to lift the danger signal, warning my fellow workers against it, and pointing them to the Lord Jesus. The man or woman who leans upon the wisdom of the human mind leans on a broken reed.

Ellen G. White,
Upward Look, p. 290

Never should a worker encourage one who is in need of instruction and help to go first to human agencies for an understanding of his duty. . . . It is a wrong education to teach our people to lean on human aids, instead of going to the Lord in prayer. The enemy of souls has been the instigator of this, that minds might become obscured. . . . Those who bear responsibilities in the work are to cooperate with heavenly angels in teaching men and women to look to God as the source of their strength.

Ellen G. White,
Upward Look, p. 290

The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men and making flesh their arm.

Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men and accept the decisions they make; and thus many will reject the very messages God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them.

Ellen G. White,
Testimonies to Ministers,
pp. 106-107

Unless he makes it his life business to behold the uplifted Saviour, and by faith to accept the merits which it is his privilege to claim, the sinner can no more be saved than Peter could walk upon the water unless he kept his eyes fixed steadily upon Jesus. Now, it has been Satan's determined purpose to eclipse the view of Jesus and lead men to look to man, and trust to man, and be educated to expect help from man. For years the church has been looking to man and expecting much from man, but not looking to Jesus, in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. Therefore God gave to His servants a testimony that presented the truth as it is in Jesus, which is the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines.

Ellen G. White,
Testimonies to Ministers, p. 93

THE GREAT COMMISSION

By Ray Brosseuk

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

In 1891, sailing on the Pitcairn, Seventh-day Adventist missionaries John and Hannah Tay took the gospel commission to heart and made their way to the shores of Fiji to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We can only imagine the faith and trust in God that those early missionaries must have had, especially when cannibalism was still prevalent at that time among the people of these islands.

Now over 100 years later the Word of God is still arriving on the shores of these beautiful islands with incredible results.

One of the early converts in the late 1800s was a man by the name of Mitieli Nakasamai. After his baptism he wanted to do nothing more than share Jesus with his people, but as they refused to listen he got on his knees and asked God what to do. A few days later he got his answer. He was

asked to go to Papua New Guinea and preach to the people there who were practicing cannibalism. God assured him that the people would listen and that they would accept the truth.

He obeyed God's calling and by faith he went to tell the people of New Guinea the wonders of God's love. Many accepted the Adventist message and today Adventism is flourishing in Papua New Guinea. Praise God!

After a few years in New Guinea and the death of his first-born child, Mr. Nakasamai decided to go back to Fiji with his wife and other two children, Peni and Naomi, to try again to bring the gospel to their own people. Upon his return God blessed his willingness to obey the great commission and his people started accepting Bible truths. He remained a faithful worker for God until his death in 1945.

His eldest son, Peni Nakasamai, became a pastor and continued in his father's footsteps. Back in the late 60s

he started a laymen training school up in the mountains overlooking the vast blue ocean from where the missionaries once came. One of his favorite Bible verses was Isaiah 52:7: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" The Nakasamai family have always been, and still continue to be, a real cornerstone of the Adventist church in Fiji.

In 2007 Pastor Peni Nakasamai's work for God on this earth came to an end. He now awaits his Lord's glorious return when he will be raised again to life. Today two of his sons, Pastor Miti Nakasamai and Simone Nakasamai continue on in their father's footsteps. Since 1994 Simone and his wife and children have been dedicating their lives fulltime to the spreading of God's word, not only in Fiji but also throughout many of the other Pacific islands. Their charity,

Partners for Others, has been operating since 1995 and is working closely with Global Missions (at the General Conference) in conducting evangelistic meetings throughout the islands.

In the early 90s the Fijian SDA Mission was over \$1 million in debt and was forced to layoff many of their ministers. Many of the church schools were also at risk of being closed and sold. Then in 1995 some members from the British Columbia Conference started sending containers of aid to Simone and his wife to help support the church. To date over 3 million pounds of goods have been shipped. Included in this was over 100,000 pounds of literature from Light Bearers Ministry. The effects have been major. This support brought such encouragement to the members of the church that they started taking up sacrificial offerings in an effort to try and do their part. By early 2000 the mission was debt free and there was extra money in the church's bank