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South Pacific report for the 18th June, 2021.

I AM STILL ALIVE:

A report from "down-under" has been long due, so to allay your fears (or hopes. Which-ever fits best with you), I am still alive and kicking and doing well in His work "down-under". Just being successful in dodging office work and reports. But winter has arrived this week, so while its raining and cold outside, its time to update you all.

THE SPEED REPORT FOR MY "OVER BUSY" BRETHREN:

Yes. Just about all of my supporting brethren are "over busy" in kingdom work. So here is a brief over view of things "down-under. We have 4 conversions to report in the lower North Island work. Have attended 3 Family Camps/Lectureships. Preached at 2 of these but returned home to preach for the other. Have done a little letterboxing outreach. Have continued to teach class weekly and preach each week (sometimes in 2 locations) each Lords day. And have been building a few things that will help me in the Lords work in the South Pacific. And have kept up with 4/5 Grand babies and Gaye (each Lords day). Read on for more details if you can make the time.

WORK HIGH LIGHTS:

I have baptised 3 precious souls into Christ in the past few months and witnessed another (this past Lords day). Liam Croxson was taught the gospel by Todd Latham in the Hutt work. I had previously worked with Liam, but Todd connected better with him and helped him make the decision to put our Lord on in baptism. Liam is about 30, single with a Cook Island/kiwi back ground and with a slight handicap, but is growing in his faith and participating now in the



Makala Headifens baptism..

worship service. The most recent conversion in the Hutt work took place this sunday (20th June). Makala Headifen asked the Lord to add her to His church in baptism which was administered by Steve Croxson. One of the leaders in the Hutt work and a wonderful disciple. Makala is about 22 and is just finishing up her University Studies as well as working for the Samsung Company. She loves children and will make

a great Bible Class teacher for our children. More could be said about her. I also baptised Michael Rhoeds in the Wairapapa work just a few weeks back. He is a friend of Pedja Stanic` (who you have prayed for in the past with his CCL condition)



Michael Rhoads baptism.

and my studies with him over the past 6 months, have been some of the most stimulating in my entire soul winning experience. Michael is a N.Z.er but emigrated from Germany where he was taught Bible Stories by his parents. And he is now devouring Gods Word and will make a good teacher in the not too distant future. His bible uptake is very, very swift. I will continue his follow-up studies. On Thursday of the 17th June, Malcolm Wrigley, was baptised here in Palmerston North. I meet Malcolm a few years back in Wellington and have studied some with him after his move to

Palmerston North. Kent O'Donnell, the preacher for the congregation here, carried on his studies in the gospel. He was baptised in the highly inadequate baptismal pool in the Palmerston North meeting place. Kent will be continuing Malcolm's follow up studies and



Malcolm Wigley with Kent O'Donnell.

Malcolm should make a good Bible Teacher in the near future too. He has gained a lot of knowledge over the past 6 months. Malcolm is 72. Never too old to hear and obey the "gospel" it seems. And I hope to help the *Palmerston North church of Christ* gain a better baptism tank into the future.. That will have to go on to my long "project list". Can't get old. I still have too much to do!

In January I spoke at the *Palmerston North Bible Camp*, attended briefly the *New Plymouth Bible Camp* over Easter Weekend (but returned to the Hutt work to

conduct the assembly and preach on the Lords day) and a few weeks back, attended the *Porirua churches Bible Camp* and preached there too. Each of these Camps were over 3-4 day weekends. This is a great time for congregations in the North Island to share fellowship and gain mutual encouragement. Attendances ranged from 130-200 (at a guess).



Half of those attending the New Plymouth Lectureship

The Hutt congregation had a co-operative role to play in the Porirua Camp. We provided involvement activities for the young people and helped in other ways. It was the funniest Bible Camp I have been too for years..Chris Rich and Todd Latham, my fellow Hutt Workers, were the reason for this success.

Have done a little bit of letter boxing work too, but no results have come from this so far. I need to work on getting some "hard hitting" leaflets designed and printed for outreach over the winter. This form of outreach has reached searching

souls in the past. The outreach in N.Z. continues..

THE SOLOMON ISLAND WORK:

I have little to report on regarding this work. I know that the 2 local Workers who are supported in this Island work are well and busy in the work. Bro. Lenski recently made a trip to his home village in the Santa Cruz Islands. He hopes to follow-up on this to help the brethren there grow in the faith and see the congregation there expand. There is resistance to the spreading of the gospel there due to denominational jealousy. Keep him and this work in your prayers (Nanguu). The S.I. Govt. still requires 2-3 weeks of paid quarantine. As does the N.Z. Govt. if I travel to the Solomon's. As would the Australian Govt. So it's still not a practical option to re-enter this work. Can you imagine the degree of frustration I feel over this nonsense?

THE LORDS WORK IN AUSTRALIA:

As many of you know, I have a son living in the Tweed region of NSW in Australia. His and another family from Brisbane (who now live near Muruillumbah) have begun a congregation built according to the ancient N.T. order. Andrew is preaching fortnightly. Something I think he promised himself he would *never* do when he was baptised into Christ. But the Lord has a habit of taking away our reservations doesn't He.. They are seeing interest from the community and are asking for help from the Australian brotherhood and beyond. If I went to help them, I would not have to quarantine for 2 weeks as N.Z. and Australia have formed a CCPVirus free zone. So in place of working in the Solomon's I am asking my Overseeing brethren to allow me to travel to help them in this new work. It's not a heavily populated region. About 200,000 people within a 30 minute drive of Andrew and Sarah's home. But my input would help and encourage them and perhaps reach lost souls. And I would get to see my Australian Grandbaby! Who I haven't cuddled for 2 years now.. so this might be on the immediate horizon. But let me put this before my Decatur brethren so I have their support and input.

PERSONAL:

Gaye is still with me, although getting steadily confined. She now attends worship in a wheel chair and I take her "special needs" vehicle to the Hutt and Wairapapa works each Lords day. Her mind is still active and she participates in the singing, listening to the messages and every now and then, answering one of my questions in the Bible Class times. Her family visit about once a month and she enjoys her Grand babies hugs. But her medications have almost put her body into a state of paralysis. This is hard for me to take. She, however, remains very positive and happy and is looking forward to receiving her new spiritual body one day soon.

The Lord continues to bless me with good health (with the exception of this present Grand baby imparted, chest cold) and a high energy output. I am still able to run 5k under 30 minutes; which is not bad for a 72 year old. I am building a 9m x 12m steel shed at present and have



other projects in the pipe line. Each Saturday a.m. I attend my Grand babies rugby matches, with the exception of last Saturday, when I attended a meeting with the *New Conservative Party*. I wanted to check out if they are a political group who Christians can vote for. They remain strongly committed to the Right to Life of the unborn and are the only political

party in N.Z.s liberal political environment to do so. The loony left call them moral dinosaurs (besides other things).

My oldest son, Jared, continues to preach on a regular basis and is a real blessing to the Palmerston North work. Kent O'Donnell, the local preacher, is hopeful that this work will be totally self-supporting and self-perpetuating in the near future. Emma, my resident Palmerston North daughter, is about to launch her own Legal practise, and she remains active in this congregation too. Teaching Bible Classes and organising Ladies activities. Needless to say, I am glowingly thankful to God for their lives of service..

More could be said. But when I am writing this report, I am not out in the rough weather doing practical tasks and getting rid of the back pain that I get from sitting down at a computer..

But I love and appreciate you all. Just wish I could be there with you to search for searching souls and to keep you encouraged through His word, in His work, and to have that loving fellowship which I enjoy once every 4 years! But I am confident your Local Workers are doing a good job of that anyway. You, my North American brethren are knee deep in talented, gifted and faithful servants of the Master!

Let's keep on serving Him until He comes again, or we go to him in death - Heb. 9:27-28!

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P.S. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to our new brethren, send it to my email address (seperate from this report). I will print it off and hand it to them asa.