

# BETHEL CRUSADE PRESCHOOLS

*August 2021 Update*





# TAX DEDUCTIBLE PROJECT AND PRESCHOOL UPDATES

## *Tax Deductible Project Details*

In January 2018 we began J352N Fiji Preschools Development Project in partnership with Global Development Group (GDG) for our eight Bethel Crusade Preschools around Fiji. All donations that go through GDG for this project are tax deductible.

In January 2021 we entered the second three-year phase of the project with updated goals and expected outcomes. An outline of these goals and outcomes can be found below.

### **The major objective of this project is:**

To have eight fully functioning preschools complete with facilities that meet government and OHS standards and well-equipped, trained teachers.

### **The three main goals of this project are:**

#### **Goal One**

Establish and upgrade preschool facilities to meet government and OHS standards.

The outcome is to have fully functioning sanitary toilet facilities and a safe learning environment in every preschool by the end of 2023.

#### **Goal Two**

Construct and upgrade playground facilities to meet government and OHS standards.

The outcome is to have a fully functioning fenced playground in every preschool by the end of 2023.

#### **Goal Three**

Improve quality of education and management of the preschools through enhancing teacher capacity.

The outcome is for preschool teachers to be professionally equipped to run preschools and deliver quality education.

## *Preschool Updates*

Our preschools have been closed since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the worsening situation within Fiji. Our teachers have had to resort to online methods of communication in order to continue preschool education for the children.

The following contains updates that have taken place within our preschools since our last update in March 2021. We have also included two reports from Faith Singh and Enoch and Karewe Hageyo in regards to how they are keeping up with children and families during the pandemic.

#### **Nacavanadi**

This preschool suffered extensive damage due to Cyclone Ana. Extensive repairs were completed on the preschool facilities, including repairing the fence, fixing the gate, replacing the louvres, and repainting the building.

#### **Savusavu**

A new road was built from the main road to the new property where the preschool is now located. There are plans to construct a fence around the preschool, however, due to the pandemic our workers have not been able to complete this yet.

*"The new preschool location is in the middle of a place that will possibly be become a residential area in the coming years. The land owners here are planning to subdivide the land to families who can afford it. Our new property is in the middle of all of this. We are grateful to the Lord. The property is 1/4 acre. With COVID-19 in Fiji our preschool has been closed since around March this year and it looks like it will remain closed for the rest of the year. We still doing our preschool lessons on video and sending out worksheets for all of our students." Enoch and Karewe Hageyo*

#### **Sigatoka**

*"All of our preschools have been closed since March. It is very challenging, especially for our preschool children. While we are closed, we have been giving them worksheets and we ask parents to help them. We also upload creative videos on Viber so they can use things around the house to develop fine and gross motor skills. The children are excited to upload their work on Viber and we keep them engaged. We keep hoping things get better soon." Faith Singh*

## *Pr Alipate Yagomate*

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Pr Alipate Yagomate, our CRC National Leader and Founder of Bethel Crusade Preschools, passed away on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021. We have included tributes from Pr Barry Silverback - the CRC's International Missions Director, Pr Mike Groom and Pr Danny Parker - both of whom have been involved in the work in Fiji for over 25 years, as well as some photos from Pr Alipate's funeral.

# TRIBUTE FOR PR ALIPATE YAGOMATE

## *Pr Barry Silverback*

It is with a heavy heart that we have learnt of the recent passing of Pr Alipate Yagomate to his heavenly home.

A brother who was loved by all those who knew him and impacted by his sincerity and genuineness of his faith, along with his devotion to Christ and His Kingdom's cause.

He was a true pioneer who continually demonstrated his fervent passion for seeing people healed and delivered through the power of prayer.

He was a dear friend and we walked and partnered together for 30 plus years in missionary endeavours and establishing CRC Churches in Fiji.

We ate, prayed, slept and evangelised together - travelling to other nations where he is so fondly remembered for his genuine down to earth interest in people and his smiling face that

reflected his warm embracing attitude towards others.

It was my joy to share many personal hours in fellowship with him and to talk about the Word of God together, sharing in his home with his dear wife Boila and his three children.

There has always been a very strong bond of friendship and partnership between Pr Alipate and the work in Bethel, Papua New Guinea, which first began when Pr Alipate, Boila and their three children went to Bethel in 1989 to study and minister there.

Subsequently, Bethel sent many missionaries and helpers to assist Pr Alipate in the development of the work in Fiji.

He displayed care and was protective in the way in which he looked after me in our travels, not allowing me to carry my luggage, and on several occasions, he said that because he never had a father who was close, that he looked upon me as his father.

You couldn't help but be affected by his boldness of faith and fearlessness of pursuit of God's way in the face of opposition and violent reaction that he often encountered as he sought to bring the Gospel to people's lives.

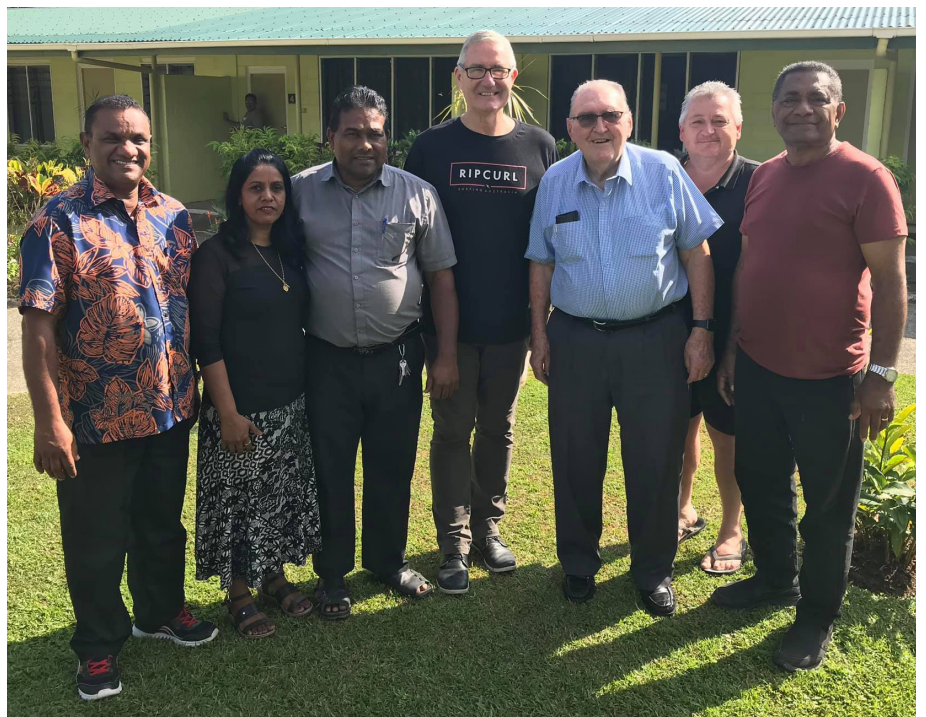
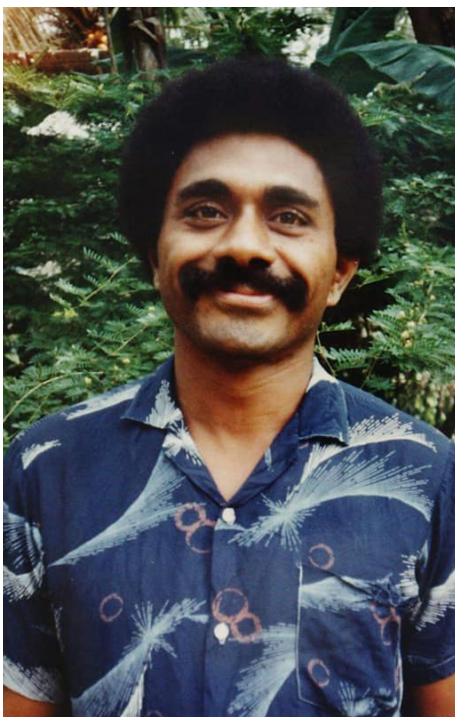
He is one of God's warriors that will be remembered for his warmth of love and his tenacity to endure 'hardness as a good Soldier of Jesus Christ'.

To Boila, Ritchie, Salote and Litia, and to your spouses, Maca, Suliasi and Joji, and the children, as well as the extended families, Mama Rosalie and I say goodbye to your dear husband, dad, granddad and to our friend, Alipate.

He has fought a good fight and has finished his course and has received his crown of glory.

He is now with his Lord whom he loved and served so faithfully.

To God we give thanks.





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## *Pr Mike Groom*

I met Pr Alipate Yagomate and his family in 1996. 25 years later a good man and dear friend has entered eternity with His Lord.

Pr Alipate, his family and our family have had many rewarding and fun times together. Ali has always been faithful to God's call upon his life and in times of adversity he has stood tall and shone brightly. He had a unique way of perceiving a person's motives and intentions, and was able to offer grace to those he was not prepared to give up on, even when they had given up on themselves.

Ali pioneered a work in Fiji along with his dedicated wife, Boila, and his three children - Salote, Litia and Ritchie - along with others who dared to dream and pursue God's leading.

Through his vision to pioneer the preschool ministry in 1995, thousands of children and their families have experienced first-

hand his heart to reach the lost through quality early childhood education. His vision has also provided employment and the opportunity for many Fijians to train as preschool teachers, touching young lives for Christ.

His heart for training was evident to all with his tireless efforts to have a Bible School operating on the Suva property for many years. His passion to plant churches has always been his vision - definitely in the forefront of his thinking and planning.

Ali was a hard worker who never backed away from hard physical work. He was always prepared to get his hands dirty and would not expect others, in particular the men and women living on the Suva property over many years, to do something that he was not prepared to do himself.

My wife, Kelly, and I have been enriched and are better people today because of our friendship with Pr Alipate and his family. There are many stories to share.

It has been so rewarding looking on and witnessing first-hand his three children marry and serve the Lord, pursuing the call of God on their lives. Ali and Boila are a wonderful example of godly parents and an inspiration as ministers of Christ.

Ali has not stood alone. Boila has been a constant help, supporter and his greatest fan. The two of them together have proven to have an unbreakable bond and are an inspiring example for many Christian couples to follow.

Pr Alipate was such a loving husband, proud father, adoring Pa, wonderful pastor and a great friend. I'm gonna miss your laugh mate. I love how you would beam when you were around your grandchildren and your three kids. Your heart for people was so big and embracing.

It's been a great journey and we will miss you so much. I will also miss your incredible enthusiasm when watching Fiji play rugby. Love and miss you mate!



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## *Pr Dan Parker*

In 1992, with a few people at Kingston, I started praying that God would reveal to us a nation we should support for our church's mission efforts. In early 1993, Pr Barry Silverback visited the church and shared with our missions team the new works he had recently launched. As he shared, we felt led to Fiji and started to give to this new work.

I then met Pr Alipate on my first missions trip to Fiji two years later. He was very reserved and it took a few years of visits for us to get to know each other. Once I got to know him, we became friends and colleagues and he would confide in me and share his inner thoughts.

Alipate was 'God's man' that Pr Barry found to launch the CRC in Fiji. Pr Barry, Mike Groom and I worked with Ali to help the local leaders to build the work. He was passionate for his nation of Indian and Indigenous Fijians to know Christ. God used him to plant churches, raise up local pastors, host and train missionaries and establish preschools.

The relationship we shared for over 25 years has brought a deep love and appreciation for each other. I observed him through times of progress and challenge, he always held to the call and vision God had placed in his heart.

Alipate loved his family deeply and they served with him in the ministry. His two girls moved with their husbands overseas and that was a great wrench as his grandchildren were not with Boila and him. They remain a close knit family and my heart breaks for how they must be suffering through the forced separation.

My memories of Ali are full of admiration and appreciation. He taught me how to relate to another culture. What I learned through our relationship has helped me in connecting with people in the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East.

He was a man of faith; if he felt God had given him a word, then he went after it. The work in Fiji testifies to his obedience. He sacrificed and moved in bold faith so churches and preschools

were built and communities were reached and transformed.

He could be tough and compassionate at the same time. You need both of those attributes to do God's work, and he had them in spade fulls. He leaves a legacy of faith, dedication, compassion, fruitfulness, faithfulness and loyalty.

We are comforted by the knowledge that Alipate has received a welcome into heaven and his reward. It can honestly be said of him, 'well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the master.' However, for those left behind it feels that his life was cut short and he is and will be greatly missed. This is a time for the CRC family to rally to be there in whatever way we can for our brothers and sisters in Fiji and celebrate and mourn our brother Alipate Yagomate.

On behalf of my family and our church community, we express our deep love and support for Boila at the separation from her loving husband, and Salote, Lita and Ritchie and their spouses and children as they grieve the loss of their father.









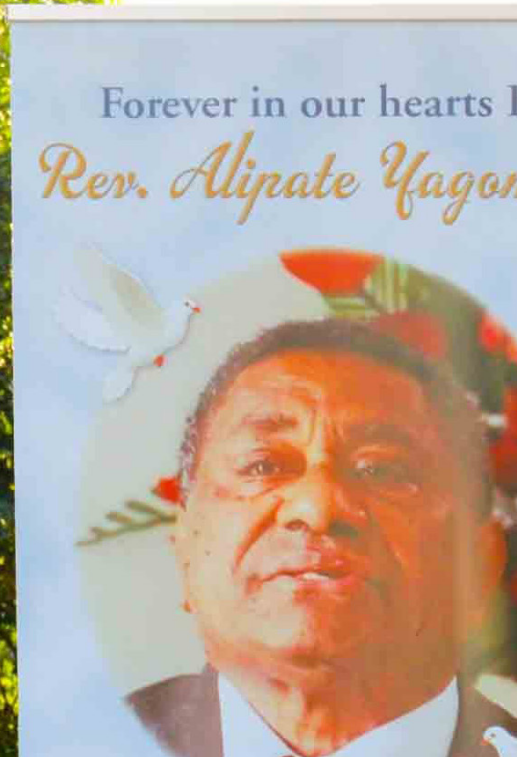


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### *Tax Deductible Donations*

This project is tax deductible thanks to our partnership with GDG. If you would like to donate towards this project with the benefit of tax deductibility please follow the instructions below.

#### **Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit**

Direct Deposit tax deductible donations can be made using the following details.

**Account Name:** Global Development Group  
**BSB:** 064118  
**Account Number:** 10200094  
**Reference:** e.g. J. Smith J352N

Make sure you include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by **J352N** in the reference section so GDG can trace your deposit.

#### **Step 2: Email GDG your donation details**

Email [info@globaldevelopment.org.au](mailto:info@globaldevelopment.org.au) with the following details. GDG will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

- a) Your name and address
- b) Amount and date of donation
- c) Project number - **J352N**

If you would like to make a regular contribute you will need to set this up with your bank and let GDG know it will be a recurring donation.

#### *Partnership Information*

Bethel Crusade Preschools is a partner for project J352N Fiji Preschools Development Project with Global Development Group (ABN 57 102 400 993), an Australian NGO approved by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tax deductible receipts for gifts over \$2 with a preference for this approved development project will be issued by Global Development Group for project J352N. If funds raised exceed the requirement for this project, funds may be directed to another approved activity.

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