

Fiji Deaf Ministry, PO Box 2495, Wellington 6140, New Zealand



Siesta time!



Junior Boys Hostel



After school activity



Head Teacher's House



School garden

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8: 9

Have you checked out our Website? www.fijideaf.net

We work at keeping it up to date – there are always new things happening at the School and Hostels. You can even register your email to be advised when there is a new blog from Jim and Marilyn Cooney to read – these have been really interesting.

New Students from 2015

We had a good influx of new students during 2015 from tinies to teenagers. Of course some leave the School too, whether to go up to the hearing High School or vocational training school or because they have to return home or have reached the end of their education. A number of those who left at the end of the year returned to Kiribati after being with us for many years. You can learn more about them at Marilyn's blog on our web site at

<http://www.fijideaf.net/blog/-students-head-for-home>

Here are pics of most of those who arrived in 2015 (it is too soon for us to have photos yet for any starting in 2016).

We now have a good sized kindergarten class with all our little ones – they have a sleep in the afternoon too!



Atu - age 3



Mereadani- age 4



(Atu) Angela-9, Peter-6, Akesa-6



Viliame R. - age 7



Tavaita - age 8



Jeremiah/mom - age 9



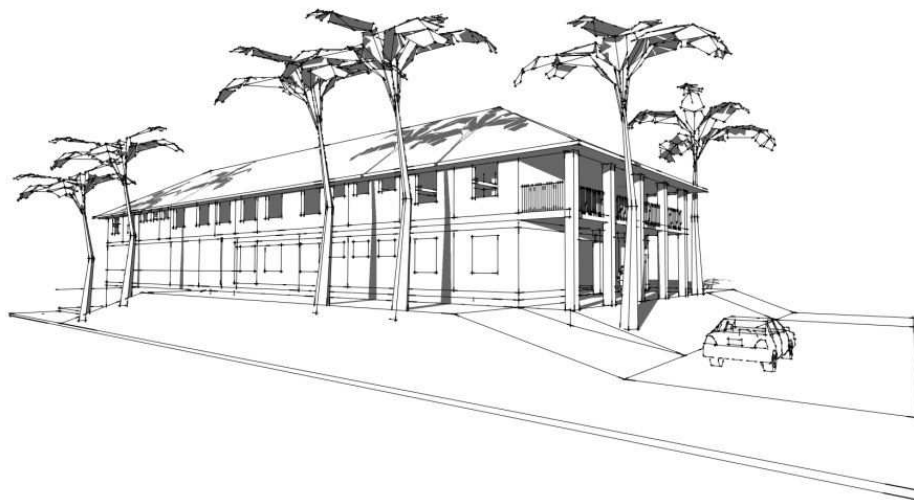
Mosese L. - age 13



Vitorina - age 15

New Accommodation

We have always tried to run our hostels like family. The late Vivienne Harland, ministry founder, prayed that we might acquire a house and property owned by the Fiji Gospel Churches Trust, and build a new hostel there. We have rented the house on that property as a junior boys hostel for a couple of years while still praying that we might acquire it. Vivian Nainoca, GSD financial advisor and Gospel Churches Trust secretary asked Jim to make a presentation about the Deaf Ministry to the Shepherds' conference last October. Howard Politini, our Chairman, who is also the Gospel Churches Trust Chairman urged the Elders from the Gospel Churches all over Fiji, to grant our ministry use of the land. Praise God, they gave overwhelming support along with the go ahead to plan and build a new main hostel. Here is our architect's view of what a new hostel might look like. Subject to approval by the Trustees of the Harland Deaf Ministry Trust, it is planned that the new building will house all the young children and the Senior Girls with the Junior and Senior boys located at our existing (smaller) premises (n.b. Junior boys are those aged 11- 15 approximately and the Senior boys above that).



Praise for:

- ✚ The NZ couple who have committed to going to Suva to help in the Ministry
- ✚ More new students this year.
- ✚ All those who contribute to our needs from Fiji and around the world. Some with their time and skills, some with their goods, and many with their money.
- ✚ Deaf students who have come to know Christ during their time at the School and who have now completed their studies.

Prayers for:

- ✚ Strength for Jim and Marilyn Cooney to lead the ministry and who are about to return to Suva again.
- ✚ The students who returned to Kiribati that they may grow in their Christian faith and share it with other Deaf folk.
- ✚ All our students and staff – safety, knowledge of Christ and the world around them and communication skills.
- ✚ The NZ couple going to Suva to help in the Ministry that they can obtain the necessary visas to work there and that all their family and personal arrangements will fall into place.

If you would like to make a contribution, please make cheques out to **Global Connections in Mission** (n.b. 7.4% to a maximum of \$200 is deducted by GCiM before sending to us). **Please do not send gifts direct to Fiji.** Alternatively, you can make an online deposit to bank account **06 – 0729 – 0336879 – 00** with the Reference set to **FIJI DEAF**.

Either way, please **always** send the details below to GCiM at **PO Box 744 Palmerston North New Zealand**, or to **admin@gc3.org.nz** so we know who it is from and the purpose.

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