

MY FIRST MISSION IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

<SAN ISIDRO CARE CENTRE FOR DEAF AND MUTE>



SMSM Community In Solomon Islands



San Isidro Care Centre

- * San Isidro Care Centre advocates for basic human rights for people with disabilities (Deaf and Mute) including the right to an education and an opportunity to build their skills and self-esteem to enable a life of dignity and well-being.
- * SICC is empowering and overcoming the challenges of people with disabilities in the Solomon Islands, through education, both academic and practical.
- * The Centre also addresses gender imbalance and the right to be heard and contribute positively to the society. Young people with a disability are also given the opportunity to live in a community of boys and girls with common attributes by sharing and learning together.
- * San Isidro Care Centre is the first basic education and vocation skill provider for young and adult deaf and mute people in the country. There are only two in the Solomon Islands.

Sign Language Class.



For the first whole year we teach them sign language so that they can communicate each other and they can follow the Class and all the activities.

Some of our life skill students and their teacher baking buns for income generating project for their sustainability livelihood. This has helped many families to earn their living.



Life skill students and Teacher display their products after their sewing class. Many students who have completed the sewing class have managed to keep their own business.



School community gardening.



Working in the garden also, for the students with disabilities, is a healing remedy. It strengthens their bones and gives us fresh vegetables for healthy nutrients.

Carpentry and Joinery group displaying their cassava grater and the food safe.



Agriculture students cleaning poultry house.



Poultry is another of the empowering projects for the students and for their community at large.

Basic Computer class year 4



Many Students have never used the Computer; but when they come to the Centre they have opportunity to learn basic Computer skills.

Praying in the Chapel.



**A family that prays
together stays
together. This is what
gives us energy to
continue encouraging
the less privileged of
our society.**

Some achievement of the SLCC

- * There have already been 13 groups of graduates from San Isidro. Some make use of their skills in agriculture to expand the cocoa and coconut plantation of their families.
- * Boys are known to build houses in their villages or work with other carpenters.
- * For girls, some grow vegetables and ground food to sell, others make use of their skills in sewing, handicraft and baking to earn a living.
- * Two years ago, 8 ex-students taught sign language in 8 villages in 3 provinces and also in the capital city Honiara. Four received Certificates for Teaching last January 2024 for adult teaching and learning from ACU [Australian Catholic University].

Students enjoying corn harvested from their garden



“Whatever you do to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me”. (Mt 25:40)



