



NEWS

BULLETIN

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Missionary and synodally in heart and mind

VISITATION OF WALLIS

The Vicar Provincial, Fr. Lote Raiwalui visited Wallis from the 30th November to 7th December. He was welcomed at the Secor House 'Finetomaï' by the confreres and some lay people. The community is consisted of Fr. Michel Tuvini, the Sector Leader, Fr. Suni Halapio and Br. Adrien Lemo both retired, Fr. Christopher Vakata, and Br. Sanele Sekeme. Fr. Froncois Jaupitre resides at the Bishop's Residence with Bishop Susitino Sionepoe. Lote had time to talk with them individually and as a community. Despite the fragility of the community the confreres are well and happy with their mission.



FMS BROTHERS RETREAT

During the annual retreat of the FMS Brothers of the District of Oceania recently held at Port Moresby, Fr. Chris Hifo made himself available to celebrate Mass for them each day. It was an opportunity for Chris and Br. Andrea to spend time with the brothers.



RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY VOWS—Taveuni, Fiji.

Recently, Br. Leone Baleiwaiyevu renewed his temporary vows for a year. The Provincial, Fr. Milikiade was there to receive Leone's vows which was witnessed by Fr. Matairatu and Sr. Birisita SM. The family and villagers prepared the celebration. Congratulation Leone.



Agnes Birisita
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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- ◇ The Provincial is at home for a break and will later attend the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Fr. Makario's ordination.
- ◇ Lutoviko is in Tonga. Lote is manning the house.

ONGOING WORK IN THE SCHOOL—Wainoni Marist Secondary School

During this school break, Fr. Dylan and the builders continues the work in the new classrooms and new staff houses in preparation for the academic year 2025. Currently the school caters for students in Form 1, 2 and 3. They have already applied to the Ministry of Education to begin Form 4 next year hence the requirements from the Ministry that they must have more classrooms and staff houses. According to Dylan they expect to have a big intake next year.



SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECT—'Apifo'ou College

Since 2019, the Principal Fr. 'Ekuasi initiated a project to help the running cost of the college and to upgrade the salaries of the teachers. This involves planting cassava and taro. They are normally harvested and sent overseas to ex-students to be sold there. This year, they were very fortunate to have a local buyer and businessman Mr. Minoru Nishi, a big supporter of the college who bought all the cassava. He is seen here in the picture handing out envelopes to the teachers. An important aspect of this project is the collaborative efforts of teachers, SMSM Sisters and students working together. The upgrade comes at just the right time. A Christmas Gift indeed.



GOOD SAMARITANS

In August, a permanent deacon, Mr. Lochlein Sekona and his wife Simaima set out on a pilgrimage following in the footsteps of Marists working in Oceania. Originally from Tonga they are now citizens of the United States. They travelled to Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Wallis and Solomon Islands. While in the Solomon, they met the Sector Leader Fr. Jacob Aba who was very busy with the building of the new church in Tanagai Parish. The couple decided to help. Upon returning to the US they raised a total of USD 16,000 and forwarded to Jacob to help in the work. Thank you so much Lochlein and Simaima for your generosity. May the Lord bless you both and your family.



YOUTH WEEKEND—Our Lady of Martyrs' Parish, Wainoni.

From the 20th to the 22nd of this month a weekend for youth was held at the parish of Our Lady of Martyrs. The Parish Priest, Fr. Viko 'Olie together with Fr. Dylan and seminarian Paulo organized the weekend with the theme: ***'Youth Alive in Communion, Participation and Mission.'*** Members from the Police Force and the Health Department gave input as well as various Religious Congregations giving talks on vocation. There were different activities such as a cultural night, Gospel songs, fun games and sport. Viko siad that it was encouraging to see so many youth from the parish participated and enjoyed the weekend.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PROVINCIAL

May the miracle of the birth of Jesus fill your heart with abundant joy and love this Christmas. The greatest gift we can receive this Christmas is not wrapped in a box but found in the purity of a humble manger. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and home this holiday season. Merry Christmas to you all.