



THE FIJI TIMES

News from Paul and Martha Daku
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Life on the mission field stretches us in many directions. We are often called on to counsel, give medical advice, help people with their dental needs, provide food for the needy, solve family problems, mentor national pastors and missionaries, build or maintain church buildings, and comfort the grieving. All of this is in addition to preaching, teaching and winning the lost to Christ. If that list sounds exhausting to you, it definitely is to us, at times! We are thankful for daily strength and grace from the Lord.



Since our return from US in November, our lives have been full of many wonderful aspects of the ministry in Fiji. Seven have trusted Christ. We had a wedding in December and another on 20th January, when our national pastor, Brother Pau, got married to the woman of God's choosing. Alyssa was praying for eight years to marry someone who would serve the Lord and Pau prayed for many years for a wife who would serve beside him in the ministry. Theirs is an interesting story of how the Lord brought them together. But the most important thing is that they got married one weekend and moved to Raki Raki the next week to begin their ministry at the Solid Rock Baptist Church there, our new baby church.



In December, Paul had the joy of baptizing the first six people in the new church and new baptistery at Solid Rock Baptist Church. Those baptized were a husband and wife and a mother with three teenagers. Pray that they will walk in newness of life and follow the Lord all the days of their lives.

It is quite commonplace now in Fiji for couples to live together without being married. Recently Paul counseled two such couples who have agreed to have a court marriage and have asked us to witness their vows. One of the men was not saved but came to know Christ through the counseling. Pray that these two couples will be married and become faithful church members.

We asked you to pray about the annex building for the Lautoka church which is needed for Sunday School rooms, youth activities, etc. The Lord has provided \$16,600 as of this writing for this new building. (We still lack \$33,400 to reach our goal of \$50,000.) We are praying the Lord will provide so the construction can begin later this year. Pray for this need. Pray that the building plans will be approved soon by City Council.

We send our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for all the Christmas gifts that were sent to us. Truly we have been blessed of the Lord with your gifts and to have such wonderful friends who stand by us and encourage us. Thank you for your financial support and intercession for us.

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