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a letter from Ann & David...

Co-Founders Fiji Kinde Project

Our recent trip to Vunanui Village on the Island of Vitu Levu found Fiji Kinde in-servicing and accrediting 21 teachers from 5 different Fijian Islands. Impacting over two hundred and ninety children. July's summer mission trip was successful in so many ways as God opened doors for us to meet with high-ranking government officials at the capitol in Suva. Our Project is embraced by heads of state, respected village chiefs, parents, and most of all the children.....to God be all the glory!

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

(This scripture is on the walls inside the capitol of the Ministry of Education.)

Our Mission

Fiji Kinde Project's mission is to faithfully initiate Jesus' ideals by sharing the gospel, training local teachers, teaching preschool age children, and providing the essential educational resources as we develop Early Childhood Education throughout the villages in the Fiji Islands.

Our Vision

Our vision is to send teams of educators to Fiji to Share, Train, Teach, and Provide. One by one, village by village, we will set up a Christ-centered kindergarten program using a well planned, comprehensive classroom model.



SPRING BREAK WITH PEPPERDINE!

We partner with Pepperdine University's Project Serve program, and take a group of students to Fiji each spring for a week long mission's trip. These students have a heart to serve and a love for young children. Students majoring in Early Childhood or Elementary Education and are involved with mission or non-profit work are ideal for this volunteer opportunity.

By Elizabeth Johnstone

Fiji Kinde Project holds a very special place in my heart. For the past two years, I have spent spring break in Fiji with Ann and a team of fellow Pepperdine students. As I trained to become an educator, my time in Fiji has exponentially increased my passion for teaching and fueled my desire to spread the love of Christ through education. The teachers in Fiji have stolen my heart, and I aspire to be like them. These women devote their lives to their students, and give generously even though they have very little. They sacrifice for their students and teach with love and gentleness. The love of Christ is easy to see in the way they practice hospitality, and warmly welcome guests from America. As I prepare for my first job teaching first grade at Oaks Christian School, I often think of the kinde teachers in Fiji. I am inspired by their abundance of love and joy, despite the minimal support, and limited resources they have. I am reminded to pour all I have into my students, and give freely as the kinde teachers do. One day, I want to return to Fiji with my own students, and have them experience the same amazing love and power of Christ found in the classrooms and hearts of the Fijian people.

Our goal is to be the best stewards possible of every resource we have. If you would like to receive our newsletter by email, please send your email address to info@fijikindeproject.org and simply add the word NEWSLETTER.

We will update our records with your email address and the cost savings from not printing and mailing your copy will help us accomplish even more in Fiji. Thank you for your partnership!

We are a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization. Our tax ID#26-4107858. Our website has PayPal available, or send your tax deductible donation to: Fiji Kinde Project, P.O. Box 4104, Laguna Beach, California 92652-4104



Did you know?...

For \$1,000 a Fiji Kinde can be established with all the necessary training and classroom supplies to touch the hearts of 25 young children who are eager to learn, and hear about the love of Christ.

THE ART OF TOUCHING YOUNG HEARTS

Bula Fiji: Sunrise On The Islands
By- Linda Lawler

In 2009 after my first Fiji Kinde Project Trip, God planted in my and Ann's heart to write and illustrate a book for the Fijian children. We had discovered that there were no children's books about their way of life. So, on our way home from the trip, Ann got busy writing, and I began the illustration for the book BULA FIJI-Sunrise On The Islands, our first project for the children of Fiji. One year later, God gave us a finished gift; a published children's book for our Fall 2010 trip back to Fiji. We returned to the same villages that inspired us to pour our hearts into the words and art that became Bula Fiji.

Whether we shared the book in a classroom setting, a village, or in a church, our hearts were touched by the gratitude we received. We thought we were doing something to bless them, but in the end, we were the ones truly blessed by this experience.

Bula Fiji: Sunrise On The Islands is available for \$10.00 and 100% of the proceeds go directly to Fiji Kinde Project. Please contact David or Ann at info@fijikindeproject.org to order. This is a wonderful way to share the culture of Fiji with our own young people here in America, and bless the children of Fiji at the same time.



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