

Reaching the Islands!



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Dear friends,

It's been a while since our last newsletter as my mother passed away at the end of last year at the ripe old age of 91 & so we cut short our drug-awareness programs in the Bahamas in order to return to the UK.

As we only got back to the Caribbean at the beginning of May, we've mainly been sharing our news on the weekly blog page of our website www.pacificoutreach.com/weekly-blog/ Besides various leftover stories & news items from the Bahamas, we also wrote about travels in & around Europe. Please try to check our weekly blog as often as you can as we're usually too busy to make newsletters more often than every 2 or 3 months.

One small miracle among many from our time in Europe: as we're normally in far away Fiji, we hadn't been to a fellowship of like-minded missionaries in many years & happened to hear about an upcoming one in Serbia. We were visiting Hungary at the time, so this was only a short distance away. Around the same time, our website was giving a lot of trouble, often displaying blank pages. Nobody seemed to know how to solve the problem, although we did manage to find somebody knowledgeable online within our worldwide missionary circle. He could have been anywhere in the world, but it turned out that coincidentally, he was also in Europe & coming to the same mission meeting. We met up & he was able to sort out all our problems—a big 'thank you' to Sam Caumons, a professional web designer whose work can be seen at www.interdesignstudios.com

Although we've had our website www.pacificoutreach.com for 3 years now, we've only been counting visitors since one year & during this time have reached a total of 3250 visitors from 123 different countries—almost 10 per day! Besides our weekly blog, we also put new articles on the 'mystery page' every 2 weeks. The last 2 additions feature an interesting news article about the world's oldest backpacker (95-years old!), as well as some good advice about 'how to be happier at work'.



Left: Special thanks to the general manager of this lovely hotel, Mrs Jennifer Hadland, that kindly donated a 2 week stay. Right: our first school program on Eleuthera island.

Now back in the Bahamas, our plan this time around is to visit the 'family islands' away from the capital, Nassau. We started off in Eleuthera—an extremely long (102 miles!), thin island with a total population of only 10,000. It's been exciting to get back to living by faith & getting around by hitch hiking.

We visited quite a few primary schools & high schools to conduct our program on the dangers of drugs & smoking. Believe it or not, even in such a small island paradise, drug-abuse is plentiful & so our program has been well-received.

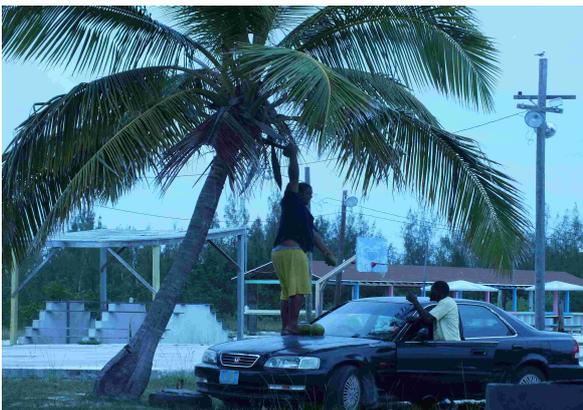
From Eleuthera we returned to Nassau before taking another small plane to Great Exuma island to carry on with our school programs. In the coming weeks we plan to visit Andros, Abaco and the Turks & Caicos islands (near to Haiti). After that Fiji!!

All our charity work is completely unpaid; donations are very welcome & can be put directly into our Fiji bank account: Pacific Outreach, account number 9515841, ANZ bank main branch, Suva, Fiji. (international swift code ANZ BFJFX)

Yours, Peter & Susan Kingston

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Above: nice island photo of harvesting coconuts while standing on a car!



Above: I have difficulty getting in & out of Bahamian inter-island planes!



Above: being presented with a certificate of appreciation after our program at Tarpum Bay primary school.



Above: successful program at Windemere High School, Eleuthera.

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