

Reaching the Islands!



Grand Turk prison program

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Dear friends,

We're happy to be back in Fiji again after a 3-month stay in the Caribbean where we conducted drug prevention programs in lots of institutions throughout the Bahamas & the Turks & Caicos islands.

Throughout the 3 months, God was faithful to look after all our needs so that we didn't spend a single \$ on accommodation during all of this time. How did we manage that? Well, some kind hotels donated rooms, other times we stayed with mission houses & at other times with couch surfers! Perhaps the most remarkable of these was Lynn in Providenciales, (Turks & Caicos islands), who shares her house not only with couch surfers but also a large variety of stray dogs that she rescues from the street & finds new homes for. During our 5-day stay, she asked around among her friends to see if any of them could also help with accommodation. Amazingly, one friend just down the road was about to go on holiday & needed someone to look after her house for 3 weeks: perfect timing as that's exactly the amount of time we needed!

The schools in the Turks & Caicos islands were about to close, but we were happy to get an official letter from the Ministry of Education & to be able to visit nearly all of them, along with the central prison on Grand Turk island, see above photo.

Arriving back in Fiji, we had to 'hit the ground running' as we got our house back from tenants & found there was a huge cleaning job to do, as well as lots of repairs. On top of that, there were a lot of charity materials left over from last year that we needed to distribute, as more will be arriving from Australia soon.

Some recent charity highlights:

**Marching in the Hibiscus festival! Everyone looks forward to Suva's biggest festival that culminates with a procession through the city's main street from one end to the other.*



Left: marching in Hibiscus festival; right: donating toothpaste in Namadai settlement

Thank you to our good friends Milika & Analesi who opened the door for us to be able to participate in this parade. Our handicapped friend Sanjiv was also active during Hibiscus as he & his family opened a restaurant to raise funds.

**** We did 2 distributions of toothpaste during these past few weeks: one with Japanese friend Michiko to very poor families in Namadai settlement, & the other to every disabled person at the Suva Centre for the Handicapped.***

****We took a trip up to Tavua & Vatukoula to distribute boxes of library books in the primary schools. Thank you to Apao & Oli for driving us all around & making it possible.***

****Both Fiji Times & Fiji Sun recently wrote small articles on our charity work in Fiji.***

Donations towards our charity work 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: everyone holds up their toothpaste at Suva's main centre for the handicapped



Above: recent distribution of library books at Navati Primary School, near Rakiraki



Above: giving school & library books to Vatukoula High School, near Tavua

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