

# Reaching the islands!



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Dear friends,

*Happy Christmas & New Year! Just after we got back from our book distribution trip to Vanua Levu, the Fiji Sun newspaper published the following full-page article, entitled 'More Books for North Students'*

## **Outreach programme targets rural and maritime schools Peni Drauna, Labasa**

*Primary & secondary school students around Labasa were enriched with the gift of more library books to read when the Pacific Outreach programme team paid them a visit last week.*

*Lead by Peter & Susan Kingston, the couple have been involved in fulltime voluntary work in India, Nepal, Africa and Bosnia.*

*'We came to Fiji in 2001 as independent volunteers and began conducting programmes in schools, colleges and prisons,' Mr Kingston said.*

*We saw the real need for this type of work and in 2007 we registered our Pacific Outreach programme. We have received shipments of books from Australia, England & USA & have distributed them all around Viti Levu and some in outer islands.'*

*He said they intend to reach schools in the interior & maritime islands where the need for books was greatest.*

*'As missionaries, we live by faith and pray that God will supply all our needs in delivering all the books to remote areas', Mr Kingston said.*

*'We brought 80 boxes of books for 13 secondary schools, 2 primary schools and one kindergarten'. 'We thank all those who have been helping us deliver these books to remote areas and all those who have been very supportive of the programme,' he said.*



*Left: this remote village school managed to find us on the internet & requested books!*

*Right: a day to remember for students & staff at Vaturova Secondary School!*

*In November we had a memorable & highly successful visit from our long-time friend & fellow missionary Joy, based in Melbourne. As you may remember from previous newsletters, she is one of our main helpers & has probably sent more boxes of library books to Fiji than anyone else over the past 3 or 4 years. She came with another co-worker, Kim from Vietnam, & together they stayed 2 weeks, during which time we visited several institutions, see photos.*

*In fact, taking visitors with us to charity distributions has been a regular feature recently. Some guests have brought along toothbrushes to supplement our supplies of toothpaste, while others have donated colouring crayons & pencils, as well as basic food supplies. Everyone enjoyed the interaction & some visitors even told us that it was the highlight of their trip to Fiji!*

*Please keep us in your prayers as we're both going through some physical hardships at the moment: I (Peter) recently injured my neck; then to add to our challenges, Susan fell & broke her wrist, so she's now in a plaster for 6 weeks! Her Christmas & New Year message on the plaster cast brings out smiles wherever she goes!*



*All our work is done on a voluntary basis so any financial help would be very much appreciated! Our PayPal account name is [gouymarieange@yahoo.fr](mailto:gouymarieange@yahoo.fr) Alternatively, donations can be deposited or transferred directly to our charity account: Pacific Outreach, account 9515841, ANZ bank main branch, Suva, Fiji, (international swift code ANZ BFJFX).*



*Above: with visitors Joy & Kim, giving books & toys to Bainivalu kindergarten.*



*Above: Joy is also a professional face painter, seen here on a visit to Mobile Kindy!*



*Above: we had several short term visitors that came along & donated toothbrushes & stationary items, along with lots of love! For more news, please see our website [www.pacificoutreach.com](http://www.pacificoutreach.com)*

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