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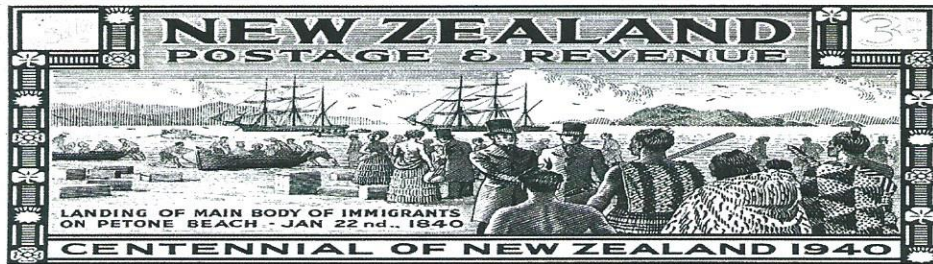
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NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE *May 2017* AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Greetings to all you brothers and sisters. Robert and I are very thankful that you are taking the Pacific Islands Bible College Courses. We hope and pray the study of God's word will prepare you for heaven.

Ezra 7:10 is a great verse to apply to our lives. It starts with a personal application, "*Ezra prepared his heart*".

Ezra made a decision to prepare his own heart. No one could do this for him. Next, he prepared his heart to do three things: 1) seek the law of the Lord, 2) do it, 3) teach it. These three actions would be good for us to imitate. The first two are basically learn God's word and obey it. The last one is teach what we learn to others. That sums up our responsibility.



The Bible College courses are taught in two places in New Zealand. One of those is Auckland, and the other one is Napier. Robert has been to Auckland to teach a couple of times, but never to Napier. He is scheduled to go and teach in Napier this year. Last year was my first time to teach in New Zealand and that was at Napier. In February of this year Kathy and I had the opportunity to teach in Auckland.

A small group of Christians meet in Napier, but they are interested in and dedicated to following the truth. It always does my heart good to see brethren that want to know and obey the truth.

I was able to be there for two Sundays and worship with the brethren. The congregation is made up of two Kiwis and five Samoans. When I arrived I was met at the airport by David. Thankfully it was a small airport because I did not know him, and he did not know me. After most of the people that came on the flight had left he and I looked at each other and said are you... That night I had supper with David and his wife Liz. They were telling me about a member of the

church named Joe who knew me from Samoa and had translated for me. I was trying to figure out who this might

be and could not remember. Then they mentioned the name Sefo. When they mentioned that name, then I knew who he was talking about. I never knew a Joe, but I knew Sefo. Joe is the name he goes by in New Zealand.

These brethren really took good care of me. They took turns feeding me each evening. It was great to have home cooking, instead of having to eat out. One of the unique things that I had to eat was venison.

The PIBC classes were at David and Liz's house. Six attended each evening. These people really



have a great desire to learn the word of God and to follow the truth. I think of Jeremiah 6:16, "*Thus says the Lord, Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls...*" I taught "Mission of the Local Church". The main three parts that I emphasize is evangelism, edification, and

