

Bible Engagement

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# FIJI NATIONAL BIBLE FORUM



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# Purpose

The Fiji National Bible Forum was held on 10th September at the CMFI Westfield Harvest Center in Lautoka. Its purpose was to identify and map the Bible needs in the Lautoka and Nadi regions, and to establish a collaborative team for the future implementation of Bible Needs programs across ministries. This approach strengthens interdenominational partnerships and ensures that Scripture distribution and engagement remain both strategic and community driven.

The purpose of this report is to capture the key outcomes and highlights of the Fiji National Bible Forum, documenting the discussions, insights, and plans that emerged from this important gathering.



# Registration Summary

Total Participants Registered: 32

## Denominations Represented:

- Methodist (Tomuka, Saru, Namoli, Wainivakasoso, Natokowaqa, Peceliema, Kenani)
- Assemblies of God (Mt Zion Cathedral, Nakurakura, Nadi)
- Salvation Army
- Christian Mission Fellowship (Westfield)
- New Way International
- YWAM / Yatchs For Life Ministry





## Devotion

The forum opened with a devotion by Rev. Semi Moroi, Assistant Pastor of Mt Zion Cathedral, Saru Assemblies of God. He shared from Acts 28, highlighting that ***“the quality of your preparation will show in the quality of your presentation.”***



## Program Highlights

- The program was interactive and engaging.
- Icebreaker Game: Participants paired with strangers to answer:
  - What is your name?
  - Where are you from?
  - What are your hobbies?
- Mr. Joe Tuitoga shared the history and purpose of the Fiji National Collaboration Forum.
- Ms. Teupola Waqainabete presented findings from a survey conducted after the 2024 FNBF in Suva.





# World Café



World Café Game: Facilitated by Jo Tuitoga and Teu Waqainabete. Participants listed 3–5 important topics, which were then consolidated into 5 main discussion themes. This was a highlight of the program, keeping participants engaged and curious.

During the group discussions, participants shared practical ideas and strategies around five key themes:

<p><b>1. Reading, Learning, Studying – Bible Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Braille Bibles for the blind.</li> <li>• Develop storytelling resources.</li> <li>• Create videos of Bible stories.</li> <li>• Promote family Bible use.</li> <li>• Launch Bible Reading Challenges.</li> <li>• Upskill Sunday School teachers to better teach Scripture.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. Bible Awareness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize Bible Week events on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Strengthen ministry presence in church conferences.</li> <li>• Build a collaboration team to promote awareness in both islands and highlands.</li> <li>• Conduct public Bible readings in towns and churches.</li> <li>• Use Christian media to expand reach and impact.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Ways of Eradicating Bible Poverty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage church fundraising to purchase and distribute Bibles.</li> <li>• Promote Bible reading plans and Bible study methods.</li> <li>• Highlight the importance of the written Word.</li> <li>• Invest in mass Bible printing.</li> <li>• Decentralize Bible Institutes to widen access.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4. Bible Use for Children &amp; Bible Apps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct surveys in Sunday Schools to identify needs.</li> <li>• Develop iTaukei Bible reading materials for children.</li> <li>• Provide pictorial and visual Bible versions.</li> <li>• Encourage English Bible use alongside vernacular.</li> <li>• Upskill Sunday School teachers for effective delivery.</li> <li>• Use Christian media platforms to reach young audiences.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Bible Cost &amp; Distribution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidize Bible costs through partnerships with organizations.</li> <li>• Promote fundraising in churches to purchase Bibles.</li> <li>• Encourage contributions from ministries and church departments.</li> <li>• Develop a long-term plan for local Bible printing.</li> <li>• Carry out a feasibility study for sustainable printing.</li> <li>• Encourage the wider Body of Christ to set aside budgets for Bible printing and free distribution.</li> </ul>	

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Afternoon Session - Guest Speaker: Douglas from the Pacific Island Christian Network (PICN) shared about the need for Christian media in the West and their ongoing efforts to establish a transmission tower at Sabeto. Following his presentation, the forum prayed over PICN and its ministry, led by Pastor Setareki Merekula.

### **Afternoon Session – 5 Minutes at the Mic**

After lunch, participants were invited to share new initiatives from their churches and ministries. Below are the highlights:

1. **Bible Society Fiji Mission** – *Trauma Healing, Sunday School Teachers Training, and Methods of Bible Study seminars* during community visits.

2. **Bible Society Trade** – Shared about Bible supplies in Fiji and clarified Bible pricing. Aisea challenged participants to reflect on household spending priorities: phones vs. Bibles.

3. **Family Ministry** – **Rev. Savirio Vuata** shared his vision for a ministry to *counsel young couples beyond pre-marital sessions*, offering post-marriage counselling, Bible studies, and family events to encourage Godly households.

4. **YWAM BELT** – **Eroni Bautani** explained the training they conduct in communities around Fiji.

5. **Bible Society Youth Outreach Partnership** – **Mesake** shared how, *in partnership with YWAM*, BSSP uses **BELT lessons** for Youth Outreach in schools and communities.

6. **Reassessing Vision Annually** – **Rev. Mosese Qica** emphasized the importance of *self-evaluation, alignment with church vision, and strengthening families through Masumasu Vakavuvala (family prayer)*.

7. **Investigating the Church in Fiji** – **Pastor William** from the *New Way International* addressed *technology's impact on youth*, the *need to bridge family gaps*, and the *production of visual aids and resources for Sunday School* to address relevant issues.





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8. **South Pacific Bible College Extension Program** – **Rev. Semi Moro** announced that the *extension program is now offered in Lautoka*.

9. **Street Ministry & House Church** – **Pastor Setareki Merekula of AOG Nadi** shared about their outreach model.

10. **Youth Empowerment** – **TC Saqwele MYF committed to equipping youth** with **Bibles and Hymn Books** for the upcoming Youth Week.

11. **Sunday School Needs** – **TC Saqwele Sunday School** stressed the urgent need for teacher training.

12. **Bible Society of the South Pacific (BSSP)** – Offered briefing sessions and distribution of the **100 Steps Family Bible to churches**.

13. **Trauma Healing & Storytelling / End2End** – **Major Jerry** presented their work in trauma healing and the End-to-End program.

14. **Global Partnership** – **Jo Tuitoga** shared about fostering global connections and collaborations.

15. **Jesus On the Streets** – **Emosi (TC Waiyavi)** shared on their ministry that includes two weeks of fasting and prayer before deployment, spiritual battle readiness, prayer support, and hospital visitations.





## Meals

- Morning Tea: Prepared by CMFI Westfield Harvest mothers.
- Lunch: Prepared by the Namoli Methodist Division Women's Fellowship.





## CONCLUSION

The Fiji National Bible Forum in Lautoka brought together church leaders, ministry partners, and community representatives with a shared vision of strengthening Bible engagement across Fiji. Through collaborative discussions, mapping of needs, and the World Café sessions, participants identified both opportunities and challenges that shape Scripture distribution and engagement in our communities.

The forum underscored the importance of partnership and interdenominational collaboration, affirming that the work of bringing the Word of God to every home and heart in Fiji cannot be done in isolation. The collective insights gathered will inform future programs, ensuring that they are community-driven, inclusive, and responsive to the spiritual and practical realities of our people.

As the Bible Society of the South Pacific continues to walk alongside churches and organizations, the outcomes of this forum provide a strong foundation for long-term strategies that will nurture faith, promote Bible literacy, and expand access to Scripture for all. Together, we look forward with hope and commitment to seeing the Word of God transform lives throughout Fiji.

*“In the same way, the word that I speak will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do.”*

***Isaiah 55:11 (GNT)***

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## **Closing Remark**

*The Fiji National Bible Forum marks not just the conclusion of an event, but the beginning of a united journey forward. May the conversations and commitments made here bear fruit in the lives of individuals, families, churches, and communities across Fiji.*