

Fiji Mission Update:

As BFMC Fiji's Pastor Sak, Suki and their village prepare for an ensuing cyclone, boarding up windows and moving equipment into secured buildings, Suki took the time to text us an update on some current highlights of the Fiji Mission.

Pastor Sak offered a job to a renowned furniture maker who was put out of work in the high-end hotels due to covid. He agreed to a compromised daily salary of \$45 and will begin work for the village in January. A part for the wood sander is expected to arrive from Australia very soon to assist him in his projects. Growth and progress are in the Fiji base church sights for January 2021.

The various village churches supported by the BFMC Fiji Mission are all working hard. Pastor Gock is said to be experiencing the most challenges due to a lack of transportation from his village. He and his family travel by foot (a 4 hour trek) to Sak & Suki's village each Sunday morning and return just before sunset to avoid the heat. His congregation has grown to 80 people and he is very grateful to BFMC Kona for his monthly stipend of \$150.

Pastor Jioji and his wife Sia travelled to Taveuni this past weekend for a very powerful two-day ministry. Pastor Jioji is grateful for his stipend which was recently increased to \$150.

Pastor Mārika in Suva also receives a monthly stipend of \$150.

Ken, a 4 year BFMC supported missionary in Samoa also continues to receive \$100 for his work in the field.

Pastor Gorge who assists Sak & Suki also receives a \$150 base pay from their church offerings.

The 2020 church offerings at the base church came in at \$5,000 even whilst the church was closed for 3 months due to Covid. The majority of that money went to base maintenance, projects, building materials and a smaller amount to Pastor George. One of the major project this year was the construction of a Bakery with a total expense of \$21,000. The bakery operates 3 days a week, producing 416 loaves of bread at \$1.00 per loaf. Half of the income goes toward the purchase of quality ingredients, delivered every Thursday to Savu. The bakery has two shifts of 5 people and 4 others who deliver bread to the coastal villages by 4:00 am the next morning. All together they employ 15 people. Bakers earn \$3.00, Doughers \$2.70/hr, minimum wage in Fiji. Sak & Suki cover the extra hours and earn \$42-\$45 after each bake. Although the profit margin is low there is profit reported. The majority of those employed are from the church and children come after school to clean, sweep and mop.

Sak & Suki remain very grateful for all of BFMC Kona's continued support in the new year.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We are happy to announce our 2021 Board of Directors is already hard at work meeting not only for their monthly board meeting but also for a board workshop ensuring BFMC is run and supported by a highly involved and totally knowledgeable leadership for 2021.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for the health and vitality of Shanna's high-risk pregnancy, that their baby girl be born entirely healthy and full term.
- Please pray for Chamberlain's transportation difficulties.
- Please pray for Kent, Virgie's son and that his brain and emotional state, recover fully.
- Please pray for Virgie's ongoing transfusions and her health.
- Please pray for Pastor Mel's cousin who is suffering with cancer.
- Please pray for overall health of our own church & prosperity as we endeavor to spread the gospel.
- Please continue to pray for Becky Reh.
- Please pray for guidance for our missions & this time of travel uncertainty.
- Please pray for Curtis William's mission to Cuba in January.

*Please text prayer requests, answered prayers or announcements you'd like included in our weekly update to Pastor Mel at (808)

Week at a Glance:

Monday, 5:00-6:00 pm, Auntie Virgie & Uncle Dennis' Weekly Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Mark. Contact Virgie or Shanna to be added to the list of participants.

Tuesday: weekly Update and Schedule

Wednesday: 5:00 Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study and BBQ. Bible study to resume January 2020 after this week.

-Women's Bible Study with Denise Haug will resume January 2021.

Thursday: Weekly Zoom Bible Study with Diane Bundrant will resume January 2021.

Thursday: 6:00 pm, Elders Meeting

Saturday:-9:00 am, Prayer Meeting in green room or via Zoom

-10:30 am Worship Practice

Sunday: Live and Video stream Service 10:00