



# Pacific Islands Bible College and Pacific Islands Outreach Program

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE *December 2020* AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Greetings to all Christians and students of PIBC who are in the Pacific and the world at the end of another year. This has been a different and most challenging year. The COVID-19 has impacted the church and every Christians life. It has reminded us of the uncertainty of life James 4:13-16 "Come now, you who say, *"Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and*

*make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."* We have heard from many Christians how you are carrying on in the Lord's work where you are in spite of the corona virus. God bless you for your steadfastness.

## B I B L E C O L L E G E NEWS.....

### *Growing and Growing*

We thank God that the Pacific Islands Bible College continues to grow and grow. Also, we thank all of you out in the Pacific, because you are making the Lord's church and the college grow. We hope that you are *"growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18) through PIBC courses.



**ANY TIME WE CANNOT COME TO YOU LIKE IN TIMES OF COVID-19....**you can watch and listen to us via the internet. You can go to the Forest Park website at: [www.fpcc.org](http://www.fpcc.org) and click on "Watch Live and Past

Events" and click on the box with the C. Then you can scroll across to present and past lessons/sermons that have been taught/preached. You can hear Steve

Vice, Robert Martin, Stacy Ferguson, and others teaching/preaching the Word of God.

## MAIL IS STARTING TO FLOW NOW



We are so thankful that mail is now starting to flow again to the Pacific and other parts of the work were we have Pacific Islands Bible College students. We have been able to mail to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, New Zealand, and Australia unhindered. In September we were able to mail to the Fiji Islands, Cook Islands, Nigeria, Malawi, and South Africa. I tell you that I was one happy brother when we were able to start mailing some of our boxes and packages that had been sitting in the PIBC office for six months. Thank you Lord for opening up this door. Now we are able to mail to all countries where we have PIBC students in the Pacific and world.

## NEWS ABOUT PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE

We are so thankful to share news with you all about different works throughout the Pacific Islands. I want to share with you about two brothers in Tarawa, Kiribati who are servants of the Lord. Brother Tabera in the picture on the left has been preaching on Radio Kiribati for a few



years now; utilizing the free time given to the Eita church of Christ a five minute radio program. He has been teaching and training brother Naumata on the right how to prepare a radio sermon and present it.



Now the Eita congregation has been able to purchase a fifteen slot of radio time for preaching the gospel of Christ for \$30.00. These good brethren made the decision to pay for this program themselves. Now brother

Naumata is able to help brother Tabera and you see him in the photo on the right preaching the gospel on the radio. Brethren, here is an example of an older brother in the faith with experience training another brother to help in the Lord's work. Also a great example of a congregation growing so that they are willing to make sacrifices to pay for a radio program themselves.

*Robert t H. Martin reporting*

### USE WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN OR LOSE IT FOREVER!!!



strength, and finally die. A business that barely keeps its records does not set a record. If it shows not profit, it fails. It must go ahead, or it will fall behind. A mind which tries to keep all it contains, yet never gains more knowledge or experience, will get rusty and become afflicted with friction. A good part of the spiritual problems in a heart, a home, and a church can be laid to the problem of no interest - **NO GROWTH.**

In Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells an important parable about, **"USING WHAT WE HAVE OR LOSING IT."** We are especially concerned with a

man in who received one talent. This man received what he was capable of using, but he was not willing to use it.

He should not have despised the day of small things (Zechariah 4:10). The cloud that broke a great drouth began no larger than a man's hand. But it grows and brought abundance of rain (1 Kings 18:44,45). Moses had a shepherd's staff, but it became a mighty symbol of deliverance (Exodus 4:2). Gideon's army was cut to three hundred men. But in the hand of Jehovah they defeated the Midianites (Judges 7). A baby in an ark would become the lawgiver of Israel and lead them to freedom (Exodus 2). A baby in a place where animals were kept would one day give himself a ransom for all (1 Timothy 2:6).

Let us use what God has given us and He will bless us with more just like the two and five talent men of Matthew 25. **It is "USE IT OR WE WILL LOSE IT."** **What are YOU doing with what God has given to YOU?**

Robert H. Martin