

This Month's Focus — FIJI



FLOODS

Mehamul Nisha, 65, and Sabra Subeda, 75, were seen washing their clothes in a culvert beside the King's Highway on Thursday. Ms Nisha said she had no choice but to do her washing in the drain. "This is nothing (referring to the clothes). Our homes and everything has been damaged and destroyed," she said. "We cannot clean our homes because there is no water coming in the taps, people are resorting to drains and any water they can find to clean their homes and clothes. This (pointing to the drain water) is all we have at the moment to wash our clothes, we know it's not hygienic but we do not have a choice."

Village headman Waisake Semi said the future of the village children was bleak because most had lost their books and clothing. Mr Semi said many parents had already bought text books and school uniforms, all of which had been destroyed. "All our crops such as cassava, kumala and many others were destroyed. We are surviving on damaged food," he said. "We do not know where to get food from for next week," Mr Semi said. Most of the families do not have proper toilets. "We just got water this morning but the pressure is really low and the village people are doing cleaning up," he said.

In just three days, the farmers lost everything they had worked for. The Sigatoka River had broken its banks, covering whole plantations on the fertile plains of Barara and inland. Vegetables rotted in the fields, pawpaw trees flattened and corn turned brown and barren in knee-deep mud. Floodwaters had completely decimated the valley, turning rich green into varying shades of brown. Sigatoka valley contributes 70 per cent of all vegetable exports from Fiji.

In spite of all the damage and pain in Fiji, the people continue to worship God. Indeed because of the floods more and more Fijians have returned to church.

This trip in April will serve to:

- ◆ Distribute the items in the container
- ◆ Begin the setting up of a training centre and church in Nadi (pronounced Nandi) (main island)
- ◆ Commence the building of the shed for church in Ba, also micro finance material and Bibles
- ◆ Visitation of our new church in Labasa (pronounced Lamb basa), delivering Bibles (2nd largest island all night boat))
- ◆ Visitation to Navua (our Fijian Indian church) hold Healing and Outreach meetings
- ◆ A Call To Prayer across the nation of Fiji advertising already commenced in the Fiji Times for 3 hours over 3 days..for all Christians to stop between 2pm and 5pm to pray for the nation...repent, reconciliation, restoration and unity
- ◆ A wedding in Levuka (small island off the coast near Suva - 1.5hr bus, 4 hr boat trip)
- ◆ Based in Suva hold influencers training and hold Healing and Outreach meetings

Please pray for Kerrie (3 weeks) and Pastor Vi (10 days) as they go to serve.

RURAL- Indigenous March 2009

By Leanne Ashcroft

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Wheels of Fire is an outback ministry working in indigenous communities, particularly in the Northern Territory for the past ten or more years, bringing the Gospel, worship, prayer and intercession. Recently Wheels of Fire acquired a modified cattle truck which has been converted into a mobile stage. The vision is to gather teams to travel to outback towns & communities, bringing worship, evangelism, prayer & building up the local body of believers. Pray for funds to refurbish the truck & add sound and lighting equipment.

AFRICA- Kenya March 2009

By: David & Caroline Rowlands

Frontline Contact: Mully Childrens Family

- **400 orphans** as victims of post election murders, many traumatized, have been adopted by the Mully family. **Please pray** for integrated into the MCF family, God's provision of beds, beddings, desks, books, stationery, food, medicine, additional classes, dormitories.
- **helping people** in the areas of counseling, guidance, evangelism, medical assistance, food distribution and most importantly teaching them the word of God in forgiveness - transformed lives 1000's *displaced people*.
- **A big thank you and God Bless you at Genesis from the 2,000(+!) children whose lives are being changed because you choose to show the love of Christ.**

ASIA- Thailand March 2009 Children of the Golden Triangle

By: John & Karen Nash

Frontline Contact: David & Asa Stevenson

- Support requested to purchase chickens to feed eggs to the children.
- Prayer for practical needs – food and shelter – for the children to be met.
- Children of the Golden Triangle (CGT) will be holding their 2008 AGM at Genesis on Tuesday the 31st march 2009, commencing at 7-30PM.
- David Stevenson am coming to the GOLD COAST around the 1 April.

ASIA- Cambodia & World Vision March 2009 website is <http://www.projectmac.org>

Frontline Contact

Michael & Megan Paterson

- Beoung Pram, a new community of 7000 poor and displaced people from Cambodia and the Thai border. Demographic: 35% Children, 40% Youth and 25% married and older persons.
- Pray for Mr Hour and Mr Ny, who are both Christians as they lead the commune.
- We hope to raise a pastor and build a Church ASAP as funds become available
- We intend building a nursing station plus a shelter for the orphans. There are many young mothers and many are pregnant.

RUSSIA – Latvia March 2009 - Latvian Orphanages

By: David & Caroline Rowlands

Frontline Contact: David Smethurst

- Orphans increasing - parents dying from AIDS, drug addiction, given up by poverty desperate mothers.
- Need double contributions to supply essential medicines, heating and blankets to keep the children alive during the fierce winters. Please pray for these needs.
- Need teaching materials and Christian literature for the children.
- Need prayer for provisions for 18 orphanages and recently added 6 new under privileged child centers.

RUSSIA – Ukraine March 2009 - Ukraine Orphanages

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- **Pray for children of 6 orphanages** whose children are left behind by parents who have died or mothers who abandoned them due to poverty, drugs or AIDS.
- **Pray for contributions and help** for the many children, as young as 8, who have escaped their parents & homes, that were actually brothels, and were being raped and abused. These children live in abandoned stinking tenement buildings, or in the drains under the city.
- **Thank you** to all at Genesis who contribute to this ministry in prayer & financial support you are making at difference to 1000's of lives and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is going to places that you may not be able to go.