
The Wesleyan Church worldwide has for decades been in the business of building, training and growing God’s Kingdom. This year’s Self Denial offering will help this continuing commitment in the Pacific region. Promotional material is available in your local church to use during your Self Denial promotion.

God is at work in the Solomon Islands. Building infrastructure, training leaders and trainers which is resulting in growth across our churches.

Giving a day’s income to our annual Self Denial Offering will provide continued support to Build, Train and Grow God’s church overseas.
Build
...I will build my church. Matthew 16:18

Train
The things you have heard from me, entrust to reliable people who will be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2

Grow
The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved... Acts 2:47

These scriptures and more speak to what the Lord is doing around the globe in His Church. He is also doing this and more in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Solomon Islands.

Under the current leadership of Rev. George Velopide the church continues to grow with new churches being planted and new buildings being opened. With Rev. David Collins ably assisted by Rev. Oliver Poloso and Richard Soto scores of leaders are being trained at the Noro Training Centre but also at other regional centres across the nation.

Richard Soto has been selected to continue his BTh. training at CLTC over the next two years. As he moves to PNG for two years with his family your prayers and support are encouraged. On his return Richard is expected to have an integral part of the training program in the Solomons.

God is preparing his Church as we Build, Train and Grow it as He guides and directs.

The annual Self Denial Offering challenges us to give a day’s income to support the work God is doing overseas. You can give through your local Wesleyan Methodist Church or directly by going online at www.wwm.org.au
GOD OF SURPRISES

DAVID COLLINS WRITES

Just when I think I have God worked out, He surprises me with new situations in which to trust Him. This steep learning curve I've scaled now for some time doesn't look like letting up any time soon, but mostly I think I need this to keep me on my toes, given my tendency to want to slacken off and coast along! These last two months have involved a lot of travelling, not only to Australia and back but also down and up the East Coast of Australia (sorry West Coast people, but I bumped into a few of you on the wrong side, anyway). The main reason for my visit to the cold country was to attend an event in August of which I knew nothing about until early in the year, the Asia Pacific Education Conference in Brisbane. There, along with two others from the Solomons, I joined up with a number from 8 other Wesleyan Church mission fields.

This was a wonderful opportunity to meet new brothers and sisters in Christ and share stories concerning the way forward with theological education. While many of us didn't know each other before we came together, I believe some friendships have been forged that will have lasting effects in Kingdom terms. Suffice to say, I came away greatly encouraged by what God is doing where He has placed each one of us!

Initially, I only planned to make a quick trip to the homeland, but that too was not to be, as it seemed best I visit at least three of the Wesleyan Church District Conferences in September. This is what took me from Melbourne, to my hometown Maryborough, Queensland (before moving overseas), right up to the Whitsunday Coast in North Queensland. Again, I caught up with friends and newcomers to our church.

But in the midst of this, I also found myself aware that God is always seeking to create something new in our lives through the various people He has enter our lives.
Floyds- PNG
The Wesleyan Church, like most denominations in PNG, is composed of multiple tribal groups. Pray for continued and growing unity across tribal lines. Praise God for the powerful Wesleyan women’s conference held in Pt Moresby, the nation’s capital. Praise God for the invitation for the women and some senior pastors to go inside the parliamentary chamber to pray for the nation of PNG. Pray that God would continue to lead our family with His unfailing love and faithfulness, making His way plain for us to follow. (Psalm 5:8, 25:10)
Pray for the PNG Wesleyan National Board meeting November 17 and the Bible College graduation on November 18.

David Collins Solomon Islands
Praise:
For a great time I had in Australia, experiencing His presence, anointing and encouragement to keep pressing ahead with the serving opportunities I have in the Solomons. For my Wesleyan History Students who taught me so much about the history of Methodism across the Solomon Islands.
For our recent National Board of Administration Meeting, where we made a number of significant decisions about the future of the church and training in the Solomons.

Prayer:
For the Soto Family as they face up to jumping through numerous visa and other logistic hoops that stand between their life in the Solomons and moving back to PNG to continue their studies. For the many plates I spin establishing a viable ministry training centre that effectively equips those called by God to serve a developing nation.
For the leaders of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Solomons as they give guidance to God’s people and take them where He wants them to go.

Home Office
Praise the Lord for the commissioning of Ailster and Elaine Moss at the recent NSW District Conference. They are continuing to prepare for their year of volunteer service in the Solomons starting in March 2017.

Pray for this years Self Denial Offering, that each of us will be challenged to give a day’s income to support the ongoing work and ministry of WWM to Build, Train and Grow His kingdom in the Pacific. Continue to thank the Lord for those who faithfully give in towards Wesleyan World Missions. This continues on decades after the first missionaries were sent in 1961.
Praise the Lord also for the faithful prayer warriors in both sending and receiving countries. Supporting God’s workers and their families in prayer continues to be a vital ingredient in ongoing ministry.
Praise the Lord for the many people who have helped this year in AWSOM teams to PNG and the Solomons. God uses those who make themselves available to him in such opportunities.
Pray for team members who will travel and serve next year. May the Lord begin to challenge individuals in the months ahead to go.
Richard Soto was selected by the Solomons Wesleyan Methodist Church to further his Theological Education in PNG. He has completed 2 years of his four year Bachelor of Theology, plus one year internship during which time he has assisted David Collins in lecturing at the Noro Training Centre. He completes his training during 2017-18. Sponsorships are sought to ensure his family can continue their preparation to serve the Church in the Solomons.

**RICHARD’S LIFEVISION**

“As I think about my involvement into this ministry of teaching others and studying further, God’s purpose for me comes clearer and I believe this is his plan for me to serve him”.

Serving God in this ministry—teaching others—with eagerness means doing all the best I can before him as his approved servant handling correctly the work given to me to do without hesitation.

Serving God with the support of my wife and my two children and with the supervision and assistance of my gifted mentor, Rev. David Collins, I am confident, willing and equipped to serve God in Solomon Islands and other places where he wishes to send me.

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**Soto Family**

**Birthdays**

Richard Solomon Soto, 13/11
Justina Elvina Soto, 17/10
Kalie Muma Soto, 16/09
Elrich Hatakiko Soto, 21/04

**My Response**

Suggested $40 monthly sponsorship for 2 years will help the Sotos to fulfill their calling.

I would like to support the Sotos as they move to PNG for two years.

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

☐ Please add me to the Sotos email prayer list

Complete credit card details below or online at www.wwm.org.au and ‘donate’.

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Use reference SOTOVYourName and email details to finance@wwm.org.au.

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“Your prayer support I need for God’s service”.

Sotos address when in PNG C/- Christian Leaders’ Training College, PO Box 382, Mt. Hagen WHP
600 women flew from all over PNG to participate in the Wesleyan Womens Conference in the capital Port Moresby last month.

For 5 days the women fellowshipped, prayed and heard a range of speakers covering topics from Women in Business, to inspirational messages on the Theme, Prevailing in Prayer. They were accommodated in the classrooms of a local high school.

The highlight of the week for many was the outing to Parliament House where the entire group surrounded the water feature outside and prayed for the nation.

Ruth Thomas, one of the guest speakers tells of another story from this outing to Parliament.

“We were ushered into the gallery and heard an amazing story of how the speaker of the house, a strong Christian man, has for the past few years been working to remove symbols of idol worship from the parliament building and the incredible story of how a visit from a American Christian businessman connected with the speaker and heard his story and ended up donating a 400 year old bible to the PNG Government and it now sits in a glass cabinet in the centre table of the chamber.”

Many of the rural highlands women attending also had the opportunity to see the ocean for the first time in their lives.

The Friday night culminated in 5 speakers back to back!

Some of the Delegates from Lae

It was indeed an inspirational time for all who attended and gave the women the opportunity to meet and get to know others from other areas.

Cheri Floyd Translating for Ruth Thomas
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Certainly, the Kingdom of God goes beyond the parochial, xenophobic prejudices that make us comfortable with our status quo. So I hope I'm listening to what He's saying through others, even those who bring a fresh perspective to God's Word.

Since arriving back I've had another surprise. Due to a teacher having passport issues that didn't allow him to leave Australia, I've just finished conducting an 8-day course I hadn't prepared to teach (well I had one day to get ready). Out of that experience, I'm wondering why I've needed so much time in the past to get myself organized for other courses I've taught. But I'm grateful for what I've learnt now both with and through my students as we've looked at lessons from the history of the Wesleyan Movement.

Looking ahead, no doubt I'll have a few more surprises before this year is out. The Soto family is making preparations to study in PNG over the next two years. I'll be tripping around four different islands (New Georgia, Gizo, Vella Lavella and Choiseul) teaching another course, visiting churches and assisting with the organization of three District Women's Conventions (with the Tyler family joining me from Australia). Then I'll be back in Australia for Christmas hoping to catch up with family and friends. So I might see some of you then!
SOLOMONS: April/May 2016 $2200
Tradies Needed.
Come and make a difference on the Noro Training Centre site. All Tradies plumbers, chippies, sparkies, handy persons, anyone that can help with the practical development of the training centre site. Live and work on site with local volunteers. See WWII crash sites and enjoy snorkelling in the pristine tropical waters. Dates to be confirmed, but will be for up to two weeks in April/May 2017.

SOLOMONS: JUNE 25-JULY 7th $2200
Be a part of the Homiletics class with David Collins. This would include sitting in on the course and helping group discussions and tutoring of students, you will effectively be doing the course! Incredible opportunity to get to know a group of Solomon leaders.

PNG: Sept $2200
This team is a combined World Hope team. Help Australian Educators as they mentor teachers in the remote areas of PNG. Dates to be confirmed.
Contact awsom@wwm.org.au for further details. All prices are ex Brisbane, and include all airfares, accommodation, food and insurance.

DATE CLAIMER ~8-16 JAN.2018
National Conference and Youth Camp in Noro Solomon Islands. Youth Leaders and Young Adults are encouraged to come to the Solomons to participate in this event.