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“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2



The students listen to visiting teacher, Paul Partlow.



Mink (Thailand) speaks about the Psalms.

From the Principal's Desk: 3rd Year Growth



Steve and Gill had a student pizza night at their apartment. Telah and Bradi enjoyed the evening relaxing!



Joel and David chatting with visiting teacher, John Willis.



Congratulations to Veronica and Andrew on the birth of Lydia! They came for a visit to SPBC when Andrew taught the Evangelism class for a day.

By:
Steve Raine,
Principal



In 2014 I have the privilege of coordinating the oversight for Andrew Redmayne in his ministry internship (Diplomacy in Christian Ministry). Although I have to “sub” out various aspects of Andrew’s practicum, the advantage for Andrew is he gets to participate in a range of ministry experiences beyond what I alone could offer him. Earlier this year he was blessed to accompany Gill to Thailand and Cambodia. Following that, Andrew spent 2 weeks with SPBC graduate, Evan Lawrie, in Australia. He observed the ministries Evan is engaged in,

which includes youth, young adults, and outreach. Andrew will also have two practicums during the year with Discover Church in Auckland and has taken an



active role in the leading of the youth group at Otumoetai Church. Those helping with his supervision are very impressed with the big heart Andrew has and the eager servant qualities that he displays. I am personally thrilled that I can have a small part to play, and that preparing people for ministry is important at SPBC.

American Samoa and Fiji Trip



By:
Mike Austin,
SPCEF

Initially I was responding to an invitation to teach at the 9th Annual South Pacific Lectureship in American Samoa. Not only did I teach for three days on Conflict Management, I also went on to Fiji and taught the Gospel of John to five churches there as well. I had



the opportunity to discuss the prospect of new students with some of the leaders in each place, and I was able to meet with some of our graduates in Fiji such as Aralai, Ledua and Sera, Meryani, Nina, Sharon Maisey, Joanna, and Nilu as well as her children. I also got to spend time with the Harding University

Academics: Student Feedback



**By:
David Nelson
Dean of
Academics**

We value feedback from the students. One way we solicit feedback is through the

Teacher/Subject Evaluation questionnaire that students complete at the conclusion of every subject. Among the things asked are the overall value of the subject, what the teacher did that worked well and what could the teacher have done better. As expected each student responds differently. Here are a few sample comments from some of the subjects just completed:

“I thought the 'tour' of the Beatitudes was the most outstanding part of the subject. It was informative, challenging and very helpful for understanding why some of the aspects of a disciple’s life don't seem so peaceful & joyous.” (Christian Spiritual Formation)

“Evangelism is one of my fave subjects this term. I love going out and try to practice what I am learning inside the classroom. I am not a people person (I am an introvert) and the course challenged me to be out of my comfort zone and participate in God's mission.” (Evangelism 1)



“It allows me to search my heart and my life. This class came at a perfect time because I am trying to understand the issues in my heart that have been bothering me. This class gave me the opportunity to search, to seek, and to find some answers about myself. I hated it at first but it has been rewarding.” (Personal Development 1)



Thank you, students, for your helpful and constructive remarks. You help inspire us to excellence all for the sake of the kingdom.



team that was in Fiji. They were working with the same church that hosted the Fiji event. I had a great experience. The preaching and teaching was well received. It was a good breath of “fresh air” for everyone. In American Samoa I was impressed with the church’s ability to work together and support each other’s work. I preached and taught on Sundays for two different congregations. In Fiji I was impressed



with the new lease of life those five churches have and their desire to grow and reach out. The singing was amazing in both places. The leadership in Fiji would like to have a similar event once a year. Their words were, “You provide the teaching. We will provide the transport, food and people for such an event.”

Student Affairs: Thriving Students



**By:
Gill Raine,
Student
Affairs**

It has been a cold, grey, wet term.... on the outside. That makes it a harder term... on the inside as well. The students have worked hard through the gloomy, winter days, but I am pleased to say they have all made it through to the well-deserved two week break. Peter, Suli and Bonnie have just returned from a mission trip in Fiji. They joined with brethren from the

change your relationship with God and help you to become more and more like Jesus.

I have asked Brianna, a third year student, to add her thoughts for this newsletter. Brianna is a wonderful, outgoing young woman. She is growing in her knowledge and leadership skills in leaps and bounds. Listen to what she has to say.

“The transition from the two year program to the third year program can be a bit difficult but it is not without its own blessings. While I am in a totally different environment than the last



Morningside congregation in Auckland to go and work in the community and with youth. Peter was able to speak to some of the Fijian youth about how being nourished by the word at SPBC for two years can

two years, I have a “team” of people journeying with me, which is comforting. In my third year my focus has been strengthening the believers, which is sort of like Acts 14:22. For example, some of my time is spent co-leading the Young Adults’ group, visiting members from Otumoetai and elsewhere, and leading studies with other girls. I’m glad to have this experience to figure out how God wants to use me for the Kingdom while having supervisors, ministers, and the Bible College to learn from. Basically, I am blessed to have an abundance of resources to learn from and who are also caring friends!”



Far Top: Brianna speaks to women about being examples to other women. **Above:** Peter and Suli with some boys in Fiji.

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-Brianna
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Mission Statement

South Pacific Bible College exists to transform lives through the inspiration of God’s Word to multiply Christ Followers in the world.

