



# COLLEGE NEWS



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## CLTC Faculty 2017

Front L-R: Catherine Kokie, Vincent Kelo, Ginah Kelo, Pate Wayne, Koka Duncan, Iru Longgar, Rachele Haon, Kay Middleton, Jill Tait. Second row: Joseph Mango, Abel Haon, Allan Sanga, Aaron Abia, Lionel Tom, Dan Anderson, Martin Wayne, Patrick Hall, Simon Elel, Heather McLean, Steven Duncan, Gordon Tobul, William Longgar. Absent: Bruce Renich, Kirine Yandit, and Phil Tait.

## First Year Community Development Diploma One *Meet Silas and Karen Wangoro*

What a joy to introduce you to Silas Wangoro, his wife, Karen and their 15-month old daughter, Tamara, from Yangoru in PNG's East Sepik Province.

Karen, on leave from her teaching job at the government school in their area, is pleased to be able to join her husband as they attend the new Community Development Program at CLTC. When they return to their village after these two years, Karen hopes to teach in the private school she and her husband were instrumental in starting, now that it has been recognised and registered by the government.

Silas remembers hearing about CLTC through newsletters and the 30-day Prayer Focus as he served in local churches. Caleb, a second-year student at CLTC was instrumental in recent years in encouraging Silas to come to CLTC. Silas and his wife speak Yangoru Boikin, their village language, Tok Pisin, a common language in PNG, as well as English, spoken by only about 10% of the population. When Silas decided to come to CLTC, God miraculously provided for



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*Silas, Karen and Tamara Wangoro.*



# Michael and Jacqueline Tontori

Faithful Staff Members



**How they came to be serving at CLTC.** Michael's tribe is Ofapina, in the north part of the Okapa District of Eastern Highlands Goroka. He first came to CLTC in 1994, through his brother Willie, who was already working at the College. At first Michael had a temporary job, clearing bush behind the Admin building for a new construction, and then was appointed to work with Foxy in the piggery and with the cattle. He continued with this work until 2003/4 when the abattoir was started. After special training Michael quickly proved his ability to do this work and was chosen to be abattoir supervisor. He has continued with this work up to the present.

In 1996, Jackie's sister, who was married to a poultry worker at the College, brought Jackie to be with her at CLTC to help look after her children and that's when Michael met Jackie. They were married in June of that year. In Jackie's second year at CLTC, she was appointed leader of Bethany Fellowship ladies in the housing area where they were living at the time. She said 'yes' to this work because she had a desire to learn how to be involved in ministry. She has learned from ladies in the wives' program when they shared God's word, and has learned much about the responsibilities of being a wife and mother. She continues to do this work and currently is leader of Bethany Fellowship Farmside 1.

**How they came to know and trust in Jesus Christ.** When Michael was still living in his village, he worked with his pastor looking after the youth and became aware of trusting in the Lord Jesus. He was often involved in sports but his true heart was for the Lord and he prayed with his team before and after their games.

Jackie became a Christian while she was still back in her village and from early on was involved in starting a small church and encouraging other Christians. Her father wasn't a Christian and treated her poorly. Her sister at CLTC saw that Jackie's life was difficult and told her to come to the College.

**Serving together as partners and parents.** Jackie sees that Michael's work is a good work and she is glad that she has the privilege of

being a support to him. When he is facing difficulties, she is there to encourage him. Jackie's children are very important to her. In her village, she was just a *meri nating* (an unimportant woman), with only a grade 6 education. *Because they serve at CLTC she is thankful that her children have the opportunity to benefit from a good education. It gives her great joy that her husband can serve, that her children can do their schooling, and that she can be a support to her family.*

Michael says that the biggest thing for him and Jackie in regard to their children is that they must come to know the Lord. In the village, there are all kinds of influences that can



Michael and Jacqueline, Kiton, Sylvia and Diana Tontori.

affect the children, but CLTC is a good place for them to grow up and learn about God. *"When our children leave CLTC and go out, they will go with their knowledge of God and their faith in him and they will walk with the Lord. This is our greatest desire."*

Their firstborn is Simon (born in 1997), in his second and final diploma year at Port Moresby Business College, studying business management. He wants to finish his diploma, do his bachelor's degree and then use his training to help at CLTC. Afterwards, he eventually wants to start his own business. Sylvia is in grade 10. Diana is in grade 7 and Kiton is in grade 3.

**Their Ministries on and off campus.** Michael has been involved with

Barnabas Fellowship (Men's group on campus), serving as one of the leaders since 2010. He sees there is great need for this kind of ministry with both men and women. They need to hear God's word. He also sees that men and women like him need to learn how to share God's word with others.

As well as serving in Bethany fellowship, Jackie has planted flowers on campus (around the hatchery, etc.). Previously she enjoyed planting flowers and caring for the gardens of missionaries. She believes that if she is faithful in small things, she will be given bigger things to do. Her desire is that when people see the flowers on the campus they will see their

beauty, will feel welcome, and will know that this place belongs to God.

Michael and Jackie attend a fellowship at the AOG church in Sigri. A former Principal challenged several who go to churches outside the college, about what kind of message they preached. Michael asked the Principal if they could be taught how to share God's word, so a preaching class was conducted for them and many benefitted from the training. Michael has served in this church as an elder and treasurer, and as pastor for the past 4½ years. Now the church members are building a pastor's house and renovating the church building.

**Their desire is that their work will bring glory to God.** Michael says that

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## Issachar & Elizabeth Meikwar

Internship is a year that Bachelor of Theology students must complete in order to receive their degree. Its purpose is to give them practical experience under the guidance of a tutor/mentor to further prepare them for ministry.

Issachar and Elizabeth Meikwar came to CLTC in 2015 from the Ambunti District of the East Sepik Province. They are connected to the South Sea Evangelical Church of PNG. Prior to coming to CLTC the Meikwars were both teachers. They enjoyed their jobs and weren't planning to leave this profession, enjoying their salary and other benefits. Then they felt a strong call from the Lord to leave their comfort zone and take up training at CLTC to learn to be effective communicators of God's Word.

In December 2016 both Issachar and Elizabeth graduated with a Diploma of Ministry. They did well and were chosen to go on to further studies in the Bachelor of Theology program. Between both courses there is the requirement of an Internship year. They are able to stay at CLTC with Issachar being the Associate Chaplain, working as a Youth Pastor. Elizabeth is working in the AWANA children's program and helping her husband with the youth and visitation ministry.

Issachar says, "It is a challenge to work with the youth, helping them to be good citizens and leaders for the future. During my internship, I am mainly focusing on the youths'



Issachar and Elizabeth Meikwar with their children: Exodus (21, a student at CLTC in the new Community Development Course), Jacob (13, Grade 8), Hilthy (12, Grade 7) and Janathy (8, Grade 3).

spiritual growth. I also help out in pastoral work, leading community services, preaching, and visitation to the rural workers, students, and faculty members. There is a big need among the workers who, because of their employment, have little time to study God's Word. I want to visit and encourage them and strengthen their faith."

It is a requirement for Internship Students to complete a TEE Course (Distance Education) during their year of practical assignment. "I am working on this and, if time permits, would also like to take some others courses that are offered here on the Banz Campus."

"God knows that it is my greatest

desire to serve Him after graduating from CLTC. Wherever He sends us we will go, either in full-time missionary service or to return home and teach our people to stand firm in the truths of the Word of God. I also would like, if it becomes possible, to further my studies in the Master of Theology program."

"It was a tough decision to abandon our jobs without receiving all that we had coming to us financially. We often wonder how we will continue to care for our family and provide for them. However, Elizabeth and I both know that we have chosen the right path and that God will provide for us and lead us forward in His ways. We know we have made the right choice."

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their purpose in serving at CLTC is to give glory to God. "We do our work and we are reimbursed for our effort with our wages. But the priority that motivates us is to serve the Lord, in big and small things. Whatever we do, we want to give our time to serve the Lord and to serve all the students. The students need to be able to do their studies well so that they are

then able to take God's word out to their own areas. I'm not able to go with God's word to all the places where our students come from in Papua New Guinea and across the South Pacific islands. But the small work that I do to support them while they are at CLTC enables them to go and do a big work where they come from. When they go and preach the gospel and someone

comes to faith in Jesus, the small work I do produces fruit and brings results. And when the students go and do their work, blessing comes back to us here at CLTC. This gives me great joy. The money I receive for the work I do is sufficient to meet the needs of my family, but that is not why I serve at CLTC. I serve so that God's work will grow and God will receive the glory."



# A meeting 'by accident'



**On Saturday 2 April 2016 Don and I set off as usual to visit our friend who lives on the other side of Banz.** As we were heading towards a bend in the road, we could see a white vehicle speeding towards us. Don tried to swerve, but knew that there was quite a drop to a creek bed on the passenger side. I closed my eyes. There was a thud. The driver sped on. We pulled over and Don found that he was not able to open his door. Thinking that there were no witnesses, we found a place to turn the vehicle and head back towards Banz, giving thanks that neither of us was injured. However, a bus pulled up and the driver beckoned me over. He said that he had already rung the Police in Banz. They were waiting for us to give a report. He also knew the name of the driver, a notorious nuisance in the community!

Suffice to say that the culprit, Dany, was found within an hour or so and incarcerated in the local cells. Not a pleasant place to be. The police told us that he was very drunk, and had beaten up some police in the hotel the night before. He was wanted on five charges altogether that weekend! They also said that Dany claimed that he wanted to repair the vehicle.

After two weeks, Dany was released on bail for quite a large sum of money. One of the conditions was that he must pay for repairs to our vehicle. Meanwhile, Don and I continued to climb over the console every time we needed to get into the driver's seat. Many of our friends kept telling us that we would never be recompensed by the driver.

Seven months went by with only a half-hearted attempt from Dany to view the vehicle. However, at the end of October, we had a text from him asking if we could meet. When we arrived at the Christian Book Store in Banz, Dany had a friend in tow. He introduced himself as a pastor from Port Moresby. He told us that he was there to witness Dany's repentance and our forgiveness. He had spent the previous night with Dany and told him that he needed to repent, and above all pay for

the damage. He said that Dany had cried and said that he would.

Dany stated that day, and many times since, that he truly believes that God allowed him to hit our vehicle so that his life would be turned around. I mentioned that one of our friends had taught him in Sunday School as a little boy and that everyone believed that he had a bright future. He told me that our friend was right, but that his father had married a second wife and from that day on had rejected Dany and his mother in favour of the new wife and the children she bore. (Dany had been adopted as his mother was barren.) Although his father has a prosperous trade store right in front of Dany's house, he had never given Dany anything from the profits. Dany said that every time he thought about that he got very angry and went out and got drunk.

We told him that we had just read a similar story where the son hated his father for previous verbal and physical abuse. However, when the son came to the Lord, his greatest desire was to see his father become a Christian as well. (Dany has read that book several times over since that day.)

The pastor prayed for us all, and then Don showed Dany an invoice of the cost of getting new parts for the vehicle imported into PNG, as we had not been able to find any locally. Dany affirmed that he would pay it all. He told us that he would meet us in Banz with the money later that day! After waiting all that time for some action, we were a bit doubtful that this would happen, but when we arrived back in Banz, Dany appeared and thrust a wad of notes into Don's hand. He said that he had also put in extra money to compensate for fuel that we had wasted going to court cases which he had not bothered to attend!

When we later visited the family, Dany told us that his mother, a faithful Nazarene, had prayer warriors coming to the house to pray for him every day after the accident. His father had also started to visit him and a reconciliation was well underway. On that day we

also 'drank Coca Cola' together, the modern form of sealing reconciliation in that area.

Since that day, Dany has shown that his life has been truly transformed. He has forgiven a man who cut his hand severely with a bush knife! Dany's father told Don that following our example, they were going to leave it in the hands of the police, rather than demand compensation, and/or retaliate as is the normal highlander's reaction.

Dany has made a public confession, where 8 more people repented. At a later gathering, 13 more gave their lives to the Lord. This includes all of his immediate family and some close friends. (Dany's father has now given him some money and Dany is extending his house, which is virtually next door to his father's!) Each time the group meets, more are convicted of their sin and 50 adults and as many children have begun to meet at his place for worship each week, with the numbers increasing each time. He has now given land to build a church to accommodate them all as the fellowship has outgrown the facilities. Two pastors are meeting with this group and Dany says that people are turning to the Lord each time they meet. There are all-night prayer meetings and the place is alive.

Dany has stopped meeting with his former drinking friends. He says that they are waiting to see how long his transformation will last, but he says that he is never going to turn back. He is so enjoying his new life with his family. He is no longer drunk and angry and is really experiencing a love for his wife and children that he has never known before. He is now so happy to be with his family.

When people see the transformation in his life, they are really convicted of their own sin, because they know what a scoundrel he was before! We are now so grateful that we met Dany 'by accident.' Romans 8:28.

*by Heather McLean  
Heather and Don are SIL workers,  
based at CLTC Banz, and help the  
College in a number of ways.*

# Serving the Lord with Fear and in Sincerity



**From the Principal  
Rev Dr William Longgar**

***Greetings to all our generous supporters in the ministry of Jesus Christ at CLTC.***

***Serving the Lord with Fear and in Sincerity.***  
Joshua 24:14

The College theme for this year is ***Committed to Serving God*** taken from **Joshua 24:15**. I addressed this theme, under the sub-theme *Choice* at the commencement service, to begin the 2017 academic year. For this issue of the *College News* I wish to speak to the sub-theme, *Serving the Lord with Fear and in Sincerity*.

Two famous athletes were interviewed about their legacy in sports. Ted Williams, one of the greatest sportsmen that had ever played the game of baseball, spoke at length about his success and fame in the game. And Michael Jordan, the man who lifted the sport of basketball to a new level and introduced a new culture to the game, also spoke of his

■ ***“It is my prayer... that we not only serve the Lord with fear and with sincere hearts, but that we live our lives to inspire fear of the Lord and holy living for the generation following us.”***

achievements in the game. The level at which Michael Jordan played the game has made him an idol among basketball fans, and the number 23 shirt famous and synonymous with success. It was clear that both athletes wanted to leave a trade mark in those sports for other sportsmen and sportswomen to emulate in the years to come. A Christian who was among the crowd, hearing the two great athletes talking commented, “How sad! A life-time quest for fleeting fame.”

It is no secret that we all leave imprints in the sands of time. A carnal mind is hostile to God and has no room to acknowledge God. Religion or spiritual things are hindrances to the advancement of human dreams and aspirations. At best egoism is at the centre of carnality or secular thinking. The imprints then in the sands of time are void of any acknowledgements of who God is and His part in our lives – especially in our achievements.

This attitude should not be found among Christians. Joshua exhorts Christians saying, “Therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity” (24:14). What does this mean? The word *fear* indicates ‘honour’ or ‘respect’ for God, giving Him His rightful recognition in the things we do. Serving God as Christians, no matter what our vocations are, is synonymous with worshipping Him. The purpose of

our service is to glorify God. To be sincere in serving God means an undivided commitment to serving Him and Him alone; to serve Him in love, obedience, faithfulness, and “with all your heart and soul” (Joshua 22:5).

The Scripture says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Prov. 9: 10). Sadly, the Church today is plagued by lack of wisdom among so many pastors and Christian

leaders. The absence of *the fear of God* obviously indicates also the absence of *wisdom*. As a result, the church of Jesus Christ not only founders in confusion, but has also increasingly become a hiding place for those who, under the guise of being pastors and leaders, promote their own agendas that contravene God’s will and purposes for His church. We find this not only in PNG, but also in New Zealand, Australia, America, and the Pacific. This attitude is contradictory to the fact that when there is fear of God, there is wisdom that enables us to serve Him in sincerity, humility and truthfulness.

In Melanesia, the *big-man* attitude is having a negative impact on the church – so that church leaders fight for power, recognition, and fame. I am saddened by so many Christian leaders who want to be treated in a special way and get very upset when they are not treated with special recognition.

In our service for God, we must seek to serve with attitudes of worship, humility, godliness, holiness and meekness. It is my prayer my dear students, fellow staff members, and all who read the *College News*, that we not only serve the Lord with fear and with sincere hearts, but that we live our lives to inspire fear of the Lord and holy living for the generation following us, hence

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leaving a legacy that counts for eternity. Serving God in all sincerity hinges on the depth of our personal relationship with Him and our knowledge of God's will. The more we relate to God through Christ, we are driven or compelled by his compassion to save a lost world.

I sang in the E. Stanley Jones quartet at Seminary the hymn: *My hope is built on nothing less*. The words of the chorus are these – *On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand*. The Apostle Paul's ambition was this, "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). We can only serve the Lord with fear and in all sincerity when we are "built and are rooted in Christ" the Solid Rock.

Let me close with a stanza from one of the famous hymns of the great hymnologist, Thomas O. Chisholm:

*Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.*

Serving the Lord is a joy when we know the purpose for serving Him. It can also be a joy when we see service as a relationship with the One who loves so much.

**Rev. William Kenny Longgar, Principal**



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## Meet Silas and Karen Wangoro from page 1

their school fees almost without Silas asking! By the end of the day, he had enough money to come, even without support from their church. Silas and Karen are overwhelmed by the way God worked to bring them to CLTC.

Silas loves the CLTC campus because of the peace and quiet and having more time to spend in God's Word and meditate on Scripture. He enjoys all his classes, but thinks English will help him greatly since it will enlarge his vision for missions and prepare him to write papers later on in his studies.

Silas went through a very difficult experience at the end of his first week at CLTC. Back home his house was deliberately burned by some people jealous of his work in the village. Thankfully his wife and daughter were staying with his parents and escaped harm, but they lost everything. Silas admits that his greatest challenge right now is forgiving those responsible for this terrible deed. Perhaps you could remember to pray with him about this.

Silas' goals are to gain an in-depth knowledge of God as well as practical skills in Community Development. Several years ago, Silas had the opportunity to work with Youth with a Mission among Aboriginal tribes in Australia and Zulus in South Africa. He has a heart for foreign missions and wanted to continue that work, but his visa was denied. If God opens the way, he would like to return to that work. If God closes that door, Silas is very open to returning to his village and helping the people of his district even more, perhaps eventually to begin a leadership school there. He has a vision for raising a new breed of leaders in PNG who have godly principles. His motto for the school is "Excellence through godly and quality education".

*Please pray for Silas as the Lord brings him to mind. He is a shining example of students God brings to CLTC. Pray too for Roland and Tandy Lubett from NSW, Australia, who will assist in teaching this new course in Terms 2 and 3.*



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