



# COLLEGE NEWS

News of the Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea Inc.



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## Cross on Vision Hill



**Every month the Banz campus community spends a morning in prayer.**

At our July prayer day, we planted a cross on top of Vision Hill. This declares to us and all around that this property is God's and is to be devoted to God's purposes. The College has again faced threats and

claims for compensation from some local village leaders, so in response, the community prayed for blessing on the surrounding communities as we looked across the valley from the top of Vision Hill.

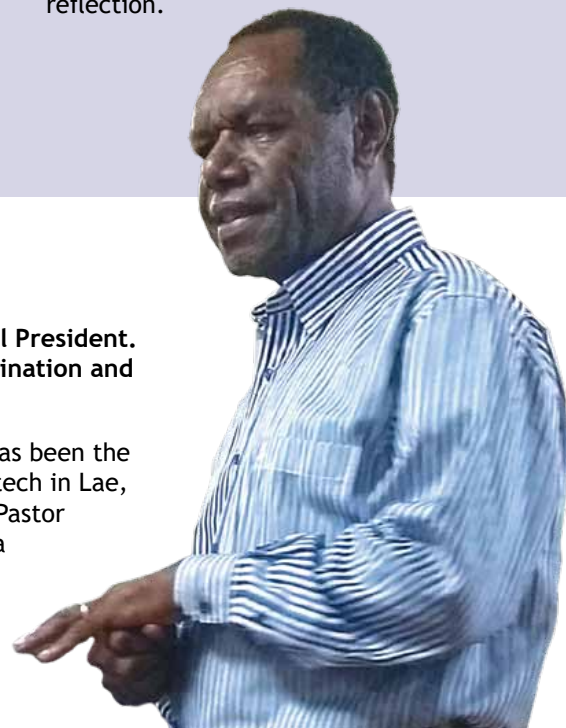
Student teams have been cutting the grass and planting gardens on Vision Hill. The Student Representative

Council has raised money to rebuild the seats that have fallen into disrepair. It has again become a popular place for prayer and reflection.

## New Council President

At the Council AGM in August, Pastor Bapa Bomoteng was elected as Council President. Chris Alu, who has served as President for the last ten years, declined nomination and has taken the position of Vice-President.

Bapa has been a member of the CLTC Council since 2009 and in recent years has been the College Treasurer. Currently he is a lecturer in accounting and business at Unitech in Lae, having worked previously as the university Bursar. He also serves as Associate Pastor at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Lae. Bapa has a BA in accounting, a Diploma in Practical Theology, and a Master of Business Administration. He is married to Eunice and has two grown-up sons.





# Improving our Training Programs



In August the CLTC Council approved curriculum changes to four of our programs.

This follows a major research exercise last year to survey alumni and stakeholders. This showed that our graduates were highly regarded in terms of Biblical knowledge, preaching and pastoral work. However, more graduates were involved in Bible school teaching than we expected, even Diploma graduates, and many were leaders of schools and denominations. Alumni said they needed more skills in teaching, administration and finance.

This year we changed to a three-year Advanced Diploma of Ministry and three-year Diploma of Community Development as a first step in the review process. Originally, we had a four-year diploma and then a three-year diploma, and some years ago, facing pressure from the Government, we reduced it to two years. But we were not satisfied that the two-year program was sufficient to prepare pastors for the churches of Melanesia. The Government now allow a three-year Advanced Diploma.

The newly-adopted curricula maintain the emphasis on Bible and theology but give more opportunity for developing ministry skills. A one-term practicum in local churches is included in both advanced diplomas.



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Teaching Skills is included in the Advanced Diploma of Ministry. Bible and theology courses have been combined into larger units with more focus on exegetical skills.

The Advanced Diploma of Community Development program continues to have 50 percent overlap with the Advanced Diploma of Ministry and includes courses on Bible and spiritual life. Most graduates from this course are expected to work in church-based holistic ministries and

community facilitation, so it is important that they are equipped as Bible teachers.

The Bachelor of Theology curriculum has been revised to include two tracks with about 85 percent overlap. One track has a pastoral ministry focus; the other track has an organisational leadership and entrepreneurship focus. The courses on Biblical interpretation and theology will be the same in both tracks.

Finally, the Master of Theology requirements have been changed, also to include two tracks. A Biblical track will retain the existing requirements including Greek and Hebrew language studies. A new Applied Theology track will provide some new elective courses in subjects like leadership, youth ministry, and church growth. Because Greek and Hebrew are not required, this will make it possible for some students to do part-time studies. Most graduates are expected to teach in Bible Colleges, but the new options will provide faculty with a more diversified expertise.

These new curricula options will be made available in 2019. The existing programs have served the College well, but constant review is important to provide the best programs possible to serve the church in Melanesia.



Elizabeth, one of the College nurses, gives dolls to six-month-old twins.

## Knitted with love

The CLTC medical clinic helps about 75 mothers give birth each year. Each mother is given a lovely knitted baby singlet and a warm colourful knitted blanket for her baby. When the baby has completed all the required immunisation shots, a colourful doll is given.

This knitting is done by Kay and Bev in Tauranga, New Zealand. Kay has made over 200 dolls in recent years and Bev has made the singlets and blankets. Garth Morgan has been bringing these to CLTC in his suitcase each time he has visited. Kay and Bev are both in their 80s. Both husbands plus a dozen of their grandchildren have come to CLTC as part of work parties. Thank you, Kay and Bev for your ongoing service.



Kay Troughton



Bev Bell

# Walokamu & Nopiri Vali

## Student Testimony



Like many of our students, Walokamu and Nopiri Vali came to CLTC with extensive ministry experience.

Walo had served for 11 years as Scripture Union director, and Nopiri had served as a nanny in Jerusalem! They belong to the Keapara community, which is situated on a lagoon 130km east of Port Moresby. They have spent most of their lives in the city, but they are fluent in their language and visit the village regularly.

Walo's father was an alcoholic and died when Walo was in Grade Five. God used this suffering to establish Walo in his faith and focus his attention on school and career. After completing high school and earning a Business Studies certificate, he dreamed of becoming an economist and completed a university matriculation course, but his family could not raise enough funds for the degree program.

After six years serving with Prison Fellowship, Walo became director of Scripture Union in 2006. Still single for another two years, he led this organization out of deep dysfunction. He describes it as "Ground Zero" – a history of revolving-door leadership, deteriorating infrastructure, and mounting debt. Walo refocused his team on reaching the youth of the 21st century by raising their profile with new council members, corporate dinner fund-raising, and big youth rallies in the city. They used the resulting momentum to start a multifaceted program: holiday camps, beach missions, religious instruction in international schools, and other ministries. The organisation also offered leadership training, and Walo set a good example by intentionally training a new director for three years. Besides a capable director, the Valis left behind them a renovated house and a debt-free organization.

After marrying Walo in 2008, Nopiri worked with him in Scripture Union. She also served in their church as a Sunday School coordinator and by leading K4J ('Kids for Jesus'). During their village visits, they have

## Preparing for Further Ministry

been leading beach missions. The theme each year gets spelled out on the beach with various natural materials, in their language.

After re-establishing Scripture Union, Walo began to feel a desire for more Bible training for himself, so he came to CLTC Port Moresby

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and earned a Diploma of Ministry in 2016. Now he is studying in Banz in the Bachelor of Theology program. Nopiri is working towards the Certificate of Bible and Ministry and participating in a pilot program offering early childhood teacher training.

Their son Jireh is a student in the neighbouring Giramben Primary School. He recently came home with

the story of a classmate who had no shoes to wear to school. Jireh had two pairs, and he told his parents that he was going to give the other boy the newer pair – which he did! Ila is enjoying Kindergarten, where she can accompany her mother in her mother's early childhood practicum. Nopiri sees her role as mother as her most important one until the children have grown up.

Walo and Nopiri say, "God sent us here to strengthen what we were only doing in bits and pieces." Walo hopes to continue on into the Master of Theology program, and Nopiri hopes to continue on into the Diploma of Ministry program. They believe God is preparing them for another national ministry or an overseas ministry: "We have a global view of things, and we are comfortable working with interdenominational organisations."

Walo and Nopiri are grateful for support from Boroko Baptist Church, where they served, and from overseas.



Walokamu and Nopiri Vali with their children Jireh and Ila.







## Bees relocated and re-established

Recently ten hives of bees were taken from the outside walls of the staff house used by Phil and Jill Tait.

The buzz in the walls had been on the increase in the last year and weeding the flower garden on one side of the house had become rather dangerous.

Peter Kaman from Minj was asked to come and help remove the hives from the house. He has a ministry to rehabilitate drug addicts and is also Treasurer for the Evangelical Alliance. He has developed a bee industry to support his ministry and to provide work and training to those in his ministry. Peter and his men found ten separate hives in one end of the house. Seven hives are now being managed in boxes near

the Admin office and the Tait house is bee free.

The bees that were found in the Tait's house are the same type of bees established at CLTC 43 years ago. Chris Stewart, a beekeeper from Timaru in New Zealand, visited CLTC in 1975 and met Laurie Williams who was head of the Agricultural Training Department. Chris raised \$3,000 and returned five months later with materials for 30 hives plus some good queen bees. Wild hives were collected into boxes and the new queen bees were introduced. The wild black bees were vicious, and Laurie and others were badly stung at times. But once they were re-queened with docile, brownish-red New Zealand queens, they become both manageable and more productive. The hives were

managed for about 15 years but then with staff changes and a lack of expertise have been abandoned for 30 years.

The bees have taken residence in many of the buildings at CLTC including the Auditorium, Distance Education Building and other staff houses. Peter, with the help of our carpenters, will relocate these hives to re-establish a honey industry at CLTC. An agreement has been made with Peter to manage the hives on our property and help train our Community Development students. Roland Lubett, the head of the Community Development diploma program, is excited to add beekeeping to the training.

Proverbs 24:14 (NIV2011)  
*Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.*

## Help Fund New Ablution Blocks

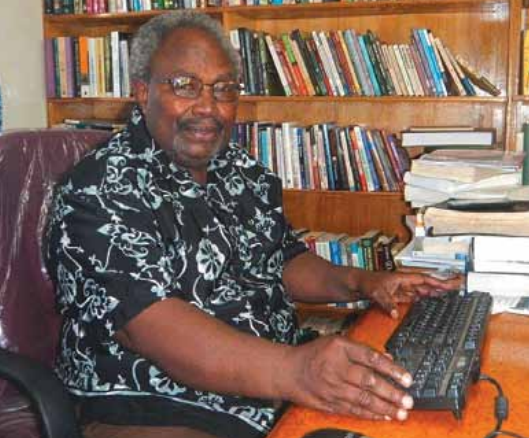
The student ablution blocks are in a bad state and beyond easy repair, so we plan to build five new ones.

Graeme Lepper, from New Zealand, is spearheading this project and has started on the first one using concrete blocks. His church purchased a block-making machine so that we can do this cheaply and the building team are learning how to work with blocks.

We need funding to continue this project. The cost of a single toilet or shower cubicle is about \$800. We won't name the toilet after you, but if you are able to contribute part or all of the cost of a cubicle, that would be much appreciated.

**To make a donation or help with construction, contact the CLTC office in your country.**





# From the Principal Rev Dr William Longgar

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

## Our community of prayer

**God continues to prove himself to us, to be faithful and able to sustain us through difficult times.**

We are facing difficulties with our finances and our relationship with a few of the local leaders. I want to acknowledge from the depth of my heart, the sheer goodness, faithfulness and mercy of God without which we would not have come this far. I also want to acknowledge the importance of the prayer support of our friends and supporters.

After five years as Principal, it was my intention to step down this year, but the College Council has asked me to continue for another two years to ensure that a suitable leader is mentored and groomed for this role. I have agreed to do this with the assistance of the Management Team.

Prayer has been a mainstream of our spiritual strength as a community. The number of prayer groups in the College is a testimonial to the commitment of our community members to prayer. The highlight of this spirit of prayer was last



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month when, as a community during our half-day of prayer, the whole College family assembled on Vision Hill, and in the midst of praises and worship, we raised a wooden cross on the top of Vision Hill.

I deeply appreciate the cell-group system organised by the College. It is one of the best and key features of the College spirituality. It brings together students of diverse denominational background and cultural background to pray together and bond spiritually.

In addition to our training programs, CLTC continues to run a very successful Easter Camp for youth. Many young people gave their lives to the Lord again this year. The College also hosted the Evangelical Alliance Conference and the Connect Conference this year. CRMF also ran a weekend program on protection from pornography.

I sincerely want to thank you for your interest in the ministry of the College and your partnership with us through prayer and support.

**Rev Dr William Longgar**

## Introducing Bill Mondo

Bill Mondo started as Technical Services Manager in May, providing leadership of the building, plumbing, electrical, engineering, property and transport departments and also joined the CLTC management team.

He came from Simbu with his wife Josephine and three grandchildren. Bill and Josephine have five sons and two daughters. Bill has previously worked as a project engineer for PNG Water. He has planted five Nazarene churches and continues to support these along with some of his children.





# Lidia Medlama

## Student Testimony



Although CLTC began with a focus on Papua New Guinea, over the years it has expanded to welcome students from all over Melanesia. Many students have come from the east, but Lidia Medlama may well be the first one to come from the west – from the Melanesian part of Indonesia known as “West Papua”.

Lidia belongs to the Walak community, and she is the sixth of nine children. She is a member of Gereja Injili Di Indonesia (GIDI), which means ‘Evangelical Church of Indonesia’. Her grandfather was the first in their tribe to accept the Gospel and take it to the rest of the tribe. She grew up in the town of Womena.

After high school in Jayapura, Lidia studied architectural engineering in Bandung (near Jakarta) for two years. She also joined a local GIDI congregation there, learned more about the Bible, and served as treasurer. In Bandung she enjoyed the experience of learning another culture. Meanwhile, people in her church back home had other ideas for her future and approached her parents with the idea of sending her to Bible school. Her parents called to discuss it with her, and they were surprised to find out that Lidia was

## Following God’s Plan

not enjoying her engineering studies and wanted to be in more direct ministry!

So Lidia returned home and made plans for her next step. In 2016, GIDI sent her to Palau to stay with a family, work in a church, and take classes to improve her English. Then after some time back home helping her parents, she travelled to Jayapura to organize her documents for CLTC. Now a Diploma of Ministry student, she writes, ‘It’s not an accident that I’m here, but God’s plan. I’m learning how to live as a Christian, how to serve others holistically by meeting their needs in the context of relationship. We are one family in Christ. I also learned that I’m here because God invited me to join Him in doing His mission to restore His Creation, and I am so blessed because of this.’

During the semester break Lidia went on a mission trip, where she could share her testimony. Her dream for the future is to go back home to Womena and build a dorm for women, where she can teach them about the Christian life.

Lidia is very grateful to a family who sponsor her and would like to share her guiding verse: “Seek your happiness in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desire” (GNT). Whenever she finds herself thinking about her parents, Lidia reminds herself of this verse and says, “Do your best for God, and he will take care of your heart.”



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