



COLLEGE NEWS



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



Rice training gathers pace

Since 2007, blessed with a suitable climate and soils, the College has grown upland rice (non-irrigated).

From modest beginnings, CLTC developed a thriving industry with a highly sought-after variety of rice. For seven years the College also ran training courses on-station, before the training input transitioned to the new Community Development program.

Production is on the increase again, with a big stock of paddy (unmilled rice) from last year's harvest. The College store is the main outlet for our rice. A new mill has also greatly helped production, not only from the College's fields but for local farmers who bring in their grain for milling. These farmers also end up with sample seed from the College's superior variety, to take back and multiply.

CLTC has recently taken another step ahead and forged a partnership with the

Jiwaka Provincial Government to spread knowledge and skills of rice growing to communities around the Province. Our Farm Manager Simon Elel is currently engaged in carrying out field training in nine locations in the Province, distributing seed and demonstrating techniques of planting at community level. He is ably assisted by Ezekiel Joseph, one of the first group to graduate last year with a Diploma in Community Development.

After initial training the team will carry out mentoring, assessment, and follow-up at regular intervals in the next 2 years, forming good relationships with interested local farmers. This 'on-farm' approach with Provincial Government support promises well for a growth of the industry locally, in which CLTC can play a key role.



New book on founding Principal

Live in Tents - Build Only Altars

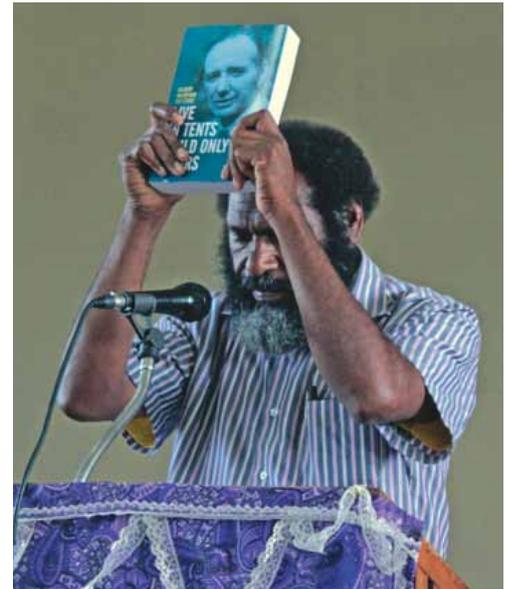
New book on the life of the founding Principal, Gilbert McArthur

The story of the founding principal of CLTC, Rev Dr Gilbert McArthur, is powerful, heart-warming and deeply inspiring. It is a story of a man who calculatingly made a faith decision to make himself available for God's mission, no matter where he was to be sent. The Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea stands as testimonial to his obedience to God's call on his life. While CLTC is a collective dream of many, it required a man of Dr McArthur's spiritual calibre and stature to make that collective dream come true. CLTC among many other missionary achievements of Dr McArthur, is his greatest success story.

Careful research of Gilbert McArthur's life was undertaken by Rev Dr David Price, himself a former principal of CLTC. The research began in order to give three lectures at the College for the inaugural Gilbert McArthur Memorial Lectures. David continued his research, resulting in the publishing of a 464-page book this year entitled, *Live*



Council member, Ps Simil Hondolwa, prays for David Price's book, alongside the Principal, William Longgar, and Council members, Russell Thorp, Ross Weymouth and Ewan Stilwell.

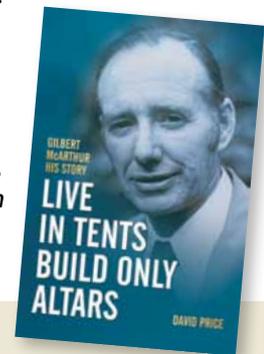


in Tents - Build Only Altars: Gilbert McArthur - His Story. He re-lives the story of a visionary leader and his accomplishments as a missionary pioneer, then at CLTC and the wider pacific.

On 14 April 2019, the CLTC Banz community witnessed the dedication of the book. Although it was a low-key event, its significance cannot be denied. The College community rejoiced at the availability of the book and recognised the significant work done by Dr Price to research and record Gilbert McArthur's life.

The Gilbert McArthur Memorial Lectures, presented biennially, have become one of CLTC's major events. This year the second Memorial Lectures will be held in August, given by Dr Paul Windsor from Langham Partnership.

David's book can be purchased by contacting the CLTC address on the last page of College News (or from amazon.com or bookdepository.com).



Crossroads Easter Youth Camp



Over two hundred young people attended the Crossroads Easter Youth Camp this year. There were six new converts during the weekend and many who recommitted their lives to Christ. The guest speaker, Dr Julian Robert Kivori spoke on the theme: **Who am I? "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139).**

Four counsellors from Ellel Ministries also attended to counsel and pray for the youth. They were assisted by a team of CLTC students who had been trained in counselling. Youth came forward for prayer concerning sexual sins (30%), parental wounding (19%), studies (14%), rejection (14%), salvation and discipleship

(11%), abuse (5%), and other issues (7%).

Of those who came for counselling on sexual sins, the majority were involved in pornography. One 12-year-old boy came forward to confess his participation in pornography. He had been led into pornography at the age of 7 by an older cousin. Both girls and boys are plagued with this issue.

While some CLTC students went out during Easter to preach in churches, those who remained were fully involved in the ministry to the campers. Students ran activities, cooked meals, and did performances.

Maxon Mani graduates with a PhD.

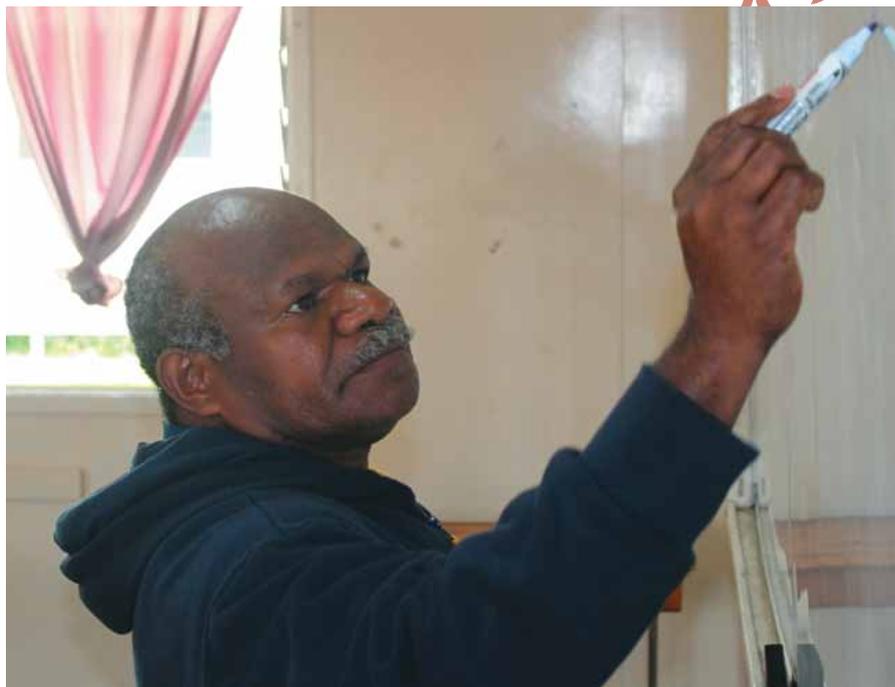


Maxon Mani has completed his PhD from the University of Otago, New Zealand, and his degree was formally conferred on 18 May 2019. This is another milestone for CLTC in the continuing development of Melanesian faculty.

Maxon's dissertation is titled, 'A Marital Violence in Papua New Guinea: A Theological Critique and Response'. He specifically investigates the relationship of the concept of 'name' which is associated with status and power that often plays out in the relationship of violence between husbands and wives in Melanesia.

The Mani family returned from New Zealand in January 2019 and have now settled into life back at the CLTC Banz campus. Maxon is serving as Dean of Graduate Studies and providing help to faculty with their ongoing research. His wife, Esther, is teaching in the wives' certificate program.

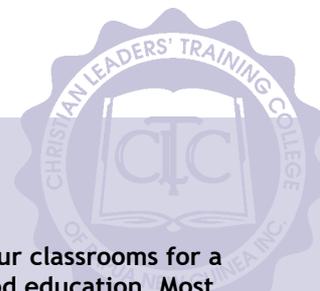
Maxon served with the Papua New Guinea Defence Force for twelve years. Whilst on assignment in Bougainville during the height of the Bougainville Crises in 1989, Maxon became a Christian. In 2001



Dean of Graduate Studies Maxon Mani

he resigned and took up theological studies at CLTC, graduating with a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2005. After serving with his local church for two years, Maxon was then invited to be part of CLTC's first Master of Theology cohort, graduating with five other students in 2011.

The Mani family wish to thank CLTC, LeaDev-Langham, and friends and supporters in Australia and New Zealand for the support in prayer, finance and emotional help, especially during the study program.



Big Interest in Early Childhood Education



Forty students crowded into one of our classrooms for a one-week intensive on early childhood education. Most of these students have continued by attending weekly seminars and by gaining practical experience in the College Preschool Kindergarten.

The interest in the course was a surprise. Sigri village near the College now has a functioning kindy using three of the churches. They sent seven staff to the course. Some primary teachers in nearby schools also attended. There is growing interest in kindergarten programs in PNG, although play-based learning is still quite a new concept in the country.

CLTC has had a kindy for some time to allow the student wives to be trained for ministry alongside their husbands. Pearl Thorp has helped develop the standard of the CLTC kindergarten. In recent years we have had a partnership with the Bethlehem Tertiary Institute who have helped design a part-time certificate program for kindy teachers.

The course in April was taught by Denise Morgan on 'the life of the teacher'. Marion Sanders and Pearl Thorp will teach courses in July and September.

David and Matilda Ken

Student Testimony



David and Matilda Ken both grew up in the East New Britain town of Rabaul, although both of their fathers come from Siassi Island in Morobe.

David grew up in the church, but he says he didn't really come to know God until he faced some major challenges later in life. When he completed Grade 10, he was selected for a scholarship to finish high school in Australia. However, he struggled with English, and was not able to finish. Back in PNG, through the government distance education program he was able to complete high school. He then completed two years in engineering at Unitech in Lae. However, due to lack of financial support, he was again not able to finish. This was a very tough time for David, but it created an openness in his heart and his brother led him to Jesus.

Meanwhile, Matilda had graduated from the University of PNG with a Diploma in Media Studies. In 1997, David went back home and he and Matilda were married. Their son Bradley was born in 1998. They completed the one-year certificate at Bulolo Bible School in 2000. For the following eleven years they



David, Piap Thomas (friend), Shalom (front), Rejoice (back) and Matilda Ken.

served in pastoral work in Three-Mile Settlement in Lae. Their daughter Shalom was born in 2004, and their daughter Rejoice was born in 2009. They returned to Rabaul in 2012 and for five years helped in their church wherever there was a need, especially in the teaching program. Matilda also worked as a free-lance writer for the *Post Courier*. They came to CLTC last year with Shalom and Rejoice, while Bradley is pursuing tertiary studies at Divine Word University.

Their denomination (ALC) has a plan for them once they graduate. Matilda and David will help upgrade the Bible school in Bulolo, especially in the area of missions.

The couple take their motto from Paul's instruction to Timothy to "take the teachings that you heard me proclaim in the presence of many witnesses, and entrust them to reliable people, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2 GNT).

CLTC News and Opportunities

Coming Events

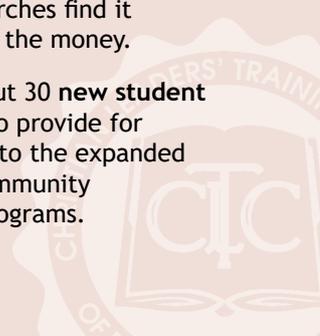
- **JUNE 17-21**
– Missions Conference with Dr Kate Pocklington from Pioneers as the main speaker.
- **JULY 2-4**
– Melanesian Association of Theological Schools annual conference.
- **AUGUST 20-21**
– Gilbert McArthur Memorial Lectures presented by Dr Paul Windsor from the Langham Partnership on the topic of *Preaching for Transformation*.
- **SEPTEMBER 18-21**
– Leadership Symposium.

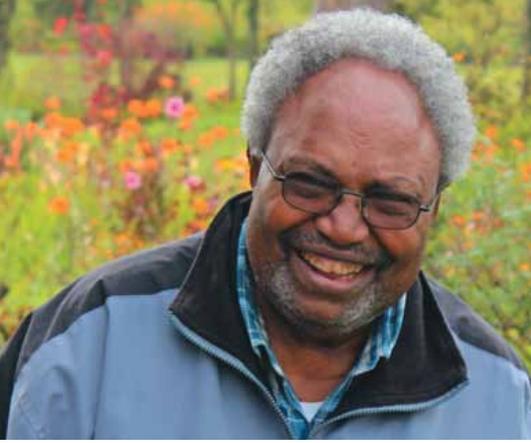
Volunteer Opportunities

- **Business Manager** – The College has an urgent need for an experienced manager to supervise existing farm and sales activities and develop new income streams.
- **Tradespeople** – Volunteers are needed to help with building and maintenance projects and at the same time train local staff.
- **IT and communication specialists** – Help is needed to produce promotional materials and develop our computing systems.
- **Teachers, pastors, and missionaries** – There are opportunities for visitors to teach short courses and conduct seminars in their areas of expertise.

Donor Opportunities

- New student **ablution blocks** are needed to replace four of the existing ones.
- **The Student Hardship Fund** provides for returning students where circumstances prevent them from completing payment of their school fees.
- **Student scholarships** – Although the school fees are only one quarter of the cost of training, many students from rural areas and smaller churches find it difficult to raise the money.
- CLTC needs about 30 **new student family houses** to provide for student intakes to the expanded ministry and community development programs.





From the Principal Rev Dr William Longgar

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

The Importance of Quality Theological Education

The winds of change are blowing with ever-increasing strength throughout South-East Asia and the Pacific. Missionary leaders are confronted with the immediate task of so adjusting their formal educational programs as to ensure the rapid emergence of an English-educated Christian leadership. This is a vital necessity on two levels – firstly, so as to provide a well-equipped, spiritually mature, Church leadership for the changing age; and secondly, in order to ensure that the moral and spiritual dynamic of the Christian ethic makes its fullest contribution to the emerging national life.

Rev Dr Gilbert McArthur

These words from the founding Principal of this College, the late Rev Dr Gilbert McArthur, though spoken almost 54 years ago, underpin the importance of CLTC's commitment to quality theological education in its curriculum, as it prepares young men and women to make meaningful contributions to the life of their churches and nations of the Pacific in their future ministries.

Behind the commitment to quality theological education is the challenge of shifting values resulting from the assault on societies by secular humanistic philosophies, and the forces of liberalism, as the impact of globalization and postmodernism increases. Increasingly Christianity and the teaching of Scriptures are being challenged by these forces. Two other factors also increase the commitment by the College to quality theological education; the resurgence of old traditional practices and the increasing impact of sectarianism, often with their questionable theologies. The College embraces theological education that is holistic.

The Christian Leaders' Training College by virtue of its evangelical faith, practice and tradition, is committed fully to the authority of the Scripture (the Word of God), as the undisputable foundation of our faith and ministry, and

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the normative for all theological reflections and theological education. We are mindful of the danger of doing theology based on experience and church traditions alone. Theological education must be deeply Christological in nature; hence theology based on experience and church tradition alone denies the centrality of Christ.

The vital role of the Holy Spirit, in enabling correct interpretation of Scriptures to address all issues facing our people in the Pacific in

this day and age, is taken seriously. This is crucial to safeguard against erroneous theologies.

For the Churches in the Pacific, quality theological education in context is both mandatory and urgent. Theology is not a mere academic exercise; theology is an expression of our faith journey with God. With such incentive, the classroom becomes the forum for theological dialogue and reflection between students and teachers. CLTC is committed to that particular journey forward.

As mentioned, with that degree of dynamicity in the world today our experiences also change, and our lives will be affected by those changes. Theological education of the future must adapt to the context of our changing world.

As a College we know that doing theology is an expression of who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is a way of following Christ, seeking friendship with him and communion with God. We believe also that doing theology safeguards dependence on borrowed theologies, some of which can be destructive to the maturity of the churches.

We firmly believe that theological education is about passing God's truth on to faithful men and women, so that they too can pass it on to other faithful, Spirit-empowered men and women who can make a difference in their communities and nations.

Community Development



Our faculty team for Community Development

Community Development has been taught as a course for many years but was formalised with the introduction of a Diploma in Community Development in 2017, with one lecturer taking all the 'specialised' courses on community, business and related topics. The teaching staff is developing these modest beginnings into a cohesive, well-qualified team.

Valeria Elel is from Rabaul and was trained by the Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) at their centre near Kokopo, East New Britain. After a year in Japan with OISCA, Valeria returned to teach at their centre. She later became qualified in agriculture teaching and taught at Poinini High School, West New Britain, for several years before moving to CLTC. After filling several roles, including Guest House Manager and Horticulture Supervisor, Valeria is now teaching the agriculture courses in the curriculum.

Roland and Tandy Lubett have been invited to make a longer-term commitment to the study program. They have had extensive experience in rural and community development



L-R: Valeria, Samuel, Roland, and Emma.

practice in the Pacific, Africa and Asia, including some years at the United Church's Seghe Lay Training Centre in the Western Solomons. More recently, Roland has lectured at All Nations College, UK, and helps to facilitate a masters course with Eastern College Australia.

Emma Wakpi is from Minj, just down the road from the Banz campus. She has a bachelors degree from Southern Cross University, New South Wales, and a masters in Public Health Policy from Murdoch University in Western Australia. Emma has been much involved in promoting Community Health

Education (CHE) throughout PNG and the Pacific. She has joined the College part-time and will teach courses in Holistic Community Practice, while she helps her Minj community to set up an innovative coffee processing plant.

Samuel Waripi, from Tari in Hela Province, has a Bachelor of Business Administration from UPNG and taught commerce for three years at Port Moresby Grammar School. Samuel is the College's Assistant Registrar but is keen to contribute to the teaching program in his area of expertise. He is planning and delivering the Business Skills courses.



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