



CLTC Appoints a New Principal

The appointment of a new Principal, to succeed Rev Dr William Longgar, was one of the most important agenda items at the recent CLTC Council meetings. A number of members were able to attend in person. However, those members who were overseas or in Port Moresby participated in the meetings via Zoom (a tool that has enabled many in our world in recent times to stay connected).

The person chosen was already working at CLTC, as God has been preparing him and his family for this big responsibility! Dr Maxon Mani has featured over the years in several issues of College News, as he has marked different milestones in his ministry journey. The last time was after the conferral of his PhD from the University of Otago, New Zealand mid-2019. Maxon and his family had spent 3 years in Dunedin for these studies and then returned to continue to work for CLTC as Dean of Graduate Studies, both teaching and helping others with their ongoing research. His wife Esther helps in teaching in the wives' program.

If we trace the Mani family history, we find that both Maxon and Esther came from Yangoru, Wewak in the East Sepik Province of PNG. They were associated there with the Four Square Gospel Church. After primary school teaching for a year, Maxon joined the Defence Force of PNG and it was while serving with them in Bougainville at the height of the conflict in 1989 that he became a Christian. He completed 12 years of service and then applied to study at CLTC for the first time, graduating with a Bachelor of Theology in 2005. He returned home to work with his church for a couple of years as the Training Coordinator for Four Square but was then invited to join the first Master's Program cohort being offered at CLTC in 2008. Along with five others Maxon graduated from this in 2012, then remained at CLTC on the teaching faculty until the June of 2015.

The next part of the journey was a big one for the family as a group of supporters made it possible for them to make their home in Dunedin for Maxon to

undertake his PhD studies at the University of Otago. From Sepik warmth to South NZ cold was one of the big adjustments they had to make, but their time there in a different culture was all part of God's preparation for the future.

Maxon and Esther had five children: Joshua, Josiah, Joash, Jesse and Joy! They all went with them, except Joshua who was in his second year at UPNG. Josiah stayed on in Dunedin to work and study and was tragically killed earlier this year in a car accident. This has been very hard for the Mani family and friends as well as the CLTC family. They have needed to prove God's faithfulness, love and compassion in it all.

Currently Joshua is a sub-editor with the National News Paper, Joash will be studying for a Professional Diploma in Information Technology in 2021, Jesse is in year 11, and Joy in year 5.

As Maxon prepares to take on the role of Principal in 2021 he desires to see 'CLTC remain a reservoir of God's Word' for PNG and beyond. The task is enormous, as he comes in to lead the College at a very difficult time financially, as well as facing the nation's problems particularly in this season of COVID. He leads not only the faculty and students, but those who work in the Support Division to help generate the funds needed for the training programs and deals with the day to day issues of a large campus at Banz (around 700 in number) as well as overseeing campuses in Lae and Port Moresby.

Maxon's life motto, based on 1 Thess 5:24, is: ***"The God who called me is faithful, and in his faithfulness I bank my trust."*** Let us all commit to pray for Maxon, Esther and the family in the days ahead.



Esther and Maxon Mani.

Training Update

All three campuses have continued to function despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially classes were cancelled for a few weeks, and then social distancing was implemented once classes were allowed to resume. Fortunately, COVID-19 has not taken hold in Papua New Guinea and classes have been unaffected for most of the year.

The border closures have meant that some of the expatriate teachers have been locked out of the country, but most have been able to continue to teach through the online Moodle system that was developed in the last few years. According to Phil Tait, Vice Principal of Education, “the online system, with teachers out of the country, has proven effective in terms of student learning, but at the same time it has been hard work for the teachers and not as fulfilling for them as being face-to-face.”

Two of the faculty, Lionel Tom and Gordon Tobul, have started doctoral studies, but because of travel restrictions, are doing so through online learning. Henoma Ttopoqogo will be leaving CLTC’s Lae campus to return to the church. Joining the faculty are a number of recent graduates from our MTh program – Marcus



Many of the youth on campus have completed TEE studies this year. Diploma students trained as TEE tutors and were required to run groups on campus or with village people off-campus. At a CLTC Sunday service about 80 people were awarded certificates for completing TEE courses.

Fitakec (Morobe), Mawi Kamblapi (East Sepik) and John Maite (Vanuatu). We also have a missionary from Pakistan coming for a year if all the visa requirements are met.

This year we have the first graduates from the new curriculum for the Advanced Diploma of Ministry and the Advanced Diploma of Community Transformation. The training outcomes seem to have been achieved, but we will evaluate these further in the new year. One of the highlights of this new curriculum is an eight-week practicum in year two of the programs. No major changes are envisaged in 2021 but we hope to offer a new Master’s program in 2022 based in the Port Moresby campus.

LIBRARIANS URGENTLY NEEDED!

If you are a librarian and open to a fascinating and fulfilling experience in assisting in growing the next generation of Christian leaders for PNG and the Pacific – then read on about two urgent opportunities!

Senior Librarian at the main CLTC Banz campus in the Jiwaka Province (Western Highlands)

The current librarian from New Zealand is concluding several years of ministry. A replacement is urgently needed for the 2021 year (and beyond if possible). This position on the Banz campus involves the oversight of the main campus library (48,500 resources) and the work of the librarians at the Port Moresby (6,700) and Lae (4,500) libraries. Applicants should have a recognised librarian diploma or degree and preferably have completed some theological studies. The position requires good experience and familiarity with library technology. Terms of appointment will be discussed. A position description is available on request to our Australian/New Zealand offices or ptait@cltc.ac.pg

Short-term Assistance Librarians

If you are a qualified librarian and interested in a life changing cross-cultural experience – our three libraries need help in accessioning donated books and library administration. Opportunities are open for a minimum of one month or longer. Would you prayerfully consider taking leave or a retirement opportunity to help! Applicants need to raise their fares to PNG and cover personal expenses. The College would provide accommodation. Contact ptait@cltc.ac.pg

Solar Power Generation

Rejoice with us that Stage One of the solar power generation has produced on average 10,000 units of electricity monthly since September 2019. The equipment for Stage Two was resourced from Australia, shipped to Lae and transported by CLTC truck to the College in December 2020. Please pray for Jersey Kesa and Ross Wanure, who having worked with Don McLean to install Stage One, will be installing Stage Two without Don, due to COVID-restricted travel from Australia.

The cost of both stages, totalling K630,000 (NZD300,000) was funded through NZ gifts and loans, repayable over three years. The solar generated electricity will provide 30% of the College’s daily needs. The estimated savings by not having to buy from PNG Power are around K275,000 (NZD130,000) a year. Please pray with us for funding for Stage Three, with details available from garthmorgan@extra.co.nz



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My life mission is to know God and make Him known

I was born in Mapodo, a small Mission station, where my parents were working in the health sub-centre as nurses.

In 2004, when I was 10 years old, my parents decided to come to CLTC to do the diploma level course. One of my highlights living in CLTC was AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed), the program for children. I fell in love with reading the word of God. I remember one evening I got the guitar and started making songs out of every Psalm I had memorized in AWANA.

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After CLTC my parents worked in the hospital at Balimo, Western Province. I was sent to boarding school in Adiba Primary school, then to Awaba Secondary school in Western Province. In 2012, I was one of the lucky students who was selected to attend Sogeri National High (Central Province) where I was called the ‘Pastor of my Class’. My time at Sogeri was short, because mid-year in 2012 we moved to Indonesia.

My family was the second missionary family from the Evangelical Church of Papua New Guinea (ECPNG). My parents were asked to work with Gereja Injili Di Indonesia (GIDI) an evangelical church of Indonesia. They were tent makers and worked at Kalvari Clinic in Wamena City. The clinic is owned by GIDI church.

I however needed to complete my high school education, so I was sent to a boarding school in Sentani Jayapura, (Hillcrest International School – HIS). Since this was not my first boarding school, I was able to adjust quickly.

A highlight of this high school was going on outdoor education – two weeks of outreach ministry to the most remote highland places in the jungles of West Papua. The focus was wholistic ministry – raising awareness of HIV, building toilets, putting in tanks for water, dental work, and doing group witnessing.

I remember walking for a whole day carrying PVC piping from one village to another on a bush trail on the side of the cliff with no roads. It was so hard. My English teacher Aunt Johnes, in her 60s, who had been serving in West Papua for years, kept telling me ‘take one step at a time’. At that moment I was so out of it but I pushed on. Now when I reflect back, I see that was a good experience for me. I always thought that mission work was for my parents, but later realised that I was born for the Kingdom purpose so I had to do it for the Lord, not for me.

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After completing high school, I went to the USA for college, Toccoa Falls College in GA. At this point I was already used to the concept of adjusting to a different context, people and culture, hence it was an easy adjustment. I learned so many things both good and bad. I guess the hardest part of being in America was to put up a filter. I struggled hard in my Christian life, but still God was faithful to me. I learned to find self-control in all I was going through. I don’t regret any decisions I made during my time in America and I am grateful to the Lord for the experience.

After 5 years in USA I returned to West Papua, where I stayed for a



Jane Berapu

year, helping Mom and Dad doing ministry work, and then decided to apply to CLTC.

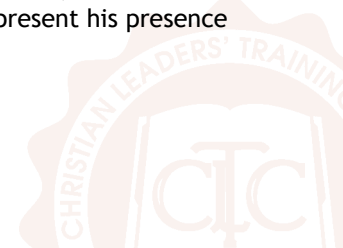
CLTC is a special place to me. I know that God is bringing me back to the roots, where I fell in love with him. This time he has brought me here for me to truly, personally know him. It is not a mistake that this year’s theme for the College is “Faith to Transform and Reform”. I want that.

Moving from place to place, adjusting to different cultures and people has confused my identity, but I think I am here because God is revealing himself to me so I can find my identity in him.

After CLTC, my desire is to work with youth. I feel God has called me to work among young people. There is no specific place, but I trust God. Where he leads me, I will go.

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Rubin Kuli

Student Testimony

A desire to know, teach and preach the Word of God

My personal desire is to know the Word of God so I can teach and preach it in its simplicity to my people. This challenge has motivated me to pray and seek God earnestly to realise this ambition.

I completed Grade 10 in 1997 and joined my peer group exploring life in a reckless and abusive lifestyle.

In 2004, a strange unforgettable thing happened to me. I went to visit my younger sister who gave birth to her first child – a boy. I paid her a visit and as she was the only mother in the ward I decided to lie on a bed beside hers. As I was lying down, I heard these words as if someone was speaking to me; *‘If you were to die today where will you be?’*

I tried to think through this simple question but I could not come to a satisfactory answer in my mind. This thought did not leave me but continued to make me feel uncomfortable and uneasy. It led me to find a Bible. I picked it up and it opened to 2 Peter 1:21. It felt like someone was helping me open the Bible to that place to give me an answer to my question – *‘If you were to die today where will you be?’* As I read the whole chapter, I could sense that someone was explaining the meaning of the scripture to me. That night, I knelt before God and prayed earnestly for forgiveness with tears in my eyes. That was the beginning of my walk by faith in the Lord.

I made a personal commitment to attend every church service. I joined the youth ministry which was very uncomfortable for me because the youth group was dominated by girls. I sat quietly and observed. I struggled with shame and did not want the leaders of our team to ask me to pray. My younger sister was an active member and she made efforts to see me grow in strength and confidence.

In 2005 I began to get involved in the youth and children’s ministries. I also participated in the Religious Education programs at our primary school. I developed a desire to learn and grow in my spiritual life. I attended different seminars, and in doing so, felt the need to study the Bible.

I had heard testimonies of how God had helped people, so one night I prayed: *“Lord if you know everything, you would also know my need. I want to go to a Bible school but Lord I have no money. I know you will provide for me.”*

In 2006, Telecom rolled out their wireless satellite phones in rural areas and Wagawaga, my village, was privileged to have one installed in our primary school.



Rubin Kuli with Agnes and Awaka.

That made it possible for me to communicate with my eldest sister living in Port Moresby.

One day my pastor called the congregation together and asked if they could agree to send a possible candidate to a Bible school. I was surprised by what he said because most of the congregation did not know much about me at that time and I was that candidate.

God answered my prayer. I was able to go and live with my sister and through my brother-in-law, who sponsored my first-year tuition fees and travel fees, I was able to attend Christian Leaders’ Training College. In 2007 I started training at the CLTC Port Moresby Campus, doing the Urban Ministry Intensive Course (UMIC) which ran for four years.

After graduation in 2010 I returned home to my local congregation and continued in full-time church ministry for a year. In 2012 I was accepted by CLTC POM to do the two-year Diploma Course and graduated in 2013.

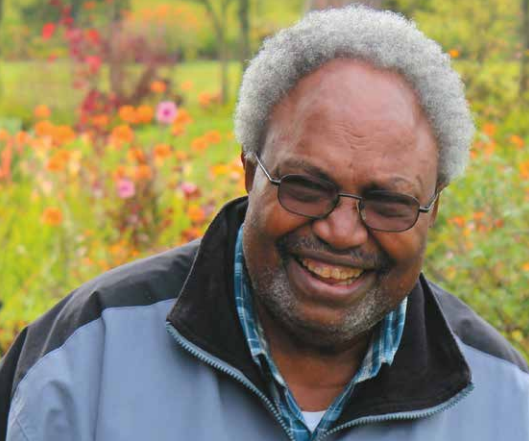
This time I did not return to Milne Bay Province but stayed on in the city to give back to the city church for their unceasing support through the years of training.

In 2014, I married Awaka Wa’abia from Southern Highlands Province who served with the Evangelical Church of PNG – Morata local church. She also graduated with a certificate from four years of training in the Siti Ministri Treinin Kos program or (SMTK) at CLTC POM. In 2016, our daughter Agnes

joined us, and we moved into the ministry of parenting as well as pastoral duties with the Kwato Church of PNG in Port Moresby. The leadership obligations are a real issue for me now as I strive to provide leadership to the city church while living in the settlement. God is gracious and is seeing us through this time of challenges.

As the SRC President for the Port Moresby Campus in 2020, my desire is to help mentor young leaders to see themselves in Christ Jesus. CLTC bases its teaching on the Word of God and sound biblical teaching, making it one of the best theological schools in the country as it trains men and women to be qualified to do the work that they are called to do. To God be the glory forever and ever, Amen.

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From the Principal Rev Dr William Longgar

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

A Reflection on Seven Years of My Principalship

As I conclude seven years of being in the office of Principal of CLTC, I want to reflect on the experiences of those years. The seven years were never free of controversies and challenges, but the blessings that came out of those challenges and controversies outweigh the painful experience of having to go through them. Like any other Christian leader, I had to battle a number of challenges that could have destroyed my leadership.

First, the criticisms people levelled at my leadership were so painful, but the sustaining grace of God was sufficient to uphold and sustain my wife and I in the midst of it all. I had to continue to remind myself about what one of my former Professors said, “People who cannot handle criticism need not apply for a leadership position.” (Paul Hiebert)

Like our Lord Jesus, Christian leaders are not immune to criticism, even if the criticism they receive is sometimes the most venomous. It is impossible for leaders to avoid being censored. Constructive criticism is good for leaders. Leaders should not only receive those criticisms graciously but also invite those around them to critique their leadership. We need to honestly examine our hearts to make sure the criticisms are without merit.

As a leader I struggled to learn that I must face criticism with integrity before God and before people, knowing it is ultimately God’s approval and not people’s that matters most. It took me seven years to learn that doing the right thing before God rather than being concerned about my popularity is what God wants.

As leaders we must keep criticism in perspective. Criticism will come, and it will hurt but it must not be allowed to derail us from God’s call upon our lives. Before giving in to the temptation to quit, we should revisit what we know God called us to do. Falling back on God’s truth in His word and walking with humility and integrity before others did sustain me and my family (Malachi 2:3-8). In all honesty, my faith grew. I looked more to Jesus, the “pioneer [author] and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2). He sympathised with what I was going through as a leader.

Second, I struggled with the temptation to allow cynicism into my life. Leadership is a people business; we lead because there are people to be led. But the truth is that the very people we are leading will let us down. When this happens, cynicism can come in a leader’s life and cause the leader to resort to distrust the people, to harden our hearts toward the people we lead, and to withdraw and just keep to ourselves.

Cynicism can make a leader become very negative, judgemental and critical towards the people he/she leads. A cynical leader produces cynical followers. A cynical leader can turn to stereo-typing the people he leads. There was a time I was really tempted to shut out the village people from my life. As I look back, if I had resorted to cynicism my leadership would have been ruined. My wife and I kept asking the Lord to remove any slightest trace of cynical attitudes from our lives and to replace that with compassion, trust and forgiveness.

Third, I was also very mindful of the danger of abusing the authority/ power of the office. “All leaders handle power. In a sense, power goes with the job. Leaders are the ones with the power to determine what is to be done and how it is to be done. They decide when it is to be done and who is to do it.” (Marshall, 1991:46)

All these challenging experiences have humbled us greatly before God and his people in this last seven years. They have caused us to depend more on God and not on our emotions, and they have brought the best out of us pastorally to our students, staff/faculty, and our village people. The Principal’s office has become a counselling room and a prayer chamber. We treasure these pastoral moments spent with those who came to see us with their needs, spiritual and emotional. We have in all truthfulness grown in forgiveness and in our prayer lives. We’ve learned in seven years that age does not matter to God as long as you are available.

Finally, we want to recognise with deep appreciation and thankfulness the all-sufficient grace, goodness, mercy, peace and power of God that sustained us for seven years. We also are deeply thankful for the prayers and support of many people; the College Council members, our brothers and sisters in Australia, New Zealand, the US and here in PNG, members of the MET team, the faculty, staff and workers, and to the students to whom we were ‘mama’ and ‘papa’.

Update on Principal Emeritus Rev Dr Joshua Daimoi

Following his Principalship at CLTC, Joshua Daimoi became the Director of Leadership Link, based at the POM campus. After a number of years, he then pastored Boroko Baptist Church. He finally retired in 2018 and with his wife Mone has been living with their daughter Evelyn and her family in a new estate near the airport at 8 Mile. Son Mason lives close by.

Joshua has had ongoing health issues, including increasing



Mone and Joshua Daimoi.

dementia. Recently he suffered a severe heart attack and was taken to the Paradise International

Hospital in Port Moresby, where he received good treatment and care and eventually was allowed home again. In God's goodness, some Australian friends had sent through a monetary gift in the month prior, so the family had sufficient funds to pay for the necessary medical expenses at the time.

We thank the Lord that he has continued to watch over the Daimoi family. Please pray for Joshua and the family as they care for him.

College Finance Hardship – *Please Pray*

This year has continued to be very difficult for the College financially. The College has spent the reserves it had a few years ago and now is having to manage cashflow on a day-to-day basis. Some staff reductions have been necessary.

A number of factors have contributed to this difficulty with finances. One is the expansion of the College's ministry. Another is a reduction in the number of expatriate missionaries at the College who were supported from offshore. It is the goal to have qualified Melanesians in these positions, but the salary costs have increased. Another factor is the downturn in the PNG economy because of border closures. More than half of the College income comes from its 400-acre farm, including the poultry, but it has been difficult to maintain profitability with costs increasing.

The College's poultry business is the biggest income earner. In July 2019, the company managing it for us almost went bankrupt and withdrew at short notice. They left it very

run down. Over the last year we have had assistance from another company to restore profitability to the operation. From October 2020, the College is operating the poultry completely independently. We have a low-grade disease in the breeder hens reducing the number of fertile eggs going into the hatchery.

The good news is that the previous Finance Manager, Mr Nou Korema, returned to the College in September. He had moved to Port Moresby at the end of 2019 because of family reasons, but because a suitable replacement was not able to be found, he agreed to return.

The other good news is that this year we have collected more money from student fees than ever before. This is mainly because of an increase in student numbers. But the student fees account for only a third of the total training

cost. Next year we are expecting more students to struggle paying their fees because of the economic downturn and the political turmoil the country is facing.

The College is a testimony to God's work over the last 57 years and the generous support of people around the world. We receive significant contributions from many of you for student sponsorship, student hardship funds, project money, and general donations. This is essential to the College and is a strategic investment for the church in Melanesia.

Continue to pray for wisdom for the management of College finances. Also pray for business expertise, short-term or long-term, to help with the profitability of the College's farming enterprises, including poultry, beef cattle and rice production.

For more information about how to financially support the ministry of CLTC, contact the office in your country (see below).

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