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WELCOME

to REVELATIONS 23

► Ni sa bula vinaka, Malo e lelei, Mālō le soifua, Kia ora, and welcome to our September issue of Revelations as we look forward to the 50th Anniversary celebrations of TSA in Fiji.

After 50 years, or half a century in Fiji it is time to celebrate and give thanks to God for all who have contributed to the ongoing work of the Army. We have many images of faith, community programmes, people, music, and work throughout Fiji. On this page, there is an image of the map of Viti Levu used at the time of the Evangelistic Trek to Fiji in August 1972.

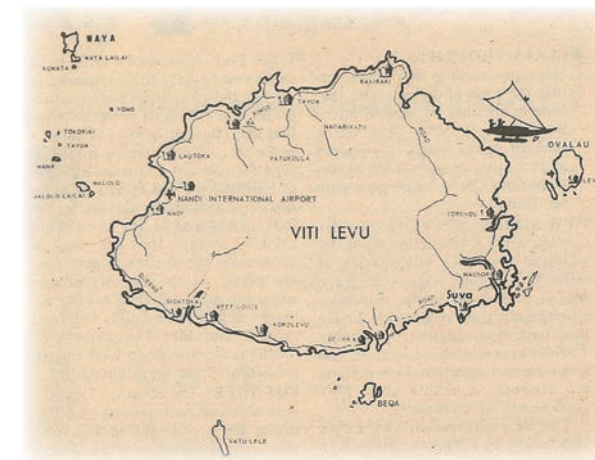
This ultimately led to the establishment of Bagasau (later Suva Central) Corps and the Division in Fiji.

We hope you enjoy this pictorial view of Fiji and its continuing journey in faith.

Vanuinui vinaka ki na nomu siga ni sucu!

With God's Blessing.

Gregory Jennings | Territorial Archivist ◀



FIJI TREK

Student Evangelistic Trek to Fiji in 1972



Fiji Trek 1972 Members & Hosts in Suva

► In 1972, after some informal discussions between Commissioner Williams, Colonel Ernest Elliot (Chief Secretary), Captain Brian McStay (Training College) and CSM Cyril Bradwell, an idea emerged of a 'Student Evangelistic Trek' to Fiji using members of the Students' Fellowship supplemented by some second year New Zealand cadets. In August 1972, a group of 17 led by Captains Brian and Beverley McStay arrived in Fiji for a 10 day trek assisted by resident Salvationists. They were received warmly and exploratory discussions were held with government, civic leaders and heads of church groups. Meetings were held in schools, prisons, churches, night clubs, and in the open-air. It was reported later that even if the planning and the trip were 'ad hoc', the eager participation of all concerned brought great results. ◀



School Visits, War Cry, 4 November 1972



Top: Open-air meeting in Suva, Bottom: Meeting in a Suva Nightclub

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Community and Social Services Programmes Past and Present



Family Care Centre, Suva 1997

► The Salvation Army in Fiji has a proud history of running successful Community and Social Programmes. Some of these include court and prison ministries, youth rehabilitation, the Namoli village fishing programme, vocational training workshops, the Red Shield House project, emergency accommodation for women and children, the Mahaffey Girls Home for teenage girls, sewing and life skills courses and the "Tiny Tots" kindergarten. ◀



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General Wahlstrom's Visit to Fiji in 1983



General Burrows's Visit, War Cry 1 April 1989

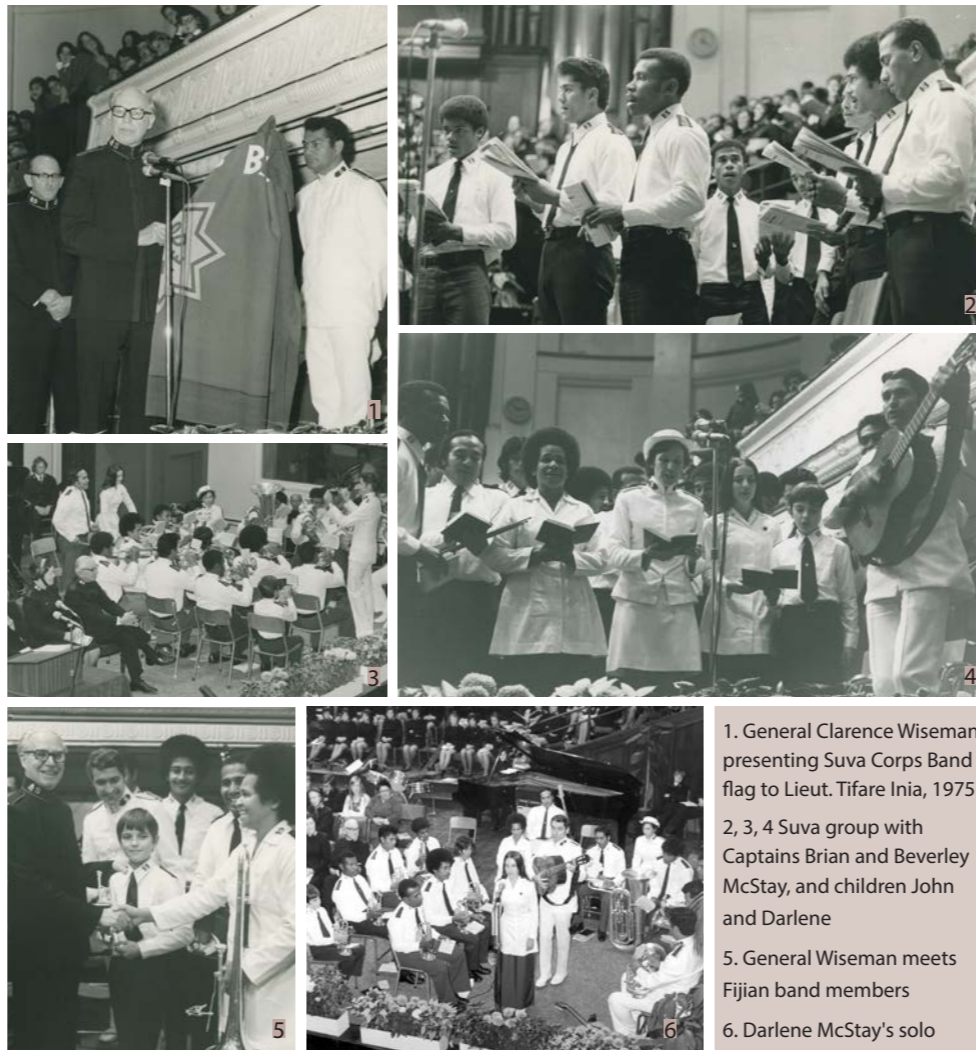
Fiji Prime Minister General Larsson, War Cry 8 April 2006

1975 Come Alive Congress

First Fijian Party to attend a NZ Congress



► The Fiji contingent, under the leadership of Captain and Mrs McStay and Lieutenant Tifare Inia, received a warm welcome in Wellington. They made a huge impact with their singing and playing, receiving an ovation from all bands present. This was made more memorable when General Wiseman presented the band with their first Salvation Army Flag. ◀



1. General Clarence Wiseman presenting Suva Corps Band flag to Lieut. Tifare Inia, 1975

2, 3, 4 Suva group with Captains Brian and Beverley McStay, and children John and Darlene

5. General Wiseman meets Fijian band members

6. Darlene McStay's solo

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Cadets Sam Deveta, Kida and Mela Tikoivanualevu

These Cadets were the first to complete two years training at the Fiji School for Officer Training, commissioned by the Territorial Commander Dean Goffin in 1981. Previously, two Fijian Cadets were fully trained in New Zealand and three Cadets completed their first year in New Zealand and second year in Fiji. They were all commissioned in New Zealand.

Lieutenant Daveta was appointed as Lomaivuna Corps Officer and Rural Rehabilitation Programme Manager, and Lieutenants Tikoivanualevu were appointed to Bagasu Corps as Corps Officers.