

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE



FIJI

APRIL 2012

In April 2012, we embark on the Pilgrimage of Hope to Fiji. The focus is "service to others" at St. Christopher's, an Anglican orphanage for children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned by their families. The sisters, the *Community of the Sacred Name*, are amazing women who dedicate their lives to caring for these children. This 'experience of a lifetime' includes stepping out beyond the comfort of our own existence and experiencing the lifestyle, community and way of believing of Fijian children at St. Christopher's.

For two weeks, we will work and play alongside the children and sisters at St. Christopher's Orphanage to experience 'first hand' their culture and Christian life and worship. Through immersing ourselves in the Fijian way of life, we will develop a clearer understanding of ourselves, our faith and how to consider the needs of others.

Our goal is to serve the St. Christopher's 'family' by doing maintenance work around the orphanage, and garden, as well as developing friendships, and extending love and kindness to the children. By sharing our time, prayer and daily activities, we will break down the barriers that divide our worlds and in the process, become bearers of Love and Light to our new friends.

Quotes from POH11 Fiji Pilgrims:

"One of the best things of the pilgrimage was meeting my buddies and spending so much time with them. I loved seeing their happy, excited faces as they played with us. The other thing I have really enjoyed was visiting the school and having so much fun playing."
– Christian Keller (CCGS)

"The best thing I have done on this pilgrimage was when we went to the school and the Fijian teacher left the class and the students helped us to teach them. I also loved seeing the buddies for the first time." – Patrick Henderson (CCGS)

"The best thing that happened on my POH Fiji journey was meeting my buddy Harry. He was very shy at first, but as we got to know each other, we formed a strong friendship which I will never forget." – Jack Hawksford (CCGS)

"My favourite part of the whole pilgrimage was when there was no teacher in the classroom at Bishop Kempthorn School and all of the children were asking questions that made me feel very special. The girls wanted to know whether I was coming back next year." – Alex Finlay-Jones (St Hilda's)



Places are limited to 45 participants from Christ Church Grammar School and St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls from Year 6 and Year 7 in 2011. An information evening will be held on Monday 19 September 2011, 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the CCGS Prep School Staff Room. Written expressions of interest for students and parents may be emailed to brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au. For further information, please phone Brother James on 0407 399 953.