

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE



FIJI

APRIL 2010

In April 2010, 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 POH09 Fiji Pilgrims:

"I have never experienced so many different kinds of love in so little time." – Isobel Ross-Adjie (St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls)

"This trip has helped me gain life-long friendships, and opened my eyes to love, friendship and generosity." – Lily Longley (St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls)

"They treated us with respect. They taught us how to laugh, listen, sing and the biggest thing they taught me was to love." – Rebecca Irving (Peter Moyes Anglican Community School)

"When I was cleaning I felt a sense of satisfaction and pride knowing that the small bit I was doing would make such a big impact in their lives." – Lara Lindegger (Peter Moyes Anglican Community School)

"Service work was one of the most challenging, rewarding and fulfilling things on the pilgrimage." – Claude Platell (Christ Church Grammar School)

"On this pilgrimage I learnt patience, tolerance and acceptance through having eight days with people who have less than what I do but enjoy life so much." – Matthew Horton (Christ Church Grammar School)

Places are limited to 45 participants from Christ Church Grammar School, Peter Moyes Anglican Community School and St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls and from Years 6 and 7 in 2009. An information evening will be held on Wednesday 26 August 2009, 7.00pm in the CCGS Junior 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.

