



GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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Solomon Islands:

You will have heard about the recent devastating floods in the Solomon Islands, quickly followed by some powerful earthquakes. Rod Matthews advises that we have just one member in Honiara, and she was not affected by the flooding. Our national coordinator, Henry Kuper and his family live on an island close to the epicentre of the earthquakes, so probably felt the quakes, but there is no on-call communication from his remote area, so we need to wait for him to send news. The main congregation is on the island of Ranongga in the far west of the archipelago, and as well as not being affected by the floods, they most likely haven't even felt the earthquakes. However, in view of the fact that this is a nation who are our close neighbours and are in urgent need of help at the moment, the board has made a contribution on behalf of the church to World Vision's relief effort for those affected.

Prayer requests:

I'm happy to report that Lina Taren is now out of hospital and back at home. Yvonne Herman is recovering well from her recent surgery, and was able to make it to the Lord's Supper observance in Auckland.

Bank Account:

From time to time the question comes up about using old deposit books. I can confirm that there is absolutely no problem with using the old Worldwide Church of God deposit books. As far as Westpac is concerned the bank account number is the important thing, not the account name. I have tried to order new deposit books coded with depositor numbers to replace the old ones, but I haven't yet had success. It seems that the old deposit book system is on the way out, with most people now using direct debits or online payments, so the bank isn't supporting the old system with new books. However, the bank is quite happy to receive the old deposit slips, even though they have our former name and are still dated in the last century, and we need to cross out the "19-" and make it "2014". It's amazing but true that we have now been doing this for 14 years!

Regards to all,

Rex