



## Pacific Campaign 1st Week



Marilyn and Sharon welcome Kaao as their new sister in Christ!

### 1st Week: 5 Begin New Life in Christ!

Within 4 hours of landing at Christmas Island, our 1st week Pacific Campaign team began teaching the Word of God. This continued day and night and has already resulted in 5 precious people becoming New Testament Christians, with the prospect of more to follow! Laboring side by side with local Christians every day, our team has rejoiced in the fertile ground on which the seed is

being sown. On the first full day that our team began going house to house, Sharon and Aaron came to the home of 64 year old Kaao Tenieu and began Bible studies with Kaao and her daughter. Kaao was very interested in the clear teaching of the Bible, and agreed to meet again for studies. Her interest grew, as did her knowledge and we are happy to share with you that Kaao has obeyed the Gospel! But the good news does not stop there....join us for more good news inside this month's *Sonlight*!



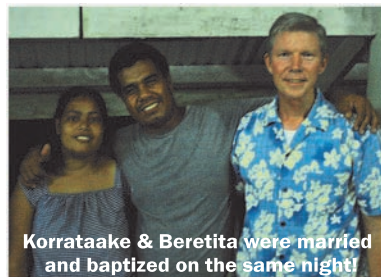
When 40 year old Orotita came to live with a member of the Tabwakea congregation who had recently lost her husband, she provided much comfort to our grieving sister. Upon our arrival this month at Christmas Island to teach God's word, we were introduced to Orotita and her husband Toam. Team member Marilyn Newby began thorough

Bible studies with Orotita right away. Orotita and Toam had observed the good



Orotita & Toam showing the joy of now being in Christ!

example of the sister in Christ with whom they were living. Also, another brother in Christ who worked with Toam had been teaching and encouraging him. It was soon clear that Orotita wanted to become a Christian, but as is the custom throughout much of the Pacific, she kept deferring to her husband in making her final decision to be baptized. After another team member, Tye Barnett, studied with Toam, this loving couple made their decision to become New Testament Christians! Both were baptized at the same time in the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean. We thank God for this very encouraging increase that God has provided.



Korrataake & Beretita were married and baptized on the same night!

**one in Christ** Couple Married, Then Baptized! In the mission field there are many needs that we meet through the providence of God. This month, team member Max Newby and Sharon taught Korrataake (26) and Beretita (24) God's law of marriage and the Gospel, both of which they accepted! On May 31st I was privileged to conduct their marriage ceremony, after which they were baptized into Christ!



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# Pacific Campaign 1st Week Christmas Island

The Air Pacific jet landed at 3:00 p.m., Wed., May 25th. Within a few minutes, our team of 12 cleared immigration, baggage, & customs, and were greeted by friendly smiles and the warm fellowship of Christians from this remote coral atoll known as Christmas Island. For months we've been planning this work, and now it is happily here! We boarded a transport truck that is uniquely Christmas Island, and traveled to Captain Cook Hotel, our family's modest home for the next two weeks. In route we passed through Banana Village and caught a glimpse of the



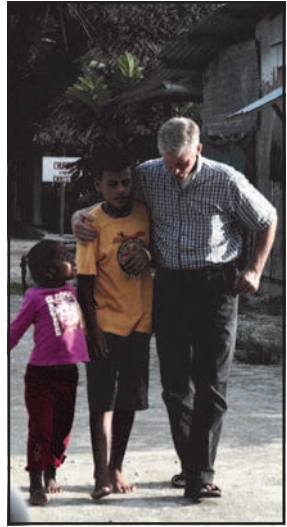
Banana church of Christ's new "maneaba" - the church's meeting place. It is beautiful...and all the more because it was built by

local Christians and 2nd to the spiritual house being built by this new group.



Within two hours we were unpacked and in route to Tabwakea Village, where we were warmly received by local members at their maneaba. The Tabwakea church of Christ was the first congregation of the Lord's church to be established at Christmas Island. Although several of their members are presently away on other islands, we nonetheless had all the help we needed in our daily work for the Lord. Each night we preached two sermon series, plus conducted children's and teen classes. Each morning we conducted training classes for both the men and the women, followed by teams going house to house conducting Bible studies. Our first week team co-workers did an excellent job of teaching and encouraging. They worked hard and showed respect for the culture and concern for souls. 5 people were baptized into Christ the first week and numerous Bible studies were conducted, some of which would need to be passed to the 2nd week team.

We were blessed to have our four sons to work with us in teaching at Christmas Island. Even Cassie was able to meet and encourage many new friends in the village. Attendance in the teen class grew to about 20 students each night, most of whom were not Christians. Lessons were taught on first principles and beyond. It was evident that these students were eager and interested in receiving these things from the Word of God. Several from the class asked very good questions about baptism, and it's likely that some will obey the Gospel during the 2nd week of the campaign. This was Noah's first time to teach a group Bible class, and he did a very good job, as did his brothers in personal work and teaching classes.



Max, Marilyn, &

Robin Newby (Forest Park) and Tye & Amanda Barnett (Spring Creek) were our co-workers for this first week of daily teaching. They labored each day with our family and local members to teach the lost and strengthen brethren. Marilyn & Robin were very well prepared to teach children's classes, plus a great help in soul winning each day. Max worked hard in teaching/preaching and was a encouragement to everyone he met. This was Amanda's first time on the field, and she did a wonderful job of teaching ladies classes and teaching house to house with Tye, who taught a fantastic Bible centered series on marriage. The eagerness of this couple in serving is what helps makes these efforts successful for the Lord's work.



## Establishing Churches & Laboring With Them

This month's Pacific Campaign provided evangelism, edification, and equipping. While in this issue we've only focused on the first week's work, in the next issue of Sonlight we look forward to sharing with you a report on the 2nd week's campaign work. In all, we thank God for the **15 precious people that obeyed the Gospel and also the one who was restored to the Lord!** Another very special effort in teaching was given to edifying and equipping members. This work indeed helped to further establish the two indigenous, self supporting congregations at Christmas Island. In every mission trip that we make to areas where the church has been established, we dedicate a good amount time to the work of edification through teaching. Likewise, training members to do the work of God is important, and this is accomplished through both the classroom and out in the field each day. For example, during the first week of the Pacific Campaign 2011, we sent out teams of 4 into some of the new settlement areas of Christmas Island. Local I-Kiribati Christians were on every team, working side-by-side with visiting team members. In doing so, they were "putting into practice" those things they had been learning in the Bible classes. Not only were they observing their fellow campaign workers doing the work, but they were also actively doing the work themselves! Teeua (photo at right) was just one of several who worked together with us each day of the two weeks of the campaign. She and her husband (Taukaro) are members at the Tabwakea congregation. They are working hard to help build up this new congregation. Others like Manuea and Anna Maria worked every day with us. Establishing churches and then laboring together with them for a period of training time is invaluable to the long range growth of these isolated congregations. RE

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