

# 2024



## NEW YEAR LETTER

*from the desk of the*  
**PACIFIC Regional  
 DIRECTOR**

**To Our PACIFIC REGION Family,**

In obedience to the LORD, Moses gave the command to the twelve spies to determine how the land, inhabited and entrenched by strongmen, could be conquered. Ten of the twelve faltered, forgetting their assignment was not “if” the land could be conquered, but rather, “how.”

As we anticipate a New Year in His service **Together To Gather**, let us not forget our God-given assignment! He is not asking IF we should send laborers to our UNreached Indigenous Tribes, Isles, and People of our Region and beyond, but rather, He is asking us to determine HOW!

**2023 was a Year of Propitious IMPACT.** The PACIFIC Regional God-ordained events were pivotal, significant, and of historic great consequence. We have been catapulted by the Spirit at the long awaited PAC Strategic Planning Meeting in Bali, the first ever Philippine Summit, the first ever Asia / Pacific Youth Conference (APYC), and first ever national Prayer Summits.

Ladies and Gentlemen, in following the divine leading of our Wonderful Counselor, 2024 must find us Going Forward Together in the implementation of our defined mission objectives as we **Pray! Plan! Prepare! and Proceed!**

**Strategic Prayers lead to Strategic Encounters!**

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**We exist to accomplish a shared mission.**



To accomplish our shared mission of reaching our UNreached Tribes, Isles, and People groups, we remain ever cognizant that our **VISION** must also continue to grow and expand as we **prayerfully implement our national strategic plans to reach, disciple, and establish.** Intentionality is the daily requirement.

#### The 2023 Annual Field Report Statistics:

Constituents: **1,609,120**

**New Water Baptized: 18,847**

**New Spirit Baptized: 12,917**

**Newly Licensed Ministers: 235 (total: 5,628)**

**Newly Established churches: 120 (total: 4,112)**

How rewarding to see our vibrant **BIBLE SCHOOLS and training programs** maintain a high level of integrity and excellent academic standard as these elements constitute the very foundation of our ministerial training!



We are so grateful for every Administrator and Instructor who have poured themselves into the lives of our students! We are also appreciative to our **PAC GATS Regl Coordinator, Rev. Troy Wickett**, for his dedicated labor and guidance, particularly with GATS Faculty Edu Seminars.

**1,004 students** were enrolled in our **46 Bible School locations** in the Region last year -- with a total of **318 Graduates!** **Our mission sending capacity is generated by the scope of our training competency.**



#### PAC REGIONAL MISSIONS

**Regional Missionary to Kiribati, Rev. & Mrs. Dan Vitayaki**, reports a total of **182 water baptisms and 40 filled with the Holy Spirit in 2023!**

What a move of God transpired during our PAC Regional Strategic Planning Meeting in Bali as Pacific nation after nation gave an initial love offering and pledged **56,800USD** to the church building project—and more funds came in! **2024 plans** are to dedicate the new facility at the **10th Anniversary this November**, along with the 1st batch of GATS Bible School Graduates.

## 2024 PACIFIC CALENDAR of EVENTS

### January 2-6

Australia Conference

### January 9-11

Planning For Progress/StL

### January 11-13

Global Edu Mtg / STL

### January 16-18

BOTT 2024

### February 14-18

Philippine Conference

### March 4

PAC Regl Day of Prayer

### March 22-24

Timor-Leste / 20th Ann

### March 27-29

Asia/Pac Men's Conf/Mla

### April 15

PAC Annual Field Report Deadline

### April 29-May 10

School of Missions / (Global Missions Board Mtgs / May 6-10)

### May 15

PAC Steering Committee Mtg (Virtual)

### May 19

Pentecost Sunday

### May 31-June 1

Area Coordinator's Mtg

### June 14-24

AYC Fiji

### June 19-23

American Samoa Conf

### June 27-30

Micronesia Conf

### July 4-7

Tonga Conference

Philippines/GATS Fac Ed

### July 16-18

Planning For Progress/StL

### July 19-29

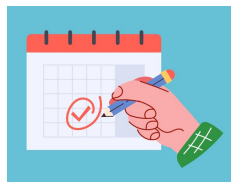
AYC New Zealand



## TIMOR-LESTE

will be celebrating their **20th Anniversary** this coming **March 2024**! This missions work has remarkably progressed under the care and leadership of the UPC of Australia, and Regl Missionaries, **Rev. & Mrs. Michael Perry**.

The **PAC STEERING COMMITTEE** will be meeting virtually on **May 15, 2024 Pacific time**, as well as an **Area Coordinator Meeting** on **May 31-June 1, 2024** to keep us on target.



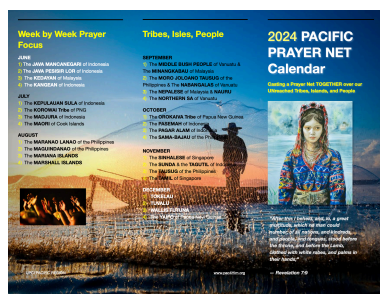
## HONOR to WHOM HONOR!

The Region had 2 newly elected / appointed Superintendents in 2023:

1. **PHILIPPINES** / Rev. Ceasar Pestano
2. **TIMOR-LESTE** / Rev. Silvester Randut

Our prayers are with each of these men as they fulfill their responsibilities and serve their nations in godly, visionary leadership.

## 2024 PRAYER FOCUS:



As we daily breathe the names of **UNreached Tribes, Isles, and People** before Him in prayer, we can be absolutely confident that strategic doors of opportunity will be opened unto us to reach these millions of souls within our shores.

*Thank you to Sister Buckland, our Regional Prayer Coordinator, for her time and labor of love in coordinating and promoting our Regional Prayer Ministry.*

## 2024 PACIFIC CALENDAR of EVENTS, continued

### July 24-28

Samoa Conference

### August 5-7

LDI Philippines

### August 22-25

Vanuatu Conference

### August 29-31

Malaysia Conference

### September 27-29

Global Missions Brd Mtgs

### September 30-Oct 1

UPCI General Brd Mtgs

### October 1-4

UPCI GenConf / Long Beach, CA

### October 17-20

Papua New Guinea's 50th Anniversary Conf

### October 25-27

New Zealand Conference

### November 15-17

Kiribati's 10th Ann Celebration

**December 4-8** (dates not confirmed)

Fiji Conference

Singapore DCD

Conference

## 2025 Events:

### March 3

PAC Regl Day of Prayer

### March 17

PAC Steering Committee Mtg / Osaka, Japan

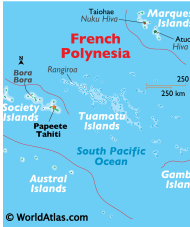
### March 18-20

Executive Global Council / Osaka, Japan

**2025 AYC:** West Malaysia (Lonnie Vestal's, Host)

**2025 Next Steps:** East Malaysia (Stephen Rodriguez's, Host)





## FRENCH POLYNESIA

As the Region has been praying together for **open doors** in these beautiful French speaking islands, God has provided two **qualified French speaking couples** to go and **pioneer** a work in these islands stretching over more than 2,000 K of ocean.

Please pray for our newly appointed AMP Couples to French Polynesia as they are

currently raising their budgets with plans to arrive on location this coming 2024 :

- \* Rev. Pablo and Mrs Joann **CIMACHOWICZ** & son, Paul
- \* Rev. Anthony and Mrs. Noralyn **PIO** & son, David



## 2023 New Missionary Appointment

### The STEPHEN and EMILY RODRIGUEZ Family (Malaysia)



(presently deputizing)

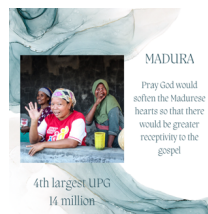
### 2023 AMPers:



~The Desi **LUGO** Family,  
~The Matthew **NASH** Family, and  
~The Jesse **THOMAS**'s

### Some of our largest Pacific

### UNreached People Groups



**A cross-centered life does not come naturally, but is supernaturally learned as we daily crucify our personal desires in order to become a "living sacrifice" for His Kingdom purpose.**



## CHAMPIONS of the FAITH

“See you on that Great Day!”

2023 found us saying **earthly “Farewells”** to several of our outstanding **“Comrades and Heroes of the Faith.”** These great men, so deeply loved and respected, gave themselves entirely, serving their nations with exemplary integrity and godly leadership.

We apologize that we cannot list all of our Pacific ministers who have passed this year, though we do grieve each loss. We rejoice in your Victory! We honor each one!

**Rev. Alfredo Bodegas** (*Philippines, Supt UPCPI*)  
**Rev. Geoff Holden** (*1st Australian Supt of UPCA*)  
**Rev. Peter Russell** (*New Zealand, Supt UPC*)  
**Rev. Jagjeet Singh** (*Malaysia, Western Dist Supt*)

## WITH APPRECIATION from your REGIONAL DIRECTOR and Wife ...

My wife and I are truly humbled to serve alongside our Missionary Team, our Superintendents, National Leaders and Ministers all across the beautiful Pacific Region.

Time and time again, we have witnessed your depth of love for God and His Kingdom work, even during periods of extreme challenge. We have noticed the sacrifices quietly made to see His church and His people advance.

It is our sincere prayer that 2024 will find you, your families, your ministries, your churches, and your nations abundantly blessed.

The Pacific is truly blessed with such a dedicated team of godly men and women of God. We love you all.



**North Pacific / Area Coordinator,**  
**Roger Buckland** Brunei / Guam /  
 Indonesia / Malaysia / Mariana &  
 Marshall Islands / Micronesia /  
 Nauru / Palau / Philippine Islands /  
 Singapore

**Central Pacific / Area**  
**Coordinator, Peter Gration** American  
 Samoa / Fiji / Kiribati / Papua New  
 Guinea / Samoa / Solomon Islands /  
 Tonga / Tuvalu / Vanuatu

**South Pacific / Area Coordinator,**  
**Eddy Kennedy** Australia / Cook  
 Islands / East Timor / French  
 Polynesia / New Caledonia /  
 New Caledonia / New  
 Zealand / Niue Wallis



## MARCH 4, 2024 PAC REGIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**\*ALWAYS HELD ON THE  
FIRST MONDAY OF MARCH  
EACH YEAR**