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## INTRODUCTION

**“Heavenly father, we come before you with our hearts full of gratitude and tremendous joy for your protection, guidance and love for all of us throughout the year 2024 up till 2025. We give honor and glory to your most gracious and loving name to continue to be with each one of us, that we may serve according to thy will. Amen”**

## New Head Builder

- ✓ **As SWIM officially opened for 2025, we also welcomed our new Head Builder Mr. John Mark, whom hails from North Malaita and married to Miss Martina Gegeu.**  
**“I am so privileged and honored to be part of a ministry as SWIM that involves around our neighboring communities and that its core foundation is helping others through mission and worship. I look forward to working with SWIM and help impact lives”.**  
**SWIM also opened the year with staff Monday devotion before all things. Word of thanks and praise from SWIM Pastor to commence the first day of work for 2025.**



**\*Pictured above; SWIM team first picture for 2025.**

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

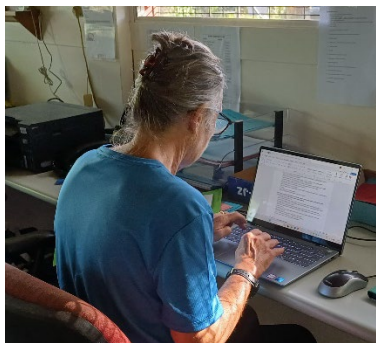
- ✓ **Pr. Michael Light conducted a leadership training for community Church Leaders which had an amazing turn out on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb & 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. “Empowering to lead”, the theme not only helped our leaders to lead with love but helps them to help their communities by leading them towards God.**



**\*Local Church leaders with SWIM Pastor Michael Light during the leadership training.**

## **NEW BASE MANAGERS**

- ✓ **SWIM base welcomes its new base managers, Johannes & Karin Van Straten and their lovely dog Loba. They arrived safely to the Solomon Islands and we thank you all for your prayers towards the preparations. “I am very happy to be here, feel very welcomed and this is a beautiful place with beautiful people and we are excited to be part of this SWIM base”, - Karin Van Straten.**



**\*Johannes & Karin Vanstraten during their first arrival, with SWIM staff and first weeks of work at the SWIM base.**

## **SWIM Ministries**

- ✓ **SWIM ministries begin with Trauma healing sessions for the Women’s ministry, Children’s ministry and Youth ministry. The SITHA team conducted a 3 course for our ministries and it was incredible to see how it really impacted the lives of the children and youths to overcome the traumas and stress they may face at home, schools and amongst their friends.**



**\*Pictured above, children and SWIM staffs with women’s ministry with SITHA facilitators.**

### **CROSS ROAD MINISTRY**

- ✓ **Crossroad prison ministry continues its teaching lessons. Currently the inmates are on lesson 5, “The great truth of the Bible” and “Who is Jesus”. The cross road ministry also looks after the release pack for inmates. Inmates shed tears of Joy and thanks for the packs gifted to them as they were not expecting any form of gift to be given to them. “I am thankful, and humbled to be given this gift. It is just what I would need to start my life outside prison”, emphasized one inmate. Pr Michael Light with Janet Light continues to do weekly crossroad ministry at the Correctional center every Tuesdays.**



**\*Pictured above & below Pr Michael with Correctional officers with Inmates receiving their gift packs and Pr Michael doing cross road teaching in the prison.**



**\*Copy right, SWIM media is yet to obtain media entry to take pictures, these pictures are obtained from officers at the Correctional Facilities.**

## **TESTIMONIALS**



**“My name is Nelly Tabe, and I live just opposite of SWIM base at Agape Community. I was so privileged to be invited to join the Trauma healing session at the SWIM base for youths. It has helped me understand that trauma and wombs are scars inside our hearts that is naked to the eyes but heavy in our hearts. Wounds inside our hearts can lead to trauma or even worse. This will impact and help myself as I am a teenager and peer pressure is an issue I normally face. I now learn to understand myself fully, respect myself and others and must always seek God before anything and everything. Thank you so much SWIM for the incredible workshop.”**



**“Halo olgeta, my name is Alick Mau. Iam 13 yrs old and I have been joining the SWIM children’s ministry when I was 5yrs old until now joining the Youth ministry. I have learnt a lot and SWIM have and will always have a big impact in my life. SWIM have taught me a lot about the bible, how to be brave in public and how to be kind. I joined the trauma healing and I have learnt that my I need to change my attitude towards my friends and my families. SWIM have done so much for me and my friends and we always look forward on the weekly ministries, to play and learn the bible. Tagio Tumas and God bless”.**



**“My name is Pr John Tolossi from the New Light Ministry, Assembly of God located at Gilbert Camp. I was invited to Join the ‘Leadership program’ conducted by Pr Michael Light at the SWIM base. It was a two days’ workshop and it was amazing. As the workshop not only helped us to get together but it strengthens our faith and our devotion for God, to share God’s love. This will not only impact my life but my community as I will bring forth these trainings to my community and church. Thank you SWIM for hosting and facilitating this training and I forward to more trainings from SWIM in the future.”**



## **PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS**

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- ✓ Praise God for the crossroad prison ministries, there were testimony of change and freedom from the inmates who are doing our Bible study program.
- ✓ Praise God, for the safe arrival of our new base managers Jon and Karin on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, at our Lunnga base Solomon Islands.
- ✓ Praise God, for SWIM staff 2025, a great team spirit as we start our SWIM base ministry for 2025.

### **Prayer Points**

- ✓ SWIM Ministry in the Solomon Islands for continuing network with the SICA, SIGFA and the churches in the Solomon Islands.
- ✓ Pray for SWIM projects near completion, the Katova High School and the Kwaninafala water project. Pray for arrival of materials and the arrangement and preparations of work for these projects.
- ✓ Pray for the leadership training that will be happening on the 1st to 3<sup>rd</sup> of April in Auki, Malaita. We pray that the leadership preparations will go according to thy will.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Massive thank you to each and every one that have always helped SWIM Solomon Islands in one way or another. Through your prayers, your thanksgiving, your help and your love we have been able to impact lives throughout the communities and across the provinces and we will continue to do so. Thank you, Tagio tumas and may God bless you all.