

# CHURCHWARD CHAPEL

## METHODIST CHURCH IN FIJI & ROTUMA

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### PROJECT MANNA NEWS:

Noa'ia 'e māuri and greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Last year we sent you a brief on Project Manna, a project that aims to bring all Rotumans together in a collective Rotuman thanksgiving contriution to the church, in recognition of the divine blessings and grace of the Almighty, bestowed on the island of Rotuma and its people.

In accordance with this aim of Project Manna, Rotumans have been most humbly invited as part of this worldwide Rotuman thanksgiving effort, to make a voluntary donation of a **unit** (\$1000) or **part of a unit**.

The intention is to have such donations collected as part of Project Manna and forwarded as Rotuma's contribution when Rotuma opens the Methodist Church's SOLEVU in this year's Methodist Church Conference.

Throughtout the history of the church this will be the first time that the Rotuman people will make such a landmark contribution in opening the *Solevu*. We therefore take this opportunity to invite you to be part of this collective Rotuman contribution in order that each and every Rotuman may identify with this Thanksgiving Sacrifice.

Since our last letter we have continued to receive "pledges" and cash donations from as far as Australia and New Zealand. If you have already made a pledge or donation we express our heartfelt gratitude; and if you have yet to make your pledge or donation we are also most grateful as we have faith that you will soon express your support for Project Manna. As we draw nearer to the month of August when Rotuma will open the Methodist Church's *Solevu* we humbly seek your assistance so that we can attain our target of a million dollars!

This letter thus is another invitation to you and your family to join other Rotumans on the day of the opening of the *Solevu* when, with our chiefs and people from the island, we shall present our contribution in celebration and style. It is planned that this celebration at the *Solevu* opening will also include a few anthem songs and "*mak ká' pelu*" with a "*hafa*" (a thousand dancers?) to conclude the event. Your participation is thus most welcome. Venues and dates for the required practices will be made known later. We look forward to you and your family being part of this celebration. Please contact the Churchward Chapel office for any queries.

The Project Manna committee offers our sincere appreciation for your support and contribution. This occasion will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all Rotumans to come together in thanksgiving and celebration of the divine grace and blessings that we have enjoyed in the past, today, and no doubt in the future. May God bless you and your family.

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