



WOMEN IN MINISTRY (PACIFIC)

PRAY FOR DAPHNEY

From **Papua New Guinea**
Studying a **Master of Theology**
at **Pacific Theological College, Fiji**



Research topic: **Wantok Ministry for Justice:** A pastoral response towards women's rights issues in Papua New Guinea for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG

Daphney says: *"I plan to use what I learn to go back and work with the church ministry, developing a Ministry framework that would respond to the needs of the local church or community in terms of social justice issues to safeguard the human dignity of all people."*

"My inspirations are my grandparents ... [they] inspire me with their stories of evangelism. Their ministry is a "wantok ministry" in the sense that they minister to their wantok Papua New Guineans in the strangest places, sometimes in their farms in the jungles or up in the mountains or beside a river. I am inspired by their ability to adapt to different languages and cultures, their perseverance and their passion to serve God and His people."

Prayer requests:

- for the continued struggles of rights and freedom in West Papua
- for the Kanaky people and their struggles for freedom
- for all countries who are at war, for the innocent man, women and children suffering
- for my mother who has been diagnosed with kidney failure and is awaiting dialysis



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PRAY FOR GERALDINE

From **Fiji**

Studying a **PhD in Theology**
at **Pacific Theological College, Fiji**



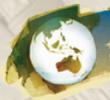
Research topic: **An Interfaith Reading of Hagar and Ishmael in Genesis 16 and 21 through the lens of Tefui and a Contribution to Pacific Biblical Hermeneutics on Interfaith Dialogue.** A *tefui* hermeneutic speaks of equality and how such understanding can help people recognise and identify how they view each other despite their ethnicity, religion, age, or gender.

During the pandemic, Geraldine has been volunteering with the Fiji Ministry of Health as a counsellor and contact tracer. Geraldine says: "I would like to thank UnitingWorld and Uniting Church for your kind support towards my family. We pray that God will continue to bless you all abundantly and keep you all safe."

Who inspires you? "My sister. She is not a theologian, but her experiences in building networks with other fields such as health, farming, business sector, aviation, community building has taught me that building a network with people from different organisations is very important. She inspires me to love and care for the animals. She always reminds me that theory and practice go together."

Prayer requests

- Please pray for my studies and family
- Please pray for people to be kind to animals



WOMEN IN MINISTRY (PACIFIC)

PRAY FOR SUSANA

From **Fiji**

Studying a **Master of Theology**
at **Pacific Theological College, Fiji**



Research topic: **The Book of Habakkuk Can Offer Insights of Modern Fijian Society in Terms of the Silence of God in the Face of Suffering, and Divine and Human Responses to Suffering.**

Susana says: *"My topic is about suffering and silence in the Fijian modern context. There are many suffering in our world today. Some are hidden and some are not. Fiji has undergone a transition period, whereby people suffer due to the changing of leadership. Through abuse of power in the government and the Vanua. People live in fear and suffering. I used the book of Habakkuk to revisit a new meaning of suffering and silence in the Fijian context."*

"I want to thank the Uniting Church in Australia for their kind donors in my studies. I believe without their support and assistance, I wouldn't be here last year and this year. I pray that the good Lord will continue to bless the Uniting Church in Australia."

Prayer requests

- Pray for my studies and thesis writing
- Pray for my family