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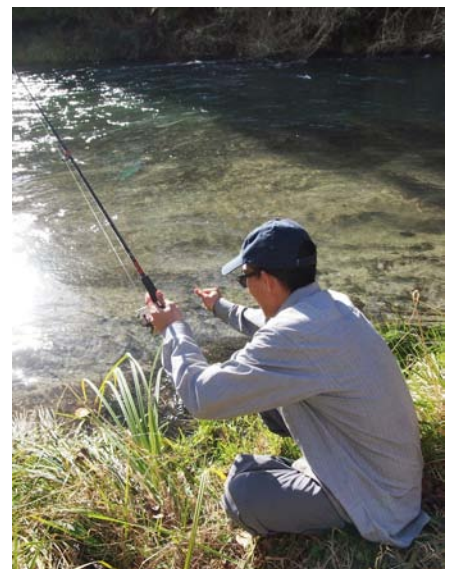
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Student Life

The SPBC students have been very busy this quarter. Some, like Brianna, have volunteered in the community with painting run-down buildings. Others, like O, have taken time to be outdoors fishing. He fishes frequently, but on most outings he anticipates the abundance of fish his wife, Nid, will

catch. Andrew Redmayne and his classmates spent three days during Work Week gardening and cleaning the SPBC grounds and the student flats. Cristy Neves made a Maori specialty called fry-bread. We see examples of fishing, serving, and cooking in the Bible. We are proud of our students for embracing those parts of life.





2nd year student, Nathan Miller, helped with gardening during Work Week.



2nd year student, James Lee, has been enjoying his studies this quarter.



2nd year student, Matraca Toro, helped paint a building in the Parkvale community.



Steve agreed to the students' request to teach Personal Development 3 outside on a sunny Spring day.

From the Principal's Desk

By:
Steve Raine,
Principal



Our focus this month is student life. Our students are the reason for our ministry, and it is a joy for us to be a part of their ongoing transformation. Take a careful look at their faces in these photos and see what you notice. These are not poses for publicity purposes but a real reflection of the journey of the transformation they experience. We have noticed in the last few years an increased passion for learning to be matched with service. By their own initiative, students have recently

started visiting retirement homes for the elderly. This has grown into a group going two or three times a month for singing, visitation and encouragement. Others are involved in weekly Bible studies with the youth at Otumoetai.

On our part, SPBC has placed high value on providing quality service for our students. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Roger Craig has been our Dean

of Students for the last seven years. He has moved on but his passion and commitment to the lives of the students has been abundantly obvious. We now welcome



1st year students, Raj and Dea Buo, are dedicated to their studies.

Gill Raine to the team as a continuing part of our transitions this year. Gill helped serve in this capacity in the past and is eager to once again be more involved in the lives and welfare of our students.

Academics: Supportive Wives in Student Life



By:
David Nelson
Dean of
Academics

The students focus of study and reflection for the 3rd quarter centred on the following subjects

and capable teachers: Church History 1 (Stuart Penhall, Gosford, Australia), Church History 2 (Dr. Doug Foster, Abilene Christian University, Texas), Hebrews (Terry Brown, Abilene, TX), Corinthians Letters (Mike Austin, Tauranga), Prison Letters and Personal Development 3 (Steve Raine, Tauranga). Once again we want to thank each of our teachers for sharing their lives, knowledge and skills with us.

We have four married couples in the Bible College this year. All of them are full-time students except for two wives, Nid (Chiang Mai, Thailand) and Suli (Auckland, New Zealand). Although they are not enrolled in the Bible College, they are very much involved in the life of the



O and Nid Suriyavong with Suli and Peter Roberts during a student boat trip.

students in various ways. Besides being very supportive of their student-husbands, they regularly attend our morning devotionals as well as participate in our morning teas and weekly student/staff lunches. They are often up at the Bible College visiting with the students and their husbands during the breaks. They are excellent at hospitality and entertain students and staff in their homes regularly. They have occasionally sat in on some classes as audit students and have bitten the bullet this quarter by

enrolling in the Corinthians class as credit students. We are so blessed to have them among us while their husbands are in school. They encourage us in many, many ways. Thank you Nid and Suli for being supportive wives and sisters in the faith to our SPBC family.



Top: Andrew Gearhart taught Philemon to the students using an interactive approach.

Bottom Left: 2nd year student, Lucas Rothlisberger, helped trim hedges during Work Week.

Bottom Right: SPBC women joined the Otumoetai ladies for a morning tea to celebrate September birthdays.



Feature: Honour and Shame in Student Life



By:
Mike Austin,
SPCEF

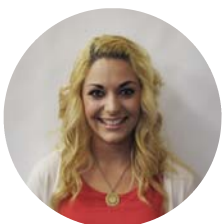
There is something about not being too “PC” in the classroom that I think students actually appreciate, if not enjoy! At the commencement of every class I provide opportunities for students to explore the issues of honour and shame as we apply the Seventh Law of Teaching: Review! Review! Review! It is a great honour, or shame, to be the last “man” standing! It is a great honour, or shame, to be gunned down by the “Yellow Rose of Thailand” in a showdown at SPBC corral! It is a great honour, or shame, to be bought and sold in Mike’s Share Market! As for boys



Mike quizzing students, Nid and Raj, during one of the SPBC showdowns!

against girls... Well, as we all know, girls rule! I am convinced that learning should have an element of fun that helps with engagement and class spirit as well as understanding! I took it as a compliment that one of my students wrote on a Subject and Teacher Evaluation, “I feel safe in your classes”! So despite what you might hear from my past or present students, no students were harmed in the writing of this article, but some have been significantly honoured.

Student Column: Giving Back



By:
Telah Louriero
1st Year Student,
California

Matraca, Bri, Sam, Bradi, Bex and I spent the afternoon at Bayfair Mall. Upon arrival we entered one of the first shoe stores we spotted. As Matraca paid for nail polish a woman from a “giving-back group” began talking to her. This lady’s job was to pick random customers and give them \$40 to use in the store! Matraca immediately said she wanted to



split the money amongst her friends. We excitedly went throughout the shoe store picking items to purchase. A few months ago some of us had done a \$10 challenge where we had to bless people in the community using \$10. Now we were being blessed, and it was an act of kindness that I will never forget!

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Mission Statement

South Pacific Bible College exists to transform lives
through the inspiration of God’s Word to multiply
Christ-Followers in the world.

