



## The Spotlight - July 2019



*If we had lived just 150 years ago, and the Lord had sent us to Fiji, we might not have been eating Fijian food; we may well have been Fijian food! It's hard to believe that cannibalism was such a recent practice here in Fiji, but this month, besides finding ourselves in the very area where the last westerner, Rev. Thomas Baker, was killed and eaten in 1867, we also discovered that the missionaries who followed him had practices that were just as barbaric and could never be described as reflective of Jesus Christ. Still, it's not our role, or that of any Christian, to focus upon criticising and condemning others, but rather to focus upon what God is trying to teach us on a personal level in order that we may bless His name, for we all have much to learn.*

*That said, He does have work for all of us to do whilst we learn, and we're thankful for everyone He has called us to work and walk alongside in this ministry. We also love seeing Him bless the work of every volunteer, which this month has included the launch of a new initiative. Thanks to John Chong (Website Design and Management) sermon transcripts with discussion questions are now freely downloadable from the online office, and thanks to Christy Ng and Sonali Ahlawat Haer, the first one is now available in Chinese and Hindi, meaning that people in both of these huge nations can download, be sent or given sermon texts written in their own language.*

*Many hands make light work and we really enjoy working with people who love the Lord and want to use some of their free time to serve with the gifts He has given them. If you'd like to get involved in any way, we'd be delighted to welcome you on team. Check out the newly released volunteer video created by Chris via the 'Get Involved' link on our website home page to discover the opportunities available.*

*As always, members of the preaching team have busy this past month, too, and Jim, Simon & Obert have been featured speaking on the following topics. With one simple click, you can listen to any of the messages that interest you.*

- [1. Simon shares how God removes stress and worry from all who want relief.](#)
- [2. Obert reveals how we can handle persecution and remain standing strong.](#)
- [3. Jim shows how 'fortitude' will benefit us if we employ it in our Christian walk.](#)
- [4. Jim explores the concept of 'prudence' and its value to mankind.](#)

*Well, we look forward to being in touch again next month, and of course, replying to any emails received before then, but for now we simply wish you a very blessed month of July.*

*In Christ,  
Jim & Elaine*

***For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function.***

*(Romans 12:4)*

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