

Chapter 15

Fiji



Located in the South Pacific, Fiji is an archipelago of more than 300 islands. It is famed for rugged landscapes, palm-lined beaches, and coral reefs with clear lagoons. The major islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu contain most of the population. Viti Levu is home to the capital, Suva, a port city with British colonial architecture. The population, as of 2025, was estimated at 932,445 people (up from 309,514 in 1950) and growing at a steady pace.



ROBERT SIAKIMOTU - OAC INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST

Since the late 1980s, OAC has been involved in evangelism in the South Pacific, including Vanuatu, Fiji, the Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, and the Solomon Islands. Within this group of countries, Fiji is the only established OAC branch at this time; however, there is an open door in all these countries to proclaim the gospel in the outdoors and schools, as well as to equip and mobilize local Christians for effective evangelism. International evangelist and former OACI president, Robert Siakimotu (OAC New Zealand), makes regular visits to all of these countries.



REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE USING THE SKETCHBOARD



Robert Siakimotu pioneered the islands in two trips, in 1988 and 1989. He was able to establish a solid, ongoing work by 1994. Still, it wasn't until 1996-97 that all the legal paperwork was complete, and OAC Ministries (Fiji) Inc. became officially registered with and recognized by the government of this island nation. Eroni Racule (former national director) and Tevita Tamani (Suva Branch) have been promoted to heaven. Today, the ministry includes regular open-air ministry on the

streets, village evangelism, prison ministries, and training others to conduct effective open-air ministry. Outreach in high schools and primary schools also takes place.



In recent days, our open-air meetings and school programs have attracted a good number of people who listen intently to the messages we share. Many individuals have responded openly to the invitations we give to anyone who wants to trust and follow the Lord Jesus. Several churches and church leaders are realizing that God is opening doors for the church in Fiji to reach many unchurched people with the gospel and to disciple those who come to Christ. As of this writing, the current staff includes Samu Civo (Director), Daniel Wye (staff evangelist in the northern



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SAMU PROCLAIMING CHRIST AT THE SKETCHBOARD

provinces), and Apolosi Ting, who works alongside Samu in Lautoka. Peter Kwong Wah and Suka Taufa are committee members, along with Mr. Maloni Bole, Mrs. Bale Wilikibau, Mr. Save Matawalu, and Mrs. Vika Nasome. Robert Siakimotu ministers outside of the committee representing the Overseas Ministries Branch (OMB) on the OAC Fiji Committee.

