

Chapter 15

Fiji



Since the late 1980s, OAC has been involved in evangelism work in the South Pacific in countries like Vanuatu, Fiji, Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, PNG, Tuvalu, and the Solomon Islands. Fiji is the only established OAC branch at this point in time, but there is certainly an open door in all these countries in proclaiming the gospel in the outdoors and schools, as well as equipping and mobilizing the local Christians in effective evangelism.

International evangelist and former OACI president, Robert Siakimotu (OAC New Zealand) makes regular visits to all of these countries.



ROBERT SIAKIMOTU - OAC INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST

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 estimated population, as of 2023, was 936,375 people and growing at a steady pace.



REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE USING THE SKETCHBOARD



Robert Siakimotu pioneered the islands in two trips, 1988 and 1989. He was able to establish a solid, ongoing work by 1994, but 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 program have attracted a good number of people who listened intently to the message we shared with them. Many individuals responded openly to the invitation we gave for anyone who wanted to trust and follow the Lord Jesus. A number of churches and church leaders are realizing that God is opening the doors for the church in Fiji to reach many unchurched people with the gospel and disciple the people who come to Christ.



SHARING THE GOSPEL IN THE OPEN AIR CAN TAKE PLACE ANYWHERE, REACHING YOUNG AND OLD



SAMU PROCLAIMING AT THE SKETCHBOARD

As of this writing, current staff include Samu Civo (Director), Daniel Wye (staff evangelist in the northern provinces), and Apolosi Ting who works alongside Samu in Lautoka. Peter Kwong Wah and Suka Taufu 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.

