



Message From Bayly Welfare/Education, Lautoka Chairperson Ms Stella Smith

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

As we approach the end of another year, we must thank the Good Lord for His providence, and loving kindness to us all. It has been a good year despite the recession that our country and the world is going through.

There was much excitement at Bayly Welfare Lautoka, in the weeks and days leading up to our Annual Prize Giving Day which was held on the 12th December, 2009.

Radhika and Tracey bought gifts and goodies, and the volunteers lovingly and carefully wrapped them making sure that the correct names were tagged on each gift.

Decorations had to be put up, lunch and drinks organized, morning tea arranged, salusalus to be ordered. the Christmas Tree to be delivered and



Lautoka Committee with prize recipients

decorated and so on. Yes, there was much to do.

On Saturday morning, dark clouds hovered over the Western Sky but we were determined to make the day an exiting one for the children and families.

Everything turned out perfectly, despite the showers of blessing that came down for a brief moment. There was lots to eat and drink and Father Christmas gave out gifts to all the children.

Two of our senior students did very well in the duties that were assigned to them. Janice Patricia Narayan a form 6 student of Jasper William High School was the MC and Romika Sathya Kumar a fourth former at Lautoka Central College moved the vote of thanks at the end of the programme.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go to Radhika, Tracy and Rishi, our volunteers - Eliza, Isobel, Barbara, Lucy, Rosie, Elina and Margaret.

My thanks also to Mrs. Swamy, Vishaal, Taka, Rozika, Kamshin, Erica and Mr. Newton.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

2009 Bayly Education Prize Giving Ceremony

The Bayly Education Annual Prize Giving Ceremony commenced in 2003 when the Board of Trustees together with the Welfare/Education Almoners and their respective Committees felt that it was important that our students be rewarded for their consistent attendance and academic achievements at school. This is indeed a joyful occasion for the children and their families and is full of excitement for all those who attend. Guests treasure the smiles and excitement on the faces of these children when their names are called and they step up to receive their prizes.

This year, the ceremony was held on Saturday 12th December 2009 at all three Education Centers; Suva, Lautoka and Labasa. These three Centers hosted the

event on the same day and we ensure that the media provide coverage of this very special event.

It was with great pleasure that Fiji Water Foundation accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest at all three centres. They have funded a substantial portion of the education funding to our children for



*Mr. Vijay Pillay (Fiji Water Ltd)
with Suva prize recipients*

the year 2009, and this was our way of publically acknowledging this fact.

In addition, ANZ Bank, when approached, were kind enough to provide full financial support for the hosting of this ceremony at all three centres. There were in excess of 350 children who were awarded academic achievement and other prizes and xmas presents and together with their families were hosted to lunch and drinks after the official formalities had been completed.

Once again the JP Bayly Trust together with its three education centres takes this opportunity to formally thank the Fiji Water Foundation, the ANZ Bank and numerous other individual and corporate donors for their very generous support during the year, and past years. We hope that this generosity of spirit will continue in years to come.

X-mas distribution at Bayly Welfare Labasa



Mr .Ram Sewak receiving X-mas pack from staff Krishna, Milika and Satish

Bayly Welfare, Labasa was once again proud to be able to distribute x-mas packs this festive season. The combined hard work of volunteers, staff and committee members was what enabled us to be able to prepare this packs . Our Labasa branch was able to collect a few extra dollars to cater for extra goodies for the festive season. Our Labasa centre has 150 registerd cases and 50unregisterd cases and they will all be receiving the packs for x-mas. The packs include 3 x 1 litre juice, 2 tins of fruit, I packet cookies, 1 packet cream biscuits and 1 packet of bhuja.

Our families were so grateful to receive these xmas packs and one such person was Mr Ram Sewak who couldn't hide his emotions. Mr Sewak is 75yrs of age and is from Bulileka. He lives with his 69yr old wife and two grown up sons, and he is the one who looks after them all. With tears in his eyes he told us that both his sons are unfit to work which puts on extra burden on him to look after the whole family.

He smilingly says thank you with all his heart, for the support that he receives from Bayly Welfare Labasa. He says without their help, he wouldn't have been able to overcome the constant food shortage in his home.

Bayly Welfare, Labasa, would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to those that have provided financial support to us in order for us to continue our distribution of normal food packs and festive season food packs.

Merry X-mas and Happy New Year to you all.

It is Christmas Again



Volunteers - Shanta and Shanti distributing Christmas parcel

Bayly Welfare Suva with the generous donation from individuals and various organizations put together a Christmas hamper to brighten the festive season for the less fortunate families.

Christmas is one festival that all are looking forward to. Even the school children look forward to the Christmas break. Elderly, sick and suffering, poor or rich look forward to receive something special during this festive season. Bayly

Welfare Suva have not forgotten those less fortunate families and has endeavoured to look after them year in year out.

This Christmas is a memorable one for every recipient of Bayly Welfare Suva, when they receive a large Christmas hamper. We would like to extend our hearty thanks to all the donors who made our endeavours possible. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Moce Jo!!

Christmas Action At Bayly Welfare

By Rosie Chaudhary

Volunteer & Committee Member

As the saying goes- "if you are a student, Health lost Something lost, Wealth lost Nothing lost and Education lost Everything lost.....". As such, being a volunteer of the Bayly Welfare/ Bayly Education Fund, our reward is stored up in HEAVEN.

I have been with this organisation for the last twelve years and I really admire the way our Prize Giving Ceremony has been organized by our Bayly Almoner with our Education Officer, Committee Members, volunteers and not forgetting all the assistance provided to us from individuals and organization throughout the year.

Gifts are provided for all the children, in some form. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded for each year from Class 1 to Form 7. In addition, there are other prizes awarded. A good number of families and their children come to the prize giving function which is normally held in December. The Almoner's even organize Father Christmas to be there



adding his Christmas cheer.

Another important part of the program is the way in which the lunch is prepared and enjoyed by all. Looking at the faces of the children says it all... just how happy and important they feel on this very special day.

I, as a Committee Member and a Volunteer of the Bayly family, in Lautoka, would like to thank our Almoner- Mrs Sarojni Michael, Education Officer- Miss Radhika, Committee Members and fellow Volunteers for all the hard work they have put in over the years.. Regards to All & Have a Great Christmas.

Happy 2010....ENJOY!

Farewell Rosaline Durand



In 1986 she first visited Fiji with a working group, and at that time she never thought she would be returning to Fiji, but in 1991 her husband accepted a position in Suva for 5 years. These were the best 5 years in her life as she was involved in various organizations as a volunteer, but the Bayly Welfare became a great part of her life and still continues to be.

They left Fiji in 1996 but she returned frequently and always make time to help at the Bayly Welfare/Education.

Every time she visits she meets new volunteers, and she feel a great honour in being able to work for such a worthy organization whose major aim is caring for the less privileged.

Rosaline Durand now resides in Adelaide, South Australia.

Smiling Lady at the Service of Less fortunate People

Milika Curu is very proud to be employed by the Bayly Welfare centre and have been serving the less fortunate people of Labasa for the past ten years. She joined Bayly Welfare Labasa as a volunteer back in 1999 and hasn't looked back since then. She worked as a volunteer for the Women's Crisis Centre, before joining this organization and she is very thankful to her friend who introduced her to the Committee of



Bayly Welfare Labasa. From the day she joined Bayly Welfare Labasa, she just loved the place.

"When I joined, the Bayly Welfare Labasa centre just had an Almoner, a part-timer worker and two volunteers. In 2000, I was given the opportunity to work as a part-timer, as the previous part-timer had left".

"Without any hesitation, I took on the job and I don't regret having made that decision. Maybe, I was fortunate enough to be chosen because of my dedication towards my work. Even though I was paid little, I enjoyed my

work as it is one of my hobbies to meet people and serve the less fortunate people of my very own society. The job is not only fun but very challenging as well".

At times, Milika comes across families with emotional connection but with her faith in God has taken her this far with overcoming these challenges.

Milika is originally from the Province of Naitasiri

in the village of Nadakuni and moved to Labasa in 1997 when her husband got a transfer. She is married with two beautiful daughters, who are in secondary school.

"I believe the time that I dedicate each week to the less fortunate people is a true blessing for my family and I am very grateful to be part of Bayly Welfare Labasa" Milika said.

"My heartfelt thanks go to the Committee of Bayly Welfare Labasa and JP Bayly Trust for having given me the opportunity to be part of the team".
May God Bless you all.

Success Story



is a single parent. He was supported throughout his schooling life from primary school to tertiary by the Bayly family. Having grown up in a loving and caring environment and coming from a poor background, he mentions what it was like to face life's challenge and hardships. Growing up was not always easy and he thanks the Bayly Welfare/Bayly Education, which made a little easier through the assistance that he received both for himself and his family through paying for his school fees.

"The Bayly Welfare/Education also assisted me with providing school bags, sandals, school stationery and uniform

throughout my primary and secondary school years. Furthermore, JP Bayly Trust has been providing for my family with food rations once every month. This food rations includes all the basic necessities that a small household needs".

He expects to graduate with a Diploma in Business Commerce from the Fiji Institute of Technology at the end of this year. As he looks back, he says that he is extremely grateful to the Bayly Welfare/Education for being so supportive and understanding towards families like ours and he cannot think of a way to ever repay their kindness.

May God continue to bless the Bayly Trust, so that they can continue to provide for the less fortunate.

Manorma Chandra- Education Officer Suva



In a constant battle for survival of our youth in this competitive and sometimes harsh environment, effort and energy are essential to their survival.

The organisation of a function where prizes are awarded is vital, as the individual child's performance is publically recognized and rewarded. Prizes form a source of motivation for the children which results in academic excellence

and can be seen on the faces of the children at the prize giving ceremony. Motivation effectively focuses the energy for the child to strive towards excellence.

Diligence and capacity for works become habit and this is reinforced to them during the annual ceremony. It is the Bayly Education's aim to prepare our youth for the realities of adult life.

Poverty sets the stage for the under achievement of large sections of our society. It is often said, that the home environment is a must in determining the child's full potential. The educational aspiration of the parents for their children, the literacy at home, the concern of the parents in their child's school work, the physical amenities of the home, parents occupation and their educational level all have an important influence on their children and their aspirations. However, we at Bayly Education, Suva have seen that our less-fortunate children who do not have access to some of the above, still are able to achieve

academic excellence. With the love and care which the children experience during the year which culminates in the final prize giving ceremony, we have seen the pleasure on their faces, when their names are called out and they are asked to step forward to collect their prizes.

The distribution of gifts followed by refreshments creates excitement and joy which is not a feeling that these children experience too often. It is at times like this that the children are reminded of how important they are and what a joyous occasion this is.

Often, all a child needs is a little love and care that makes their day bright and memorable. This is the aim of the Bayly Education in organizing such an occasion.

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