



New Website for JP Bayly Trust



The JP Bayly Trust has recently launched a new and dynamic website to inform the general public on the worldwide platform, of the charitable activities carried out by its Welfare and Education Centres.

On 30th July 2010 the Trust proudly commemorated fifty six (56) years since its establishment.

The current Board of Trustees consists of; Joseph S Singh (Chairman), Malcolm Paterson, Albert Queet, Sharan Lateef (Ms) and Digby Bossley. The Trustees ensure that due diligence and integrity is maintained at all times to follow the wishes of the founder;

the late Mr. John Percy Bayly.

The Trust's offices are located in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa from where they offer Welfare and Educational services. The Welfare Centres provide welfare to the less fortunate and needy with basic medical care, food and clothing. While the Education Centres provides education for the children of those families receiving welfare assistance, being applied without discrimination of race, religion, colour or creed.

The Trust allocates annual grants to the Welfare Centres who purchase food items in

bulk and repack into smaller parcels before distributing to the recipients. This work is done by volunteers who provide their time and effort willingly to assist the needy.

The Education Centres play an important and crucial role to alleviate poverty. The families we assist are unable to afford to put food on the table or meet the educational cost of their children. This is where the JP Bayly Trust steps in. We provide these children with school fees, uniforms, text books, bags, footwear and anything else the student may require. Each Centre maintains a monitoring system to ensure that these children at least obtain a basic education. The Education

Officer visits the Head Teachers of schools attended by our assisted children and obtains reports on the progress of these children and counsels those who are not meeting expectations.

We cordially invite corporate organizations, and the generous hearted individuals in the Community to step forward and donate to the Trust. We welcome your visit to any of the Welfare Centres and observe how your donation (of either cash or kind) is utilized.

Please visit www.baylytrust.org for more information in your leisure.

Raichal - Final Year student at Fiji National University



I come from a family of seven - which includes four sisters and a brother. Two sisters are married and sadly my father passed away in March 2005. There was no source of income, so the Suva Bayly Welfare has been generously providing food rations to the family since March 2005. I was astonished in 2006 when Mr. Michael Chandra, Senior Almoner through Bayly Education helped three more of my family with school requirements. "Since everything is so expensive now-a days and it becomes hard for poor parents to pay for their children's education, the Bayly Education is really kind to help the less fortunate ones. They paid for my

education from 2006 to 2008 (form 5 to form 7)" Raichal said.

"I am now in the final year of Diploma in Primary Education at Fiji National University (formerly known as Lautoka Teachers College). All credit goes to the team of Bayly Education for giving me the opportunity to complete my secondary schooling. Hence, if they hadn't helped then I would not be where I am today. I am one of the luckiest children along side many others the Bayly Welfare/Education is helping to accomplish their dreams".

"Moreover, the work that the Bayly Welfare (Mr. Michael Chandra and the team) is doing is very blessed work because they are able to give children the gift of education which is precious and also enables the children to understand the fact that it is not a burden to be poor because there are institutions there to help the poor. To conclude, they also appreciate children's school work by organizing Prize Giving day for children who have gained excellence in their studies".

NO EASY ROAD



Filomena with Mother

Life is all about living up to the expectations of others. It is about working hard towards your ambitions in life. To some, it's about enjoying themselves while they live and breathe and yet to others, it's about trying to adapt to changes occurring around them in order to cope with time.

I was raised in a very simply family which consisted of my mother, two brothers and a sister. Life was not easy as Mum was the only income earner, raising the family alone with its struggles and worries. Every dollar earned each day was from the sale of homemade 'delicious' puddings, custard pies and jams. From these sales around the neighbourhood and nearby working places, it was possible for the

whole family to survive and be happy.

One beautiful blessed morning in the midst of all difficulties a family member made the name "Bayly Welfare" known to my mother. The following day she took bold determined steps towards seeking assistance for our family. Perseverance was the key component

in making her request successful. At first Bayly Welfare were providing our family with food rations every fortnight, at a later time, they agreed upon supporting my educational needs in terms of school fees, stationery and other school necessities.

This very generous help made my Mum very happy and definitely lessened the burden she was carrying. Bayly Education have now supported my education for 10 years from class 3 through to form 7. (Filomena is a form 7 student of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial High School, Suva).

At this juncture, I can say with conviction that Bayly Education has been a definite blessing in helping put a bright smile and raised dreams of a better future for all unfortunate children who are well looked after by this great organization.

Thank you so sincerely for what you have done for all of us. May the good LORD continue to bless you and for your help to others.

Vinaka Vakalevu and Thank You.....

MOTHER IN NEED FOR SHELTER

Manorma Devi aged 33yrs, is a widow who lives in Sarava, Labasa and has been the only bread winner for the family after her husband's sudden passing when his tractor rolled over causing his death. Life has not been easy for Manorma

to put food on the table has been painfully difficult for her. During the sugar cane crushing season you will not find Manorma at home as she harvests cane for an income and in the slack seasons she works as a casual labourer on farms.



Manorma with children - Archal and Kritesh

since this tragic accident. Every day is a struggle for her and her children, but the thought that one day some one will come to help her gave her courage to live in the little run down home of hers. All her three children are schooling and

Manorma has been knocking on every door possible for assistance but returned home with no hope.

Nevertheless she was fortunate enough to get a Social Welfare allowance of \$90.00 per week and her heartfelt thanks goes to Bayly Welfare for providing food and education for her children. If it was not for Bayly Education assistance her children would have dropped out of school, says the tearful mother. Her eldest son Krishneel is in form 3, daughter Archal in form 2 and Kritesh is in class 5 at Labasa Arya School.

With barely anything in the house, this mother of three adores her children and maintains a good home. She has no electricity, just has a small lamp which provides enough light for the children to

study and move around. During rainy weather life gets even more difficult as she and the children have trouble finding a dry area in the house to take shelter resulting from a leaky roof. She has to stay with her children in a corner to keep dry.

Though she was donated a piece of land from her neighbor to build a house she says she will never be able to do so as she hardly earns enough to feed and clothe her family.

With tears in her eyes and over worked, Manorma only dreams of some one coming forward to help her build a house so she has a better and safe place to stay for her daughter and two sons.



Manorma's House

Approval for Engagement of Foreign Volunteers

We are pleased to announce that the Fiji Immigration Department have granted approval for the JP Bayly Trust to engage expatriate volunteers, who hold residential permits enabling them to provide their service to the Welfare branches of the Trust.

This approval enables expatriates to

engage in volunteer work, within the boundaries of JP Bayly Trust Welfare services, without having to obtain a work permit.

We acknowledge and appreciate the Fiji Immigration Department for supporting the charitable activities of the JP Bayly Trust.

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On the 14th of May, 2010- (the first term school break), we held our first major counseling session for the year. It was conducted for the Bayly Educations Lautoka children, parents and guardians.

Almoner- Mrs Sarojni Michael & I discussed some of the major issues relating to students and parents. These were, compulsory school attendance, academic improvement after each exam, receipts to be presented at the office soon after paying of fees, school reports to be handed to Centre after each exam, text books to be returned at the end of the year, in a usable condition etc.

This year we were privileged to have the attendance of the Prosecuting Officer Nitya Nand Sharma - Lautoka Police Station, Officer Sailasa Naivou - Ba Police Station and Regional Manager, Community Policing, Western Division - Abdul Ronil who assisted with the counseling.

They highlighted the disadvantages on harmful substances- such as drugs, cigarettes and sniffing of glue etc. They also advised parents who need one on one counseling for their children that they can take their children to the Juvenile counselors at the Police Station.

With truancy being a major problem in schools today, the Officers pointed out its disadvantages.

Doctor Ian Penjueli of Bayly Clinic Lautoka also assisted with the counseling- emphasizing the cleanliness of hair, nails, uniforms, households and compounds. The Doctor also spoke on oral hygiene and other health tips; to eat healthy, proper meals and children to take lunch to school daily.

There was a good turnout of children and parents during this

counseling session.

These regular sessions have resulted in major School improvements in student's attitude, habits and mostly their attendance.

Although their academic performance is promising we are trying again this year to encourage the children in the benefits of backyard gardening and we hope our efforts will pay off eventually.

While we of the Bayly Team are doing our part to bring up a better child, parents are encouraged to do the same.



Mrs Sarojni Michael, Regional Manager Abdul Ronil, Prosecutor Nitya Nand Sharma and Officer Sailasa Naivou during counseling

"Every Bit Counts"

By: Sarojni Michael, Lautoka Almoner

The headline "All I Need is a Roof & my Parents" featured in the Fiji Times dated 30th June 2010 was an eye opener for readers Fiji wide.

Seeing this article, one of my staff and a friend of his, visited this family residing at Johnson Road, Lautoka. Through them I came to know how bad the situation was.

As per my request, my staff asked the family to come to the office.

Mr. Sham Baran approached me on the 2nd of July requesting assistance in form of housing, food & education. I listened to his plea and began my investigations.

Hearing the story of Mr. Baran, Radhika, Kripa and I visited on the 5th of July. Being there in person was a different experience altogether.

Seeing the surroundings and the house itself was a highly emotional experience. The conditions can best be described as dreadful.

At the time of Cyclone Mick's departure, the family had been left with a house void of walls. The roof now sat at ground level in which a small door had been cut as an entrance way.

We took with us a ration and some suitcases so that their clothes had a better storage place. In talks with Mrs Baran we learnt that she prepares breakfast and school lunches at 3.00 in the morning

by lantern light or the brightness of a full moon. Later at 5.30am she accompanies her daughter along a track between the cane fields to the main road from where, daughter Swastika catches her school bus.

Not having any proper toilet facilities has made life difficult for Mrs Baran & little Swastika since the family uses river water for all their daily needs.

Swastika is in Class 3 at Satya Sai Primary School but finds it very difficult. She sits outside and studies and does her homework while there is light. When darkness falls, she has to stop. This will continue until a proper home is provided.

Since housing is not provided by the JP Bayly Trust, we have encouraged the family to seek assistance elsewhere. Some organizations have agreed to help in the building of a house but

nothing is confirmed. When the family has a proper house, we will start assisting the family with Welfare and education needs permanently. At the moment this case is under investigation and the family is assisted with food ration temporarily.

We encourage and council the best we can and hope for a better future for the Baran family.

"WE ENDEAVOUR TO SHOW COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING AT ALL TIMES".



Mrs Sarojni Michael and Kripa Chandra (right) assisting With food items to Mr & Mrs Baran

David Sanmogam



More commonly known only as “David” to many of us, has been working as a Handyman for the JP Bayly Trust since January 2000 till retirement in December 2009.

David was a hard working, dedicated and honest employee and he satisfactorily delivered his services in keeping the Suva premises in a good condition. You would observe David doing maintenance work around the building during the day.

Unfortunately, his retirement was due to medical reasons. We wish to thank David for the outstanding and honest services rendered to the Trust during his term of employment and wish him good healthy future.

New Committee member for Bayly Welfare Suva Committee



I am Asina Sahukhan, originally from Nausori. I did my primary education in Dilkusha Girls School. I attended St.

Philomen’s Secondary School in Pratt St, Suva 1952 – 1954.

For two years I was in Nasinu Teaching Training College, year 1955 – 1956. My first years’ teaching was in Nausori Muslim School.

For many years I was in Girl Guides Association. Taught in Suva Muslim School for 6 years, then taught in Samabula Primary School for twenty five years. I retired in September 1987. At present I’m a Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Womens Wing.

I married in 1957, December 28th to Dr. Mohammed Yusuf Sahukhan. I have four children – Imtiaz, Shahmaz, Shamina and Zulfikar. I have eight beautiful grandchildren.

I take interest and an active part in the Y.W.C.A. Attending a World Conference in Nairobi, South Africa in 2007.

I’m very happy to be joining JP Bayly Welfare Suva as a committee member.

Otherwise I stay home and enjoy doing gardening.



Obituary – we sadly announce the death of Mr. Tamesser Bhim, Past Chairman of JP Bayly Trust and former Auditor-General. Mr Bhim played a leading role as a senior civil servant and became the first locally appointed Auditor-General. He is survived by his wife, five children and several grandchildren.

Mr. Bhim joined the JP Bayly Trust Board in June 1979, was appointed Chairman in July 1982 and retired in June 1983.

May his soul rest in peace.

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