



## Re-opening for 2011 distribution

The JP Bayly Trust has been funding Bayly Welfare Centres in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa to assist the less fortunate families for the last 57 years.

In 2010, the Bayly Welfare Suva assisted 230 families, Lautoka 162 families and Labasa 138 families (total 530) with food rations, clothing and medical care on an ongoing basis. The Bayly Education Suva assisted 156 children, Lautoka 105 and Labasa 119 (total 380) with all costs involved with their schooling.

Apart from the normal food rations, we also provided special festive goodies so that these families can share and enjoy something



extra during these joyful occasions. The Almoners made their individual efforts and

secured donations in order to be able to provide for the festive parcels. For 2011, the Trust has generously allocated funds for festive season, but the Almoners will still be required to seek donations to supplement any shortfalls.

As the cost of living continues to increase, we anticipate more and more families falling below the poverty line and so more people will be turning up for assistance. The Welfare and Education Centres wishes that they were able to assist more and more less fortunate families but due to ongoing financial and budget constraints, we can only assist the families currently registered with the JP Bayly Trust (Suva, Lautoka and Labasa).

## Reaching for the Stars

By: Niteshwar Singh

Someone once truly said that when people are in need, when they are facing a very challenging time in life, and when help seems to be coming from no where then God sends Angels to help and bring happiness to those people in need. This was the case for my family and I.

I am Niteshwar Singh and this is the story about my family and I and how the JP Bayly Trust helped me to achieve my dreams.

The Lautoka Bayly Welfare/Bayly Education started providing my family and I with assistance from 2000. I was still in Primary School and meeting education costs and our day-to-day needs was hard. The JP Bayly Trust helped my sisters and I in all our education needs from Primary School till the end of High School.

In addition to this, they provided us with assistance by way of food, medication and clothes as well as counseled us as to how to achieve more and improve our lives.

With their support I was able to graduate from High School successfully and was fortunate enough to get a scholarship

to go to the University of the South Pacific (USP). Although Bayly Welfare didn't support me financially at USP, Mrs Michael and Radhika always gave me advice and encouraged me to do better.

After completing my studies, I was lucky enough to gain employment with ANZ Bank, Lautoka.

I still remember the day while at work when Mrs. Michael came to the Bank. She



**ANZ Staff - Renuka Kumar, Niteshwar Singh, LTK Almoner Sarojni Michael**

didn't know I was working and when I saw her looking at me, I felt so proud and happy. I know she also felt the same way.

Mrs. Michael and the JP Bayly Trust have played a major role in my life and have become part of our family and I continue to be a part of theirs.

### Comment by Mrs Michael after reading this story

*I remember that day clearly and I will never forget it. I had to go out of the bank because I was so overcome with emotion. Niteshwar won't say but I will - I was in tears. That feeling of joy & pride I felt when he came out of his booth to hug me will always be with me. Thank you Niteshwar for making us PROUD!*

# My dreams come true

Compiled by: Miliakere Nadali Seuseu

## Jeremiaiah 29:11

**“I alone know the plans I have for you, plans that will bring you prosperity and not disaster.**

**The plans that will bring you the future that you hope for.”**

It has been a great privilege for me to take this opportunity to formally thank the JP Bayly Trust for their support, without whom my dreams could not have been achieved.

The Bayly Welfare Lautoka branch has been supporting me with all my education necessities since I started Class 7 in 2005 till I finished Form 6 in 2010. They also started providing my family and I with welfare assistance, medication & education. Together with all of this they also provide words of encouragement and advice which gave me courage & strength to achieve my goals.

When my exam results would come out, there were times where I came close to failing and that's where, as always Mrs Sarojni Michael and Ms Radhika Latchmi would come forward to give their words of encouragement- never to lose hope and to always keep trying.

After receiving my Fiji School Leaving Certificate results which I passed, I was wondering what Tertiary Institute should I go to? Mrs Michael and Ms Radhika gave a phone call to my parents that they wanted

to see me. I came up to the Bayly Welfare office and when I opened the door, they greeted me with a smile and its those smiles which I have kept in my heart because they still cared for me.

Mrs Michael and Ms Radhika gave me the very good news that Mrs Pauline Campbell- Director/Principal- Style Gallery/ Pivot Point School (FNU) had so kindly offered to provide sponsorship for one of the Bayly students with her Style Gallery/Pivot Point School. Mrs Michael and Ms Radhika chose me to be the sponsored student and I was so amazed and overwhelmed with this news.

Mrs Michael, Ms Radhika, Mrs Campbell and above all, The JP Bayly Trust are playing an important role in my life as well as my family and I will forever cherish them in my heart.

Today, I am a student of Pivot Point undertaking the course of Body Therapy through the kindness of Mrs Pauline Campbell- Director/Principal and I am still so fortunate to be able to meet with Mrs Michael & her team on a regular basis since my school is located just upstairs in the Bayly building.



From left – front: Mrs. Sarojni Michael, Ms. Pauline Campbell and Miliakere Seuseu

## My Story

by Farah Farzana Bi



Mr R. Naidu presenting to Farah Bi

My name is Farah Farzana Bi. I was a Form 6 student of Suva Muslim College. I am very thankful to the Bayly Education Suva for providing assistance to me to fulfill my school needs. They have helped me since 2007 due to our family financial difficulties.

I feel so fortunate because I know I have someone to take me through my education. I'm also thankful to the JP Bayly Trust Board who awarded me a gift worth \$100.00. It was a surprise for me when the Education Officer, Suva Mrs. Manorma Chandra told me that out of 15 children in form 6 within the Bayly register in year 2010, I scored the highest mark of 300 out of 400.

She told me I would be getting a Bayly Prize and I needed to tell her what I desired for my gift. I chose an MP4 player which I had wanted to own for a very long time.

Once again I am very much privileged to be a member of the Bayly Welfare family. If I hadn't received an education assistance from the Bayly Education, I would never have been where I am today.

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# Bayly rescues the Ratuloco brood

Compiled by: Marica Ratuloco (parent)



Salome, third from left with other children

About two years ago, my five children (John 16, Pita 14, Meri-Paul 10, Nemani 8 and Salome 5) and I lost my Dad and grandfather who was our source of everything. Being a single parent throughout most of my life, it was the unfailing support of my Dad that enabled my kids and I to have a decent life. My siblings and I were brought up quite comfortably with a father having a successful career in the Aviation Industry. Thus my childhood memories are filled with joyful ones with happy family circles and Christmas holidays abroad.

Along the same line, the education acquired was a good foundation for me personally especially when I look back at the struggles that single parent life can bring. I received an education to the tertiary level whereby I was sponsored by

AusAID in the early 90's to do a Bachelor of Commerce Degree majoring in Accounting at the University of Western Sydney. On my return through unsuccessful attempts at relationships led me to having my five children and an incomplete Accounting Degree.

Since residing at the HART homes in Lovu we were blessed to have the JP Bayly Trust come to our rescue, giving us the support that we had lost through the death of my father.

Mrs Sarojni Michael and her great team availed my children the Education sponsorship they needed, a family medical cover and the full Welfare benefits.

I am proud to say that such organizations contribute a great deal to the betterment of society as a whole. The support of the

Bayly Trust has empowered my family to place emphasis on Education as the main way of bringing people out of poverty. The support provided has enabled my children to perform at their peak in all levels of their involvements. Thus we will continue to support the JP Bayly Trust for their role in nurturing vulnerable families in our society that if otherwise could easily find themselves in distraught conditions.

Today my children are healthy and doing well in school, developing well holistically in society with the various involvements in charity work, Catholic Church functions and in their performance in the Martial Arts of Goju Ryu Karate. These involvements will instill good values and the self discipline the children need to face whatever challenges they will face in life.

As shown in the photo- my little 5year old Salome was overwhelmed when Mrs Michael said that the JP Bayly Trust will assist her as well, from Kindergarten, with all school needs along with her elder brothers. It has made my daughter very confident and proud of the education she receives. The assistance was a surprise for my sons and I. Salome- full of joy could not stop smiling when Radhika (Education Officer, Lautoka) brought forward her school bag, sandals and other school necessities. Salome in the last few weeks of school has grown to be very proper in her manner and I am so proud of how she is turning out to be. She looks forward to popping in to the Bayly to see Tracey who provides her with puzzles and books.

We will continue to pray for the success of the JP Bayly Trust for their ongoing support to the development of society. Our prayers are also with Mrs Michael and her team and their families.



Satya Wati with her son

## A Mother's Ordeal

Satya Wati aged 69, never loses hope and thinks some worthy organisation will kindly provide assistance to her family. Residing in an area known as Vunimoli Indian Koro, Satya is suffering from heart disease and hypertension.

The house that she and her family lives in, is in a very poor state - the roof is made of very old corrugated iron which leaks during the rainy season and soils the floor. Whilst most of us enjoy a happy life, Satya can only dream of that day. She struggles to cater for a basic living especially as most of her time

is spent looking after her severely mentally handicapped son.

Her son, Suren needs to be watched all the time, as otherwise he often gets into trouble. Satya does not own anything apart from some old cooking utensils and their basic clothing. Her house is situated on her in-laws land for which the lease has expired. She is hoping that some 'good samaritan' will come along and build her a simple 1 bedroom house.

Since 1997, Satya has been assisted by the Bayly Welfare Labasa with monthly food rations and she also receives \$65.00/month from the Department of Social Welfare as a family allowance.

# Wonderful Memories

By Ananya Sanyal



given me immense satisfaction to interact with the people who would come in for their weekly/fortnightly food rations, by seeing their smiles and hearing their warm “Bula”. The smiles would grow bigger during festivals like Christmas, Easter and Diwali when they would be given special goody bags. It has been an awakening for me and has made me realize how blessed we are and how little it takes to bring a smile on the faces of these less fortunate ones. I have always looked forward to my Thursday mornings in Fiji since the time Bayly opened its door to me.

I will miss being a part of this team once I leave the shores of this beautiful country and its lovely people.

I wish Bayly Trust and its members, all the very best in their endeavour in taking care of the less fortunate section of the society. I am sure the Trust will keep up the good work under the caring and sincere hands of the Senior Almoner Mr. Michael Chandra and the children will be well taken care of with the able guidance of Mrs. Manorma Chandra.

May God bless the Trust and all its members.

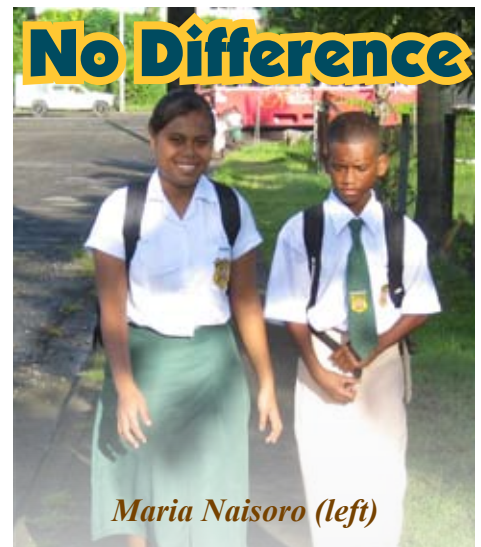
*Vinaka Vakalevu and Nisa Moce!*

It's been over three years that I have been associated with Bayly Welfare and I distinctly remember the “Thursday” when I first joined. It was indeed a special “Thursday” for me. I was welcomed by the existing “Thursday ladies” and of course Michael and Manorma, the two pillars of the Welfare and the Education sections in Suva.

I have enjoyed volunteering and being a part of the organization, helping them to pack and distribute food and clothing. It has

## Generous Donation

We wish to acknowledge a generous donation of \$2,000 from an anonymous donor in February 2011. We have been fortunate enough to receive donation from this benefactor for the past five years and can only wish that this continues.



*Maria Naisoro (left)*

All students desire to be educated and have a brighter future, but for some it is just a dream due to the unfortunate circumstances that they live in which is largely driven by poverty. The Bayly Education programme assists these children by providing tuition fees and educational supplies thus allowing their dreams to come true.

Maria Naisoro, a Form 6 student of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Memorial School in Nabua is being assisted by the Bayly Education Suva this year. Her family have been on the Bayly Welfare Suva register since 2010.

The look on her face when she received her new uniform, books, stationery, bag and shoes made us proud. She now is just one of the many children in school. Maria hopes to successfully complete her Form 6 this year, and do the JP Bayly Trust proud. “All I needed was a chance and now I have been given that chance to make something of myself.”

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