

Ron and Aggie Russel, elderly residents of Fiji, own a 74-foot yacht, and have found a great way to put it to use. The couple joined nine fellow Fijians and two Americans onboard for two separate trips, working together to show the *JESUS* film around 14 of Fiji's 330 islands

"The Fiji people are church-oriented," reports Fred Darwick, one of the two Americans. "More than half are Christians, yet despite that orientation, the people are in need of spiritual rejuvenation."

"After more than 40 years of church ministry, this film team has been a revival to me," says Senivasa Vuladua, a former lay pastor in the village of Waciwaci, on the island of Lakeba. "I am also now assured of my own salvation."

The project team members showed the film 63 times. As thousands watched the life of Jesus, 1,744 indicated that they had opened their hearts to their Savior. Additional information was circulated about how to have a relationship with Jesus, and 1,331 people attended studies to process what they learned.



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When Stephanie and I go to our biennial U.S. Staff Conference this month, we won't be enjoying such stylish accommodations—but we will be sharing an apartment with a family of fun friends. Our kids will get to spend those two weeks with Grandma Pam here in Orlando. So, God has blessed us with a couple of ways to cut costs on this trip. But, you may wonder why Campus Crusade is still having this event, in light of the challenging environment of support raising these days.

Solomon spoke in Proverbs 29:18 of what it is like when one loses his vision of divine guidance: you get lazy or sidetracked. *The Message* paraphrases it this way: "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves..." So, one of the things we desire is that our vision will be refreshed and our motivation will be rekindled as we hear of all that God is doing. I think as we hear the stories, it affects our vision. As more than 5,000 of us gather together in extended times of praise and worship, there is a sense of transcendence that occurs as we experience God and His family members, worshipping Him together.

Like any corporate convention, these conferences continue to build our friendships and connections, as we see people we haven't seen for a while. *Facebook* is great, but face-to-face is much better! We plan and interact with our leadership and staff from across the nation. In addition to the vision-casting and spiritual renewal, yes, there is even a little rest and refreshment. Being a part of an organization that tends to be always pressing ahead, it is good to also take time to step back, reflect, re-charge and remember all that God has done. This is much like what Christ modeled with His disciples in Mark 6. He knew the life of ministry he was calling His disciples to was a marathon—not a sprint.

We are very blessed this summer to have received buddy passes from a friend for our flight to Colorado, so all we have to pay for airfare is the taxes and fees. So with the cost of the conference itself, our share of the apartment with friends, and our food for the 10 days—we need about \$1,500, which is above what we normally raise for our salary. Would you prayerfully consider doubling your gift for the month of July, or sending in something above your normal contribution, to help defray these costs? Because we depend on our regular donations throughout the year for our salary, your special gift at this time would enable us to leave our regular funds untouched as we cover the expenses for these 10 days.

Thank you for your partnership with us. You are a blessing!

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