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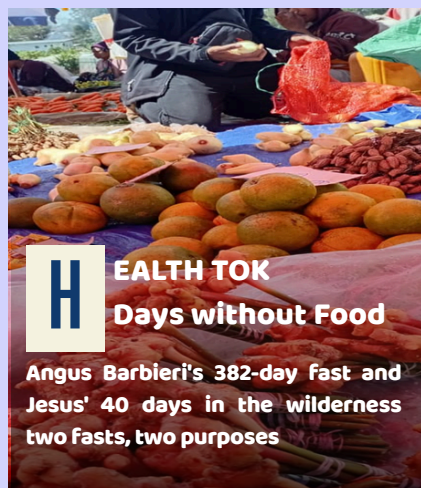
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Our salvation rests entirely on God. This is the foundation of our faith. As Christians, we are called to seek knowledge, and there are many ways knowledge is passed on to us. Yet one of the most fundamental ways, and one that has stood the test of time, is reading.

I pray that as you read through this issue, the Lord will touch your heart, stir your thoughts, and open your understanding to know Christ in a more personal and deeper way.

This month, we bring you stories from across our embassies, highlighting their ministries, programs, and gatherings throughout August. We also feature one of the most special initiatives ever introduced in our ministry, the ETS weekly family devotion, led by Laurie Lako, and our Head Embassy leaders.

In this issue, you will also find special articles on health, Amazing Facts, Bible stories, and many other inspiring pieces. As you read through each page, we pray that this issue will shape your heart, refocus your affection and attention toward the Lord.

To God alone be all glory!

***“Our prayer is that every word
in this issue brings you closer
to Christ.”***

OUR STORY HIS GLORY

A TESTIMONY OF GOD’S PROTECTION

In 2012, when I was just 10 years old, something happened that I will never forget. On the 26th of September, my big brother left our home in Mendi, Southern Highlands Province, and came to join us in Ramu, Madang Province. At that time, my father was working with Ramu Agri-Industries Limited (formerly Ramu Sugar Limited). The company had provided us with a house, and our whole family lived together in the compound.

When my brother arrived, he didn’t stay elsewhere, he brought his car, a double cab (Dina), and stayed with us. He had driven all the way from the Southern Highlands to Ramu, and we were happy to be together again as a family.

One Friday afternoon, during a fortnight week, my brother told us he was going somewhere. Without much thought, we all jumped into the car, my younger brothers, cousins, and even one of our grandfathers. We were excited, not knowing that this trip would become a memory etched forever in our hearts.

My brother drove fast, and some of us sat at the back, holding tightly to the sides of the vehicle. At first, he drove in one direction, but then he changed his plan and turned towards the Madang–Lae Highway. Later, he took a shortcut along a rough gravel road covered with stones.

As we neared home, we approached a corner where trucks and cars usually slowed down because of potholes. But my brother did not slow down. He sped through the corner, and suddenly the vehicle became unstable. In an instant, our legs lifted into the air, the car had overturned. Its wheels pointed skyward while the cabin slammed onto the ground.

Fear gripped us. We didn't know what would happen next. Yet, by God's mercy, most of us escaped without serious injuries. My brother hurt his nose, but everyone else was safe. People nearby rushed to help, lifting the vehicle and pulling us out. What could have been a tragedy ended with gratitude and relief.

Looking back, I believe with all my heart that God protected us that day. The Bible says in Genesis 1:26–27 that God created human beings in His image. I know He spared my life because His purpose for me was not yet complete. Death is part of life, but God gave me another chance to live, and for that, I am thankful.

Because of His goodness, I will continue to trust Him. As Psalm 25:1–7 reminds us, we must put our trust in the Lord and remember His mercy. This experience remains a powerful reminder that life is precious, and God's protection is real even in moments of danger.

Here are some Bible texts that strengthen this testimony:

- Jeremiah 1:4–5 – God knew you and had a purpose for you.
- Psalm 139:13–16 – God created you and knows your life.
- Jeremiah 29:11 – God has plans and a future for you.
- Psalm 91:1–4 – God protects His people.
- Psalm 107:1–2 – Thank God for His goodness and protection.

I will always praise Him for His mercy and remember that He has a purpose for my life.

By: Sedrick Napa - POM End Time Swallows

HEALTH TOK

DAYS WITHOUT FOOD?

Did you know that the longest recorded fasting without food was done in 1965 - 1966 by a Scottish named Angus Barbieri? The 27-year-old spent 382 days without any solid food, surviving only on water, tea, coffee, soda, and vitamin supplements and electrolytes. He was quite obese at the time he started weighing 214 kg. By the time he finished fasting, he was 80.74 kg.

Another recorded story is of a Man who fasted for 40 days and nights without food (Matthew Chapter 4). There is no biblical record as to whether Jesus drank water or not, but it says, 'He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them He was hungry.' There is also no record of how much weight Jesus lost while he was in those harsh environments. Imagine the cold.

Looking at these two stories, you will realize that the motive behind their fasting is different. Angus fasted because he wanted his health back. Jesus fasted because He wanted to reconcile the world to the Father.



Figure 01: Angus Barbieri before and after long fast: source: <https://www.threads.com/>

Whether you are fasting from food, social media, or for spiritual reasons, remember that rejuvenation will still come. Angus fasted for 382 days and got his health back. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights and was able to overcome temptations. It is not the fasting that makes the difference, but a strong desire and the will to say no to the temporary needs and desires of the flesh.

As we go on to face a new month, let us be reminded of these words from Scripture: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." 1 Corinthians 9:25.

May we learn to fast from the fleeting pleasures of this world as we wait for the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By Pritchard Tabali - ETS Health Coordinator

INTELLIGENT FACTS

DRONGO THE DECEIVER

The drongo is one of nature's cleverest birds, known for its intelligence, imitation skills, and sneaky survival tactics. It has gained attention because of the unusual way it lives alongside meerkats and uses deception to get food.



Figure 02: Drongo

The drongo is a bird found in Africa, Asia, and Madagascar, and its name comes from Malagasy, where it originally referred to a similar bird in Madagascar. In the wild, it often stays near meerkats and other animals, sometimes acting like a lookout by warning them when real danger approaches from the sky, which helps it gain their trust. After that, it uses false alarm calls to scare the meerkats away from food, and it can even mimic the meerkats' own alarm calls to make the trick more convincing after which it steals their food.



Figure 03: Deceived Meerkats

The scripture encourages not to put our trust in man for they will eventually let us down and lead us astray;

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited." JEREMIAH 17:5-6

Let us put our trust in the hands of Jesus our light in the darkness, for He alone is worthy of our trust and faith. Unlike the Drongo who gains the Meerkats trust and then fools them at the end. Our Lord will never let us down, since the days of old many had proclaimed that all His words and promises have been fulfilled.

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EMBASSY REPORTING

MENDI ETS - THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS (2026)

Lesson 6 - Sabbath School and Divine Services

On Lesson 6 of the 3rd Quarter, 2026, Mendi ETS was invited to lead Sabbath School program and Divine Service at one of the branch churches of Kelembo Organized Church in Imbongu District, Ialibu, Southern Highlands Province. The program blossomed with joy as the boys offered a well planned service that touched and inspired every heart.



The Sabbath School was led by Max Pena, Baxter Karapus, Stallon Luke, Hercules Kep, Obadiah Koal, Stanford Sengiso, and Jockey Buka. Together, they shared a heartfelt message on “Spiritual Gifts”, gently encouraging believers to discover and cherish the gifts that God has placed within them. Their words flowed with clarity and warmth, leaving the congregation deeply blessed.

For Mendi ETS, this was a treasured experience. They stepped away from the comfort of their home to worship with God’s family in a new place, meeting different people and sharing fellowship. The moment gave them a sweet foretaste of heaven, where people from every nation will one day gather together to worship the Lord forever. It was a spirit filled and unforgettable occasion that strengthened both the visitors and the local church.



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LAE ETS - THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS (2026)

Lesson 8 - Hospital Visitation



On Lesson 8 of the 3rd Quarter, 2026 after church service, Lae ETS visited Angau General Hospital to share God’s love and fellowship with the patients. It was a profound experience not only to witness but to truly feel the need for God’s love in this time when He is needed most.

This mission reflects the very work Jesus Christ Himself carried out thousands of years ago. As He said in Matthew 25:36: “I was sick and you visited me.” This visit was a fulfillment of God’s mission.

The boys present were Elops, Jesse, Jepert, Abraham, Steward, Zacharia, and Siba. Jesse led the welcome and opening prayer, while



Abraham shared a short devotional thought. Together, the boys sang a few songs, uplifting hearts and strengthening spiritual fellowship.

It was an amazing occasion, an opportunity to encourage one another in faith and to reflect God's love in action. Truly, praise the Lord for this experience.

HAGEN ETS - THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS (2026)

Lesson 9 - Sabbath School and Divine Service

On Lesson 9 of the 3rd Quarter, 2026, Hagen ETS was invited to lead the Sabbath School and Divine Service at Kalapeng Adventist Church, which is a branch of Tarangau Adventist Church.



The Sabbath School was led by Baki Jack, Wilson, and Elder Jack Yando. The theme came from Psalm 37:25: "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous abandoned or their children begging for bread." This was linked to the story of the ravens feeding Elijah during the drought (1 Kings 17:1–7). The message served as a powerful reminder and encouragement to the congregation, assuring them that God will never forget nor forsake His people who remain faithful to His commands and statutes, following Yesu in obedience.

The Divine Service was led by Elder Jack, who spoke on the theme "Something Greater Than the Name of Jesus." He reminded the congregation that while the name of Jesus is powerful and exalted above all names, God has placed His Word even higher. He explained that true discipleship is not just calling on the Lord's name but living in obedience to His Word and commandments.



Through scriptures such as Philippians 2:8-11, Psalm 138:2, Luke 6:46, Matthew 7:21–23, and John 7:17, Elder Jack emphasized that many may claim to serve in Jesus' name, but only those who do the Father's will truly honor Him. The message was delivered with conviction and gentle encouragement, and the service was enriched with singing, prayer, and fellowship, leaving the church family deeply blessed.

WABAG ETS - THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS (2026)

Fundraising Activities

At the end of this year 2026, the End Time Swallows Ministry will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary. This event will be celebrated in Mt Hagen, and the invitations were sent out to all the friends and families of End Time Swallows (ETS). Because a large number of people is expected to attend, each embassy was tasked with raising enough funds to support the ministry at the Head Embassy level and make this event a success.



As part of this major fundraiser, the Wabag ETS have taken the initiative to host a mini fruits and vegetables sales from June 10th to 26th, 2026. They used their own capital to purchase garden produce such as oranges, carrots, peanuts and spices. The produce was bought in Western Highlands and then resold at Wabag main market. In addition to marketing garden produce, they also sold drinks. These drinks included mini coke, mini-Fanta and fresh bottled water.



Since most of the Wabag ETS members were students in their primary and secondary schools, the fundraiser had to be done during the month of June, which was the holiday period for most students, hence allowing collaboration and team work. It was also beneficial to many young members of the Wabag embassy who had never taken part in street sales. Most of the boys learned a skill or two on how to attract customers and make fast sales. During the fundraiser, the boys were also able to make awareness on the 30th Anniversary, through which some church members and families donate their contributions to support the ministry. They are looking forward to do more fundraising activities, with the Lord's help, to raise enough funds before the event begins.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE ANCIENT GENETIC BATTLE & SECRET: 'BIO-HACK' HIDDEN IN GENESIS 30

The Story: A Masterclass in Shepherding Strategy

Imagine being trapped in a labor contract with a boss who constantly changes the rules. That was the reality for the biblical patriarch Jacob. After 14 years of hard labor, Jacob negotiated a unique payment plan with his deceptive father-in-law, Laban: Jacob would keep any future livestock born abnormally colored—the speckled, spotted goats, and dark brown sheep.

Laban immediately cheated. He secretly removed all the visibly spotted and colored animals, driving them three days away so Jacob's starting point was a flock of 100% solid-white, normal animals. Laban thought he had guaranteed Jacob's poverty.

But Jacob was a master shepherd who understood livestock. He knew that it is completely impossible to identify which solid-colored animals carry hidden traits just by looking at them; carriers look identical to purebreds. To solve this, God pulled back the structural curtain of the natural world in a dream, giving Jacob a look at the animals' hidden genetic codes: "Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted" (Genesis 31:12).

Armed with this divine knowledge of the invisible DNA, Jacob knew exactly which normal looking animals were the hidden carriers. He then deliberately applied a medicinal strategy, placing freshly peeled branches of poplar, almond, and plane trees into the watering troughs (Genesis 30:37) to physically boost, protect, and maximize the reproductive output of those specific genetically favored animals.

Today, modern science reveals that Jacob's expert husbandry executed a sophisticated biological operation where targeted medicinal practices were used to perfectly accelerate his genetic goals.

1. The Genetic Engine: Cracking the Recessive Code

Laban only understood visible traits (what the eye can see) and ignored hidden genetic codes (what is inside the DNA). Jacob capitalized on this lack of awareness.

- **The Hidden Traits:** In sheep and goats, solid colors are dominant, while spots and dark wool are recessive (hidden) traits.
- **The Carrier Loophole:** Many of the solid-white sheep Laban left behind were actually "carriers" of the spotted gene. As established by Mendelian Genetics, breeding two normal-looking carriers together guarantees that 25% of their offspring will inherit both hidden genes and be born visibly spotted.
- **The Monopoly:** Once Jacob separated his new spotted lambs and bred them exclusively with each other, he created a purebred line. When two spotted animals' mate, they produce 100% spotted offspring, causing Jacob's wealth to grow exponentially.

2. The Medical Engine: Fueling the Genetics

While genetics provided the blueprint for the spots, Jacob used herbal medicine to ensure those genes successfully passed down at an accelerated rate. Research published in Phytochemistry reveals that soaking freshly cut branches in the drinking troughs (Genesis 30:37) created a powerful veterinary medicine:

- **The Poplar "Aspirin":** Poplar bark is heavily loaded with salicylates, the natural chemical precursor to modern aspirin. Veterinary studies confirm this acts as an anti-inflammatory agent. For the sheep, it reduced uterine inflammation and boosted blood flow, significantly increasing successful pregnancies.
- **The Almond Fertility Boost:** Fresh almond and plane tree bark contains phytoestrogens (plant-based compounds that mimic reproductive hormones). In livestock science, dietary phytoestrogens are known to act as natural hormonal regulators, helping to synchronize the "heat" cycles of the females so they breed efficiently at the exact same time.

3. Elite Selective Breeding

- Genesis 30:41 explicitly notes that Jacob didn't waste this resource; he only used this watering-trough method when the strongest and healthiest animals were breeding. In modern agricultural terms, Jacob was practicing selective breeding. By using medicine to boost the health and fertility of only the strongest carriers, he engineered a robust, elite flock for himself while leaving Laban with the weaker stock.

The Conclusion: God is the Master of Genetics & The Source of Knowledge

The account of Jacob's flock proves that science is not the alternative to God; science is the mechanism of God. Long before humanity discovered DNA, chromosomes, or modern pharmacology, the Creator built

these highly sophisticated laws into the natural world. Furthermore, this story destroys the myth that ancient people were primitive or ignorant. It proves that believers of the past were actively practicing advanced scientific principles thousands of years before modern laboratories caught up, simply because God blessed them with these breakthrough ideas.

When God pulled back the structural curtain in Jacob's dream (Genesis 31:12) He proved that He empowers His people with real-world, practical strategy. While human eyes could only see outward appearances, God revealed the invisible genetic code directly to Jacob. By combining this divine insight with highly effective herbal medicine, Jacob acted as a pioneer of biotechnology in the ancient world. This stands as a powerful reminder that God loves to equip, bless, and give cutting-edge wisdom to those who trust Him—proving that true scientific insight has always originated from the Creator Himself to ensure justice and fulfill His promises.

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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

One of the most important and holy objects constructed in the sanctuary was the altar of incense. It was made of Shittim (Red Acacia) wood and overlaid with pure gold. The height was about a meter (2 cubits) and the length and width, square of about 50 centimeters (cubit) (Exodus 30:2).



Figure 13: Altar of Incense, made of Acacia wood coated with gold all around

It was placed just in front of the curtain or inner veil, separating the Holy Place (HP) from the Most Holy Place (MHP), close to the ark of the covenant. Though it appeared to be inside the HP, it directly faced the ark of the covenant and the mercy seat, and thus was considered as part of the MHP (Hebrews 9:3,4). It is referred to as the Altar before the Lord (Lev 16:12) meaning the altar that faced the Lord directly or stood before the face of the Lord.

The exact placements of these holy objects in the sanctuary and the kind of activities performed on them represent aspects of salvation relating to Jesus Christ.

These have both mysterious and relatable implications. While some things could be understood by the church, Paul says that there are things which are too deep, they cannot be easily described now (Heb 9:5).

One must note here that the altar of burnt offering that stood outside of the sanctuary gave the sinner access to the HP. The altar of incense gave access direct to God in the MHP. The outside altar was overlaid with brass or bronze (Exodus 27:3) but this inner one was overlaid with pure gold (Exodus 30:3). These clearly illustrates the higher significance and regard placed by God on the inner altar. The daily atonement terminated at the altar of incense and the thin inner veil that separated the altar from the ark. The yearly atonement terminated at the ark of the covenant. There are many things still a mystery to us, however, the essential things relating to salvation are no longer shadows. The realities of the objects and processes portrayed by the earthly representations are already revealed to us through the Holy Spirit (Heb 9 and 10). They focus on Jesus Christ; His life, death and current ministry.

The Incense

The incense was made of four principal items or spices: stacte, onycha, galbanum and pure frankincense. These four were salted together and beaten into a mixture. The priest was to burn incense on the altar every morning and evening when lighting the lamps (Exodus 30:7,8). These kept the altar burning with incense all throughout the day and night. The sweet-smelling odor of the incense filled the sanctuary from the altar towards the MHP and saturated the entire place even unto the HP. The perpetual fragrance of the incense dispelled or masked the foul odors of blood and animal sacrifices, keeping the holy place in a continuous state of sweet perfume.

Daily Atonement

Now, let us briefly touch on the daily sacrifices. There are a couple of sacrifices made daily but only two types involved the altar of incense. The rest had their blood applied on the bronze altar outside. These two sacrifices which had their blood taken into the HP were sprinkled on the inner veil and applied on the horns of the altar of incense. The first one was the sin offering for the anointed priest (meaning the High Priest) and the second one being the sin offering for the entire house of Israel (Lev 4:3,13,20,21). Some fats of the bullocks were burnt on the bronze altar and the rest of the bullocks were taken outside the camp and burnt to ashes, because they were sin offerings. By these two acts of sacrifices of sin offerings, the sins of the High Priest and the congregation of Israel were transferred into the sanctuary if committed on any day. The other time the altar of incense was touched with blood was on the day of Atonement, which happened once a year.

Yearly Atonement

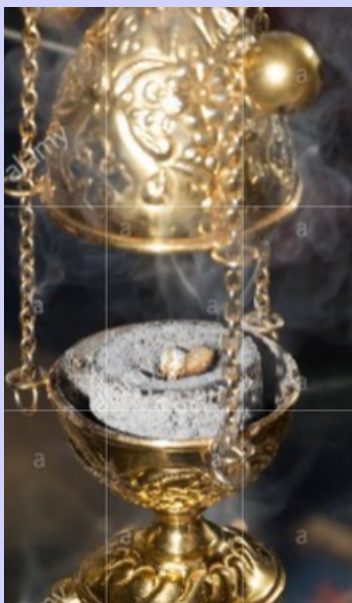


Figure 14: A golden censer with smoke coming out. Picture from Internet

Once in a year, on the Day of Atonement (Lev 23:26-32), the High Priest approached God in the MHP with blood to cleanse the sanctuary, the altar and the people (Lev 16:33). First, he kills a bullock for himself as the High Priest and takes the blood into the MHP. He then kills a goat for the people just as he had killed the bullock. He combines the blood and applies it on the four horns of the altar of incense. He then sprinkles the mixed blood on the altar seven times cleansing the altar on the Day of the Atonement (Lev 16:18-20; Exodus 30:10). It was the most holy activity that was done and the entire house of Israel was to be in a state of affliction, fasting and rest (Lev 16:30,31).

When entering the MHP, the high priest was to use a golden censer (plate) and carry burning smoke into the MHP behind the veil. Then the high priest burnt incense on the golden censer and the smoke ascended out of the censer and covered the mercy seat, shielding off the presence of the high priest. The high priest was to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat and make atonement for himself and the people of Israel (Lev 16:12,13). There were two handfuls of the incense brought into the MHP with the censer so that the amount of smoke and scent were enough to cover the high priest from God and fill the room with intense sweet-smelling aroma. The high priest sprinkled blood on the mercy seat one time when he entered and seven times before the mercy seat. This act removed the sins of the people out of the sanctuary and permanently atoned for the people of God.

Sprinkling of the Blood Seven Times

When dealing with sin offerings, the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled before the curtain seven times by a finger of the right hand dipped into the blood of the sacrifice (Lev 4:6). On the day of atonement, the

blood was sprinkled seven times as well before the ark.

Number seven represented perfection and completion. God completed the work of creation in seven days and declared the creation complete or perfect and said 'it is very good' (Gen 1:31; Gen 2:2). There are seven angles with the seven plagues, seven angels with the seven trumpets, seven times the Israelites marched against Jericho and it came tumbling down, seven times Naaman immersed himself into the water of Jordan and was healed and the list goes on in the scripture. The number seven signifies the utter completion of something, and with regard to the atonement, it signifies the utter cleansing of the sinner off from his or her records the sins he or she committed. The sin is transferred into the sanctuary and the priests who bear the sins until they are cleansed and completely removed from them, on the Day of Atonement.

The Veil of the Inner Sanctuary

The veil within the sanctuary represented the concealment of the Great God within approachable means. When the blood was sprinkled before the veil, it was enough to be seen by God as the sins being transferred into the sanctuary or unto his dwelling place. We must not forget the introduction of the idea of the sanctuary by God. 'Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell amongst them' (Ex 25:8). The sanctuary was a great symbolic representation of God dwelling among humans. The true fulfilment came in the form of the Great Son of God that actually came down as a Human. It was foretold by Isaiah and the prophets of this great condescension of God, transforming Himself into a Human (Isaiah 7:14 with Matthew 1:23). His name which is given by Isaiah, Immanuel, means, 'God with us'.

The Veil represents the flesh of the great son of God or his humanity (Heb 10:20). When the veil was torn within the temple from top to bottom, it signified the tearing of the flesh of the Son of God, the destruction of His body because of sin. However, after three days, His body was reconstructed, this time, without sin, and the old body that was stained with blood and sin was terminated at the cross.

The Temple Veil was rent

The temple veil was rent into two when Jesus died (Mark 15:38), meaning, the curtain was torn into two parts from the top to the bottom. Only divine hand can do that. According to various Jewish sources on the thickness of the veil, it was a handbreadth thick. Here is a quotation from one of the Jewish sources.

"Rabban Simeon b. Gamaliel says in the name of R. Simeon son of the Prefect: The veil was one handbreadth thick and was woven on [a loom having] seventy-two rods, and over each rod were twenty-four threads. Its length was forty cubits and its breadth twenty cubits; it was made by eighty-two young girls, and they used to make two in every year; and three hundred priests immersed it."

There is no Biblical reference on the thickness, but it is generally accepted that the curtain was 40 to 60 feet long and 20 feet wide. As for the thickness, as thick as a man's palm or handbreadth, about 4 inches thick. It is believed to have been washed by around 300 priests, and 82 young girls or virgins were employed to weave two per year.

Such a curtain of such magnitude and height that hung on the temple was torn from the top all the way down. No normal being could tear the great curtain separating the inner veil from top to bottom, only a divine being can. When Jesus gave up the ghost and died, the curtain was torn all the way down into two, signifying a new access to the Farther like never existed before. Humanity and divinity had become one through Christ Jesus and confirmed by the death.

Through his flesh, He dismissed whatever powers, dominions and sins that separated Humans from the Father and enabled direct access. Jesus obtained eternal redemption through the Holy Ghost and presented his blood into the true holies itself, that is Heaven itself.

Incense of Prayers and works of Service

The incense clearly represents prayers as pointed out in the Bible.

Psalms 141:2: "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice."

Revelation 5:8: Describes heavenly elders holding golden bowls full of incense, "which are the prayers of God's holy people."

Revelation 8:3-4: An angel offers much incense to add to "the prayers of all God's people" on the golden altar before the throne.

Prayers are essential to the worship of God. It is through prayer that one accesses the Father. However, the incense must have the right mix so that it is a sweet-smelling aroma before the Father. Those four ingredients were unique and combined in a special way following specific instructions from God. The recipe is not to be shared, and the method was not to be copied for any other incense. This resonates with God requiring undivided adoration and worship to God. God is a jealous God.

Such worship through prayer can only be accomplished through the indwelling power of Jesus Christ generated by the Holy Spirit within humans. A prayer must find its basis in the great sacrifice of the Son of God. Remember that the fires for the incense came from the altar of burnt offering. The smell came from the ingredients and its unique mix. They were salted signifying a preservation. Prayers must be marked by adoration, deep emotions, thanksgiving and worship for God. Humans can only go a certain distance but their faith in the sacrifice of the Son of God must be there. The Holy Spirit completes the rest. There must be consistency and persistence in prayer, based on the merits of Christ Jesus, and the soul is saved to the uttermost (Heb 7:25). So, it is the Holy Spirit which must be maintained in a person's life and not grieved.

Conclusion

This study is a general outlook or commentary on the sanctuary system, particularly touching the altar of incense, the one that stood directly in front of the ark of the covenant, separated only by the veil. The Priests did a few daily sacrifices and made atonement on it and a yearly atonement on the day of Atonement. The altar's primary function was to have incense burnt on it both day and night. The aroma was sweet smelling and pervaded the entire atmosphere of the sanctuary. On the day of atonement, the High Priest took a censer full of live coals from the altar and went into the Most Holy Place. The censer was to be burnt with enough incense to cover the mercy seat while the High Priest sprinkled blood before and on the mercy seat. Altar of incense faced the covenant and incense were continually offered on it. The incense represented the prayers of the saints. The prayers must reflect a life of undivided worship for God showing appreciation for the great sacrifice of the Son of God. The prayers must reflect adoration and emotions for Jesus Christ only. When that is not evident, when the basis of prayer is not rooted in Calvary and when the prayers are more self-centered, the aroma is missing and the person's prayer is not sweet-smelling to God. Remember, Nadab and Abihu were slain for offering strange fire with incense. It is the Holy Spirit that burns the sacrifice and atonement of the Son of God through the life of a sinner and presents the sinner as worthy of eternal life before the Father. The sinner must not let Jesus Christ go and hold onto Him whole heartedly and fervently.

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ADVENTIST MISSION

TPUM FOR CHRIST 2026: ONE MISSION, MANY NATIONS

Adventist Mission News – Voice by End Time Swallows



Introduction

The year 2026 has marked a historic moment for the Seventh-day Adventist Church across the Pacific. Through the Trans Pacific for Christ initiative, thousands of members, pastors, students, and leaders have united under one mission to share the gospel of Jesus Christ across island nations. Beginning in July and continuing through August, this coordinated movement has reached more than 1,800 sites in countries including the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa, Kiribati, and Tuvalu. What makes this campaign remarkable is not only its scale, but the spirit of unity it has fostered: churches crossing borders, cultures working together, and believers embracing the Great Commission as one family in Christ.

A Movement Across the Pacific

The year 2026 has witnessed a remarkable evangelistic wave across the Transpacific Union Mission (TPUM). Branded Transpacific for Christ, this initiative has mobilized Seventh-day Adventists throughout the Pacific to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelistic meetings, health ministry, community outreach, discipleship, and church planting.

Launched publicly on July 5, 2026, in the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu, the campaign has since expanded through July and August to Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati, and American Samoa. More than 1,800 sites were targeted, making this one of the most extensive coordinated evangelistic efforts ever undertaken in the Pacific.

Unity Beyond Borders

What makes TPUM for Christ especially significant is not merely the scale of its meetings, but the unity it has fostered across national boundaries. Pastors, elders, teachers, theology students, lay members, and evangelists have travelled from one Pacific nation to another to share the Word of God. Papua New Guinea, in particular, has responded with extraordinary commitment.

Papua New Guinea: From Mission Field to Mission Force

The participation of Papua New Guinea builds on the momentum of PNG for Christ in 2024. That earlier campaign revealed the potential of cross-cultural evangelism and the strength of churches working together.

Now, PNG has moved beyond its borders. Approximately 150 international preachers from PNG served during Solomon Islands for Christ, travelling across the nation to preach alongside local pastors. This demonstrated that PNG is no longer only a mission field receiving workers, but increasingly a mission-sending church, fulfilling Christ's command in Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Solomon Islands: A Powerful Beginning

The Solomon Islands became one of the first major stages of TPUM for Christ. From July 5–18, the campaign reached communities across all nine provinces, operating at 323 locations.

The results were inspiring. Baptisms held on July 18 marked the culmination of the two-week emphasis. In Honiara, a sunrise baptism drew crowds, while Lokuru on Rendova Island reported 138 baptisms - including 39 individuals from other faith backgrounds. The presence of PNG, Australian, New Zealand, and Solomon Islands pastors highlighted the mission's cross-border unity.

Tonga: Total Member Involvement

Tonga for Christ showcased the power of every member's participation. Pastors, elders, youth, Pathfinders, choirs, prayer ministries, and ordinary members all contributed. Meetings were held not only in churches but also in community spaces, including a restaurant in Nuku'alofa.

Culturally relevant mission was also evident. A team from the Chinese Union Mission connected with Chinese communities in Tonga, bridging language and cultural gaps. Baptismal celebrations followed, including 130 people baptized at Mizpah Adventist High School — the largest baptism ever recorded there.



Vanuatu: Training the Next Generation

From August 9–22, Vanuatu for Christ welcomed international preachers from PNG and the Solomon Islands. Lecturers and students from Sonoma Adventist College in PNG also participated — the first time the institution had sent theology students abroad for preaching engagements.



This was more than evangelism; it was a training ground. Students gained cross-cultural ministry experience, learning to preach, listen, and serve alongside local churches. TPUM for Christ is therefore shaping not only new believers but also future missionaries.

Fiji: Strong PNG Contribution

Fiji for Christ became another major centre of the movement. PNG sent 28 preachers, including PNGUM president Pastor Danny Philip, who preached at Namaka. PNGUM also donated K1 million to TPUM, underscoring its commitment to the wider Pacific mission.



Creative evangelism flourished. In Lautoka, wellness programs at 4:00 a.m. drew nearly 200 participants daily, while lunchtime Bible studies reached busy professionals. Attendance soared, with more than 13,000 people attending one night of meetings

More Than Meetings

The strength of TPUM for Christ lies in its holistic approach. Beyond preaching, the campaign integrated health ministry, children's programs, education, community service, media evangelism, and personal Bible studies.

Built on a “cultivation, harvest, and multiplication” model, the strategy emphasizes nurturing new believers, establishing them in faith, and multiplying disciples and churches. Leaders stressed that true success is measured not only by baptisms but by long-term discipleship and mission involvement.

One Pacific Church, One Mission

Perhaps the greatest achievement of TPUM for Christ is the unity it has created. PNG preachers served in Fiji and the Solomon Islands. Solomon Islanders ministered in neighboring nations. Vanuatu welcomed international teams. Students gained cross-cultural experience. Leaders travelled, preached, and encouraged across borders.

Though separated by vast oceans, the Pacific islands are discovering their connection through a common faith and mission. This fulfils the vision of South Pacific Division leaders: pastors and members crossing borders to preach, learn, and experience together what the Holy Spirit can accomplish.

Looking Ahead

As of August 24, 2026, TPUM for Christ continues to produce stories of faith. Some campaigns have concluded, while others are still reporting results. Baptisms in the Solomon Islands, extraordinary attendance in Fiji, outreach in Vanuatu, and celebrations in Tonga all testify to the Spirit's work.

For Papua New Guinea, this marks a turning point. The nation that experienced PNG for Christ in 2024 is now sending pastors, elders, evangelists, lecturers, and students across international waters to share Jesus with the wider Pacific.

TPUM for Christ is more than a program. It is a testimony that mission knows no boundaries. It is evidence that Pacific churches can work together. Above all, it is a declaration that Jesus Christ remains the hope of the islands.

As the Pacific responds to the gospel, the prayer of the Adventist Church is simple: more people discovering Jesus, more disciples being made, more churches being planted, and every believer becoming part of the mission.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

BECOMING A FAMILY MINISTRY

The concept of family isn't a human invention it was woven into creation by God to reflect unity (Genesis 2:24). The word family comes from the Hebrew word "mispachah" which extends beyond parents and children, it includes extended family, servants, sometimes the whole clan. Later in the New Testament when Christ was asked His mother and brothers were looking for him, He gestures to His disciples and says: "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

(Matthew 12:48-50). This expands the traditional understanding of family to a family of God, bound together through the power of the Holy Spirit by faith and commitment, not just blood. So, what makes a family a family? It is not the fact that they carry the same name or live under the same roof. It is the relationship they maintain with one another and the consistent time they spend together just like the apostles devoted themselves by breaking of bread and prayer and they were in one accord (Acts 2:42,44-46).

But this raises an important question: What actually defines us as a family ministry? A family does not gather only once or twice a year and then remain disconnected for the rest of the year. Yet, for many years, this has almost been our pattern as End Time Swallows. Throughout the year, we become occupied with our individual lives, our jobs, families, responsibilities,

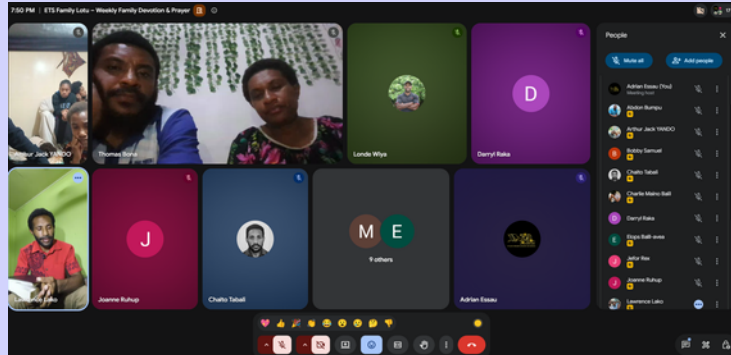


Figure 18: ETS family members across PNG and overseas come together for our Weekly Family Devotion and Prayer.

challenges, studies, and survival. Then, towards the end of the year, we come together for a couple of weeks to conduct EOY ministry. After that, we return to our respective places and continue with our lives for another year. But does that truly reflect who we are as a family? If we call ourselves a family ministry, then our identity must be reflected in the way we relate to one another. A family needs consistent communion and communication. We just cannot come together once a year and expect to remain closely connected. As a family we need to regularly spend time together, praying, encouraging and building one another up, worshiping together and staying connected in love through entirety of the year.

For this reason, we praise God for the initiative by HE Leaders, and Brother Lawrence Lako to establish the weekly End Time Swallows family devotion and prayer. This initiative is an opportunity for us to strengthen our identity as a family. It gives us a regular opportunity to reconnect with one another, worship together, share God's Word, and pray for each other.

We praise God that we have started with a weekly family devotion. But our prayer should not stop there. Our desire should be to grow closer and become even more connected as a family, to the point where daily communion, prayer, and fellowship become part of who we are, and this should identify or distinguish us from rest of the ministry.

One major concern by ETS senior boys is that ETS Ministry must not be seen by their families as the ministry belongs to their father only. But that their whole family sees that this ministry belongs to the whole family also in every aspect. This means we need to involve our wives and children meaningfully and not just have them assist in cooking our meals at EOYM. If we continue this practice, ETS senior boys will battle between their immediate families and ETS as they would want their families to be part of a ministry that their whole family feels they are part of.

Unfortunately, already some of our senior boys are facing this sad situation... The family devotion maybe an avenue for us to start where our wives and kids take part in and feel that they are part of the ministry...

Now, the question is not, "Are we End Time Swallow?" It is, "What defines us as End Time Swallows?"

If we are truly a family ministry, then our family identity must be seen in our relationships, our fellowship, our communication, our prayers, and our commitment to one another and God. May God help us not to be a family that only meets at the end of the year, but a family that remains connected throughout the entire year.

Amos 3:3 - "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" End Time Swallows should not just be a ministry that works together only but a family that walks together in one accord.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for our brothers who lost their love ones during this time of mourning
- 30th Anniversary - EOYM
- ETS family
- HE leaders, Embassies leaders, solo swallows and HE Projects

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