

# GO Missions -Updates

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## MUD EXPLORATION



Thomas with Bishop Henry

### Searching for 'Base Camp'

Finding the right site to start mud brick trials has meant many hours on the road. Roger and Thomas have travelled over the two main Islands in Fiji to meet Bishops, Church ministers and families in Villages.

Spending time with Fiji's two Bishops, Bishop Henry from Vanua Levu and Bishop Gabriel from Viti Levu was encouraging and both were very supportive of the Mud Brick Project vision.



Roger with Bishop Gabriel

Then having returned a day early to Suva from the Northern Island of Vanua Levu, Thomas then 'just happened' to bump into Assistant Principal Mikaele of Queen Victoria School, in the middle of the day in downtown bustling Suva city. Mikaele had previously been Principal of the Anglican School in Suva that the Golden Oldies have attended. He has a heart for youth to be trained for employment and has invited Thomas to travel to his School 2-hours out of Suva next



Thomas miraculous meeting with Principal Mikaele in the heart of Suva city

week to discuss the vision further. A man of vision and passion, it was another of those 'divine meetings' and it will be interesting where that leads.

### A Cultural Ambassador

With Roger having returned to Christchurch today, we have now invited Pate from Suva to partner with Thomas in this development stage. Pate has been involved with the Golden Oldies over the past 2-years as a Team Leader and coordinated the NZCMS 'Better World' Mission OE team when they travelled to Fiji.



Pate our new Cultural Ambassador for the Mud Brick project

Pate has accepted the role as our Cultural Ambassador and will now be working alongside Thomas over the next few months.



Church site on Fiji's Northern Island, Vanua Levu

### Production Sites

Roger and Thomas have now shortlisted sites for the brick testing to start. This coming week Thomas and Pate will now start this final stage of finalising the preparations to allow us to start the first production of mud bricks in Fiji!



Suva site with Pate, and GOM members Jill and Jane

### Vinaka vakalevu

for your on-going support and encouragement.

On behalf of Roger, Thomas and Pate.

### Graeme

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