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## Fiji



*Left: Ladies at the retreat weekend at the Sabeto Christian camp, Fiji.*

Two women's conferences have been held in Fiji this year; one in Suva during May, and the other near Nadi in June. Forty-five women attended each event. The weekend held at the Sabeto Christian Camp was on the theme of 'Holiness' and was organised by Fiji KYB Coordinator, Akosita, and the committee in Nadi.

Two speakers, Donita, from Australia, and Lorraine, the Pacific Director from New Zealand, presented the messages.

A team of four NZ CWCI ladies and the KYB Production Director also took part in the program. During the week the team travelled to other parts of Fiji to visit and encourage the women in Suva, Tonia village and Lautoka.

Women told what studying God's Word through KYB has meant to them and their families, and how it has transformed them and brought them joy, even in difficult circumstances.

## Melanesia



*Above: KYB leaders, Vila, Vanuatu*

Women in **Vanuatu** began studying the Bible with KYB in 2011, using study books in English. A translation of *Good News! — the message of the Bible* into the Bislama language is underway.

Sixteen studies in Tok Pisin have been translated for use in **Papua New Guinea**. English studies are also used.

KYB continues to grow in the **Solomon Islands** where more than 1000 women use this method of Bible study. Members of the KYB Executive also work on literacy projects and translating studies. Four KYB studies are now available in Solomon Islands Pijin.

There are about seventy local languages, but only three have complete translations of the Bible.

## In Brief

- Translation of a KYB study into Japanese has now begun.
- Translating takes much time and effort, but translators often testify to the blessing received as they work on the KYB studies: "To me, translation is like conversations with God... I enjoy it so much!" "Personally I have been very much blessed by KYB and am eager to share this wonderful way to knowing God's word."
- KYB continues to be used in Bangladesh where 97% of the population is Muslim. Pray for the safety of the university students involved in translating, checking and vetting studies, and that new KYB groups will be established.
- All ten French KYB studies are now print ready and available for use. French studies are also used in Cameroon and Benin.



*Above: KYB event, Solomon Islands*



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## Australia

### **KYB by Skype/teleconferencing**

Australia is a vast land where women in the out-back live in isolation and have few opportunities to meet with others for Bible study. Neighbours may live great distances apart. In a country prone to drought, it is also easy to become spiritually dry.

One woman who lives with her husband and three school age children on a sheep station in the far west of New South Wales, enquired about the possibility of starting a Bible study for Christian women living on stations.

A member of the nearest CWCI committee agreed to lead, and soon a small group of interested women was ready to try 'KYB by Skype', beginning with a nine week introductory study.

By the second study, seven women aged between 15 and 68 were connecting on Skype to study God's Word, pray and share Christian fellowship.



**Above: Doing KYB on Skype**

Because of problems with internet connections and other technical issues, the women are now trialling KYB via teleconference. Also, three more people have expressed an interest in joining KYB.

All of these women live in rural and remote NSW and have no other opportunity to attend a Bible study. Just as with any other Bible study group, the busyness of life, family and work sometimes makes it hard to attend, but the group members continue to pray for each other. They continually thank God for the wonders of technology

and the opportunity to connect each week.

One member wrote: *KYB is becoming such an important part of our lives that it's something we prioritise . . .*

*Connection with our KYB group and other Christian women helps us to look more to Jesus . . . Being linked with other believers is wonderful.'*

Pray that God's word will continue to bring refreshment and renewal to these women in the far west of NSW and the 13 isolated KYB groups that meet in rural Queensland.

(Source: SRB News and Bond newsletter)

## Pakistan

Fifteen KYB studies have been translated into Urdu.

Praise God for the provision of Nadia and her husband Tahmasib who are interested in checking and proofreading documents so that studies can be available for use.



**Nadia with Diana (KYB Translation Director), Sandra (KYB UK President ) and Margaret (KYB UK Administrator).**

*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."  
(Psalm 46:10)*