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Women's Fellowship

Brief Report to the Weaving Programme

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Greetings:

I bring greetings to you all in the matchless name of God almighty. Indeed God is good and remains best all the time. My moderator Rev Bernard Siai & wife Marama Wendy Siai, women leaders (Executives of the UCPNG WFS) and our Desk Secretary Rev Gloria Marke extend their warm greetings love and good tidings to the World Officers and Unit leaders in Christ name.

Salutation:

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'-Exodus 3:14

Let us be who we are as chosen and selected leaders to guide our women in sharing skills and reaching out to those who need God's love.

Introduction:

United Church Papua New Guinea is a diverse country with many languages. But it is a joy in serving the Lord through climbing mountains, crossing rough seas, and riding on the bump highways but how wonderful God is great things he does every day.

Brief activities:

1. Worship:

Our worship type in our area (UCPNG) is set in the geographical way because many of our islands and villages are scattered. And we use our marama's (Ministers wives and Coordinators) to draw up and translate worship liturgies in our languages were we settle. We engage young mothers/single girls (Grades 10-12 leavers) in writing up liturgies to be used in our women's activities and Sunday worship's.

2. Relationship:

More like other Pacific Island we too in UCPNG build relations between our women groups (Twinning Programmes), and with the PNGCW as an ecumenical body (7 mainline churches in PNG). We share our cultures and pass on traditional lifestyles to our young women (children & men). We also build relationships with NGO (safe homes, Agra, World Visions, etc) and other related groups in activities like Women's Convention were all women gather with different beliefs, cultures and spiritual strengths to share in common what and how God is ministering to our lives through Devotion, Education, Service and Recreational activities

3. Social Actions:

- UCPNG WFS has a positive way of approaching her ministry in building and working with men folks and allowing potential women exercising their skills and gifts in government level and church related organisations in which we are implementing gender equality in our family, community, church, and nation as whole.
- Like other islands and country's we encounter violence in all forms verbally, physically, mentally and even spiritually. And as women we do awareness on family violence, eliminating child abuse and remembering women/girls who fall as victims in areas where there are tribal wars, ethnic fights and society's rights of individuals are denied (land grabbing, entitlements and etc.

Challenges:

Today as we speak our challenges identified are;

1. Geographical Setting (Islands are all scattered)
2. Travelling cost to meet and implement our women activities are difficult.
3. Financial Strength is limited because our (KINA) value is weak compare to other countries.
4. National Developments especially the APEC meeting has led us to a stage where we are financially struggling
5. Outstanding long term Project for women to BUILD a RESOURCE CENTRE for catering training, meetings, worship, safe home for victims of violence especially women/girls, etc.
6. Individual women meets her ends financially.

Conclusion:

Nevertheless our challenges our love for God is strong in our gatherings and when witnessing his Gospel – to know CHRIST and to MAKE HIM KNOWN.

Shalom:

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