

News of 2007 Outreach Programs in Fiji

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The WWME movement in Fiji is again on the roll in this year's program for Marriage Encounter for couples and Priests. One of the main highlights was the OUTREACH Programs to two parishes that were overwhelming experiences. This is especially true when we have to travel to the interior of the country where the outreach has to be implanted.

The two parishes are St. Peter Parish and Our Lady of Hope Parish and they are located at quiet a remote place in the interior of Viti Levu, the largest island of Fiji. The implant of the WWME took a month, with two original Weekends held together in the respected parishes. These parishes are such that have village set-up and strong cultural values where men are the dominant factor. It was a bit of a challenge at the first day, but as the days went by, the graces of God were able to touch the couples as seen in their closeness to each other.

The data are shown below:

Date:	No. Couples:	Av. years married:	Working background:
4-6 May	16	8	Farmers
11-13 May	21	8	Farmers
11-13 May	24	7	Farmers
18-20 May	26	6	Farmers

Most Weekends are held at parish schools as we don't have the luxury or funds to hire hotels. Dialogue couples were in charge of the catering for the respective Weekends and were from sister parishes of ST. Vincent De Paul parish and Our Lady of Fatima parish.

It was a rewarding experience to witness the couples recapturing that "spark" again in their relationships. The team couples/priest were; Fr. Macverry, Fr. Turagakacivi, Wani & Nia Madigibuli, Jo & Loma, Semi & Sisi, Wani & Lusi, Etonia & Elenora, Poasa & Asilika, Epeli & Rosalia.

The Bridging Weekends continue through the months of June and July and the deeper Weekends are scheduled for next year. There are Weekends scheduled for other parishes for the second half of the year. Our Sacramental Weekend will be held this week with Fr. Macverry and Mr. & Mrs. Madigibuli hosting the couples.

As usual we ask for you prayers and please do offer masses for us. The WWME meeting for the Oceania region will be held in Fiji in October this year.

WE LOVE YOU ALL, BYE FOR NOW FROM THE FIJI ISLANDS, NI SA MOCE!!

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