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Dear Readers,
Welcome to this edition of Paia.

Not long ago the CLT in Brisbane announced the new Leadership Team for the PNG Cluster. Paia is proud to mention their names again, and congratulate them for their willingness in taking up these roles and for the sacrifice that they made to humbly give their time to look out for the needs of their brothers in the Cluster.

Br. Alfred Tivinarlik was reappointed as the Cluster Leader. Br. Herman Wagira was also reappointed as Br. Alfred's assistance together with Br. Joachim ToRavit and Br Iggy Kalok who are the new members of the team. We hope to see some major changes in the cluster as this new energetic Leadership Team takes over. We believe that the Team will be very

committed to their roles as leaders, and that they will work more closely with Brothers here in PNG and with the CLT in Brisbane to improve the network system within the Brothers in the Oceania Province and abroad.

Let us always remember these appointed leaders in our daily prayers, and ask God's guidance upon them.

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TOLIMAN Francis - Editor

MBE Award – Br Andrew Simpson



This year we witnessed one of our brothers being awarded the MBE award. Br. Andrew Simpson received the MBE



medal from the Governor of PNG Sir Paulias Matane in October. Congratulations Br. Andrew!

MBE Medal

Blaise and Victor – Completed their Pre-Novitiate Training

Candidates, Blaise and Victor completed their 5 days Pre-Novitiate training with Br. Ted Magee and Mary Murphy early in October this year. The two promising novices will travel

to Australia on the 14th of January next year, 2011. From there they will get their Ghana visas and then travel to Ghana for their two year novitiate training. God's blessing upon them! ■

Releasing the Past

By Joachim ToRavit

Forgiveness does affect personal wellbeing that I feel compelled to reflect on its significance. When I hold something unforgiven inside, I am nurturing anger, hatred and resentment or even guilt. These emotions lock me into the moment, continually reliving events. Over time all these emotions can become suppressed into my subconscious, consuming my mental and life energy. Until I release myself from this cycle, it may prove impossible to move on.

It really does not matter what the issue was, whether slight or life-shatteringly traumatic. If I want to move on I must let it go. To do this I must forgive! To forgive someone does not mean that I condone their behaviour simply that I forgive them, and release them. By releasing and forgiving them, I release myself.

At some point I have to hold onto my anger, refusing to forgive or let go. I will never move on until I do. In fact quite the reverse, by allowing such emotions to ferment inside, they grow and can become all consuming, my whole life becoming defined by whatever the event was. I am no longer in control of my life or living the life I want. I am living a life that is directed by my anger and hurt.

My life is often a reflection of my reactions to the ups and downs of life. If I choose to accept the good and release the bad, I am able to maintain control over my life and keep my sense of direction. If however I focus on the bad things that have happened to me then these will simply grow, continually manifesting my own dark thoughts and divert me from seeking what I really want.

If I am "stuck" in life, then it is well worth looking back to see if there is anything unforgiven in my past. I must remember to forgive everyone, especially myself. I can hike through life burdened with guilt for this or that. It is better to forgive myself and let go. Better still, it is better to choose happiness over being right.

I always must remember that, life is in the now; the past is already finished and cannot be changed. Nothing I can do now, can ever change

the past, yet it is amazing how I squander my emotional and life energy, consumed with anger or guilt about the past. I have the power now, at this very moment, to make my choices, take my action, to make a difference. I have no power in the past and I have no assurance of power in the future.

If I want to feel free, released from the past then I must forgive. Forgive everyone, especially myself. I know how difficult it is to overcome my natural and very human feelings of anger, guilt, resentment and fear. The basis of them can seem and may well be completely justified. I may be completely right to have these emotions and it is OK to experience them. However, these emotions damage my ability to move on; I must accept my emotions but then be prepared to let them go. To release myself, I must forgive. Until I do I will remain the victim with my life locked into all those negative emotions.

Look around you, do you know anyone like that? Some tragedy or injustice has been suffered and now the entire life of that person is defined by their anger and resentment. Every positive thought, every inspired moment, all of life's little pleasures are subsumed with their overwhelming feelings of anger, resentment, even desire for revenge. No matter how justified their emotions are, what good is it doing them? The past can never be changed. Life is full of tragedy and joy, it is not the events of life so much as how we respond to them that defines how joyous and successful our lives are.

Many at times, religious who do not forgive find consolation in all the wrong places. One obvious one can be substance abuse. Full participation

in community and ministry can also be impaired. Some may even go to the extent of threatening to leave and may eventually leave. It is better to leave with dignity than with frustration.

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Bursar – Sick

Br. Charlie, our Bursar is not feeling well. Last week he had a terrible back ache. He said that was the first time again since he was in Balmain. Despite of the back ache he is still working his gut out as always. He's been to see the doctor twice. We pray for his recovery. ■

Vocation News

By Fidelis Toatahi – Vocation Director, PNG

The year of the Lord, 2010 has brought us wonderful things. The new wineskins for the new wine is something happening in our midst if you only look and see with the eyes of the heart. Since I volunteered for this demanding ministry which I occasionally attend to in regard to correspondences, I have on my list at present a bundle of aspirants. Many are a long way yet to reach the requirements/criteria for selection for candidacy. They are working on what we called 'Prenovitiante Program'. This mainly surrounds 'prayer practices and encouragement through contact for furthering or completing studies.' Those who met our requirements are reported in this newsletter.

I sense we all equally have a vital role to play in promoting vocations from our Congregation. I include in

this news some insights and techniques we can use to promote vocations wherever we are (*the proposed ideas are drawn from the formators' workshop I attended during Christmas period at Xavier's Institute/POM*).

WHAT WORKS WELL?

What works well, is **TELLING YOUR STORY**.

- Taking whatever opportunity to be amongst youth and tell your story.
- Your personal story... told in a spirit of openness and in all honesty, young people today will know if you are having them on, or if it is not from the heart.
- Our personal stories are valuable tools in promoting our way of life.

That role is to promote vocations in our ministries. We all know the techniques and have the skills to play the game for Jesus and Edmund. I propose here some guides for your information and small action now! We need to be seen, we need to talk about ourselves and the vocation to Religious life and to life particularly in our Congregation- '**The Christian Brothers**'.

- We need to invite people to come and share a meal, prayer, a day or two with us.
- Personal contact is absolutely essential.
- Going into schools is also important in today's world. Young people need to know that religious life as we know it is an option and not the image shown in the media.
- We need to build a culture of Vocation.
- We need to educate our educators and then take opportunities to be

involved in schools, parish, wherever young people are.

- ➡ We need to educate families and present Religious life / Ordained Ministry as an option.
- ➡ Being involved in Diocesan/ State or National Vocations networks is also good. Here you are given opportunities to hear and see what is happening, to contribute and be part of Vocational activities that occur (e.g. Rallies or Camps).
- ➡ Get involved with vocation efforts of your own Congregational family (Christian Brothers).
- ➡ Using the local and religious media can also be effective for being known within the society. More than just advertising, as this can be expensive; when having events that are news worthy especially where Religious or Priests are involved, invite the local media to come along and report on them.
- ➡ Running 'Come and See' days/weekends/weeks can be very successful. These work in most environments but depend a lot on the involvement of the membership to invite young people to participate.
- ➡ Vocational Expos have had a revival in later years in Australia. It has been found that the most effective way is not so much what you present, with posters, handouts, PPT etc but who of your Congregation you have

present to meet and talk with those who pass by.

Our witness to **Prayer, Mission and Living in Community** is another.

WHAT REALISTICALLY CAN INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES DO?

Vocation ministry is truly everyone's responsibility. It is the task of some but the responsibility of all members of the Congregation.

Every community needs to talk about Vocations Ministry, no matter what physical/mental/ministerial stage they are at. We continually need to provide opportunities for **Religious/Priests** (not just **me** but **us**) to share their wisdom and keep enthused by reflecting together on such questions as:

- What am I already doing to help promote vocations?
- How can I build on this?
- What are we doing in our communities to help promote vocations?
- How can we build on these efforts?
- Where can I find people to invite to consider religious life / Priestly Ordination?
- What can I do to help foster vocations in young people?
- How do I encourage and nurture the call in those who might be interested? In the young? In young adults?
- Where are the youth and young adults and how can I make connections?

Keep Casting Your Nets into the Deep

Our Present Candidates

(In communities)



We are all aware of our young men who are now living in some of our communities and have attended several gatherings, including the recent one in Port Moresby. It is encouraging to see that they are given good accompaniment and guidance. The list should have;

1. **Blaise Semoso** (Wewak Community)
2. **Victor Piniau** (Vunakanau Community)
3. **Desmond Williams** (Erima Community as expected)
4. **Francis Toliman** (Erima Community)
5. **Lawrence Massin** (Erima Community)
6. **Andrew Ase** (1st year student DWU-Kaindi, Wewak Community)

Candidates Profile

Christian Brothers
Papua New Guinea



Below are our candidates' profiles for the month. I intended to reintroduce Blaise Semoso and Victor Piniau once again because they will be in Ghana next year for their novitiate training.

Blaise Semoso

Blaise comes from Gogohe Parish, Buka Island of the



Autonomous Region of Bougainville. He is a trained primary school teacher, graduated with Diploma at OLSH-Kabaleo. He taught for several years in primary schools and he is now working for Callan Services-Wewak as a Provincial Deafness Education Coordinator. He has been living in the Wewak Community for almost 2 years. He is preparing for Novitiate in the near future.

Victor Piniau



Victor Piniau comes from the Duke of York Islands in East New Britain Province. He is a trained and qualified primary school teacher, graduated with the Diploma at DWU-Kaindi. He taught at Vunakanau Memorial Primary School and at present he is teaching Mathematics and CRE to the year 9s at St. Mary's Secondary School-Vunakanau. He is preparing for the Novitiate in the near future.

Our Aspirants

(On contact program)

There are some old and new aspirants who seem to have met most of our entry requirements. They still yet to be scrutinized, reassessed and formally invited by those in leadership for recognition as potential candidates through the formal process leading to the Novitiate. The list below has this:

1. **Anthony Mawi** (CSNU associate for almost 10 years, Wewak, ESP)
2. **Ezekiel Biat** (Primary School Teacher - 4 years Teaching at Basmu Primary School, ESP)
3. **Fidelis Seo** (2nd year student teacher at DWU-Kaindi, ESP)

4. **Richard Sangihawain** (Primary School Teacher-6 years of experience, ESP)
5. **Joel Hamago** (Journalist field student at DWU-Madang, Sandaun Province)
6. **Damian Gai** (Completed Grade 12, done matriculations and he's attempting to gain entry into DWU-Kaindi, ESP)
7. **Zechariah Baisi** (2nd year student at DWU-Kaindi, Buin District, Autonomous Region of Bougainville)

I thank you all for your efforts for being Disciples of Christ by promoting vocations to our Congregation of the Christian Brothers. May we keep casting our nets into the deep!

**Your Brother,
Fidelis Toatahi cfc. ■**

Callan Services National Unit

Director and Acting Director

By Br. Kevin Ryan

After a temporary appearance of two weeks in August Br Kevin Ryan returned to his role as Director of Callan Services National Unit towards the end of September. This means that



Head of Callan SNU, Br Kevin Ryan taking the opportunity to thank Mr. Augustine Koroma at the Community Erima

Augustine Koroma is now feeling quite bored as he now only has one role - that of National Coordinator of the National Hearing Education and Health Project. While Kevin has been away he has held that role as well as being Acting Director.

All the members of the Executive have had to take more responsibility but Augustine has carried the heaviest load. Congratulations on winning the confidence of the staff, taking initiative and dealing with the unexpected some calmly and with a sense of God's peace in your heart. Bikpela tenkyu tru!

An Edmund Rice Volunteer in Papua New Guinea

In August, Papua New Guinea welcomed its first 'official' Edmund Rice Volunteer. Mr Tom Bourke is now living in Wewak and is working with other Callan Services National Unit (CSNU) staff as he manages the building of four houses, three Deaf Education Resource Unit classrooms and many other related maintenance matters for Callan Services National Unit. Tom, you are a very welcome addition to the Callan family and also to the Edmund Rice Network in PNG.■

Deaf Olympics

By Br. Kevin Ryan

In late September, Madang was the host venue for an historic event in PNG - the first ever 'Deaf Olympics'. Over 120 Deaf and Hearing Impaired young people gathered to dance, run, throw, jump and have a good time! The key activity was to 'win friends' and we are sure that in future the Deaf Olympics should be sponsored by the two Mobile Telephone Networks - Bemobile and Digicel. There will still be plenty text messages 'flying' across the country as you all read this Newsletter. The main sponsor for the Deaf Olympics was Light for the World who are the Non-Government Organisation (NGO) that funds the massive the massive National Hearing Education and Health Project. More of the results of that wonderful project in the next edition.■

Two Conferences

By Br. Kevin Ryan

In August another NGO, CBM, with the assistance of Cordaid, funded a gathering of 10 CSNU staff, two representatives of each of 17 (16 official and one unofficial) Special Education Resource Centres (SERC's) in the Network of Callan Services. It was going to be such an enjoyable 4 days that the 'resting Director' decided to come up to the Sivarai Namona Conference Centre in Boomana on the outskirts of Port Moresby to be present.

Besides the all important reflections and prayer and the networking and informal planning and learning, there were two key activities.

One activity involved the participants 'experiencing' what will

become the 'Foundational Workshop in Children's Services and Child Protection for all current and future staff members in the Callan Network'. After experiencing this pilot workshop, the facilitator (Dr Pauline Meemeduma - Child Protection Consultant for the Christian Brothers Oceania Province) lead the participants in an evaluation and planning process about the strengths of the process and also how it could be improved. Other stages in the process of further developing the Resource Centres as very effective and safe services for children and vulnerable adult populations will follow - as well as more Foundational Workshops. The whole process is based on the 'seven care needs' and, of course we ALL know that they are: Physical, Psychological, Emotional, Cognitive, Social, Spiritual and Moral (NB: The Editor will be running a quick quiz on this in the next Paia Nuisletta)

The second activity was the launch and exploration of the CSNU Strategic Plan 2009 - 2015. Two key aspects explored were the drafting of a Memorandum of Agreement for all those involved in the Network of Callan Services (roles, responsibilities etc for those in this Network of service for people with disabilities) and Advocay. The latter exploration lead to the news in the next section.■

Universal Periodic Review

Every four years the United Nations conducts a review of each country in relation to the implementation of Human Rights in that country. This will happen for PNG in 2011. In preparation for this NGO's are preparing submissions now. The Network of Callan Services (based on the Callan Network Conference

discussions, Centres filling out questionnaires and also the outcomes of a recently held National Special Education Seminar) submitted a report that has helped develop a joint submission from: Franciscans International (FI), Edmund Rice International (ERI) and Foundation for Marist Solidarity International (FMSI). When the final submission is made public, information will be shared as to how and where you can access it and also the initial report from the Network of Callan Services.■

Lawrence Massin

By Br. Kevin Ryan

Lawrence has just completed his final exams for a Diploma of Accounting. (Francis Toliman, editor in chief and also a candidate has also completed his final exams - for the Bachelor of Science Degree). Anyway back to Lawrence as we do not wish to give too much attention to Francis! Lawrence has headed north and east out of Port Moresby and has landed in Wewak where he has taken up a temporary position in the 'Business Arm' of CSNU. Welcome Law!

TOK SAVE

Melanesian Brothers Gathering

The next Melanesian Brothers gathering will be held in Madang and will run for one week, and that is from the 28th of December to the 04th of January, 2011.

All Melanesian Brothers are asked to attend. Brother Vince Duggan and Br. Julian McDonald will be attending this gathering.

Brothers are asked to arrive early in Madang before the beginning of the Gathering

Please send all details for your travel to Br. Charlie Smith so that he can arrange all tickets and flight bookings.■

Birth Dates

Br. Barry Louison asked me to list the Birthdates for all the Brothers and Candidates in PNG in this edition of Paia. Below is the complete list of Birthdates for all Brothers and Candidates in the PNG Cluster.

Name Birthdates

Month of January

Ellis Peter	15 Jan
Winnie Adrian	17 Jan

Month of February

Stallard Vin	05 Feb
Kikisi Paul	08 Feb
Tivinarlik Alfred	21 Feb

Month of March

Wagira Herman	03 Mar
Toliman Francis	08 Mar
Piniau Victor	09 Mar
Sabak Liam	13 Mar
Mara Andrew	17 Mar
Anderson Peter	30 Mar

Month of April

Toatahi Fidelis	12 Apr
McCallum Maurice	29 Apr

Month of May

Tottenham Ambrose	03 May
Kiaplai Andrew	15 May

Month of June

Buzolic Gerry	01 Jun
Paruka Willie	16 Jun
Massin Lawrence	25 Jun
Charlie Smith	25 Jun

Month of July

Louisson Barry	06 Jul
Duggan Vince	09 Jul
Leach Graeme	14 Jul
Hamilton Tony	16 Jul
Varbongoi Mark	25 Jul
Kuvur John	28 Jul
Hilary Desmond	29 Jul
Pulkapo Cosmas	30 Jul

Month of August

Posilih Mark	12 Aug
Marum Joseph	26 Aug
Simpson Andrew	30 Aug

Month of September

Manau Cosmas	05 Sep
Kalok Iggy	08 Sep
Gibbons Trevor	10 Sep
Demane Andrew	21 Sep

Month of October

McBeath Andrew	19 Oct
ToRavit Joachim	19 Oct
Semoso Blaise	23 Nov

Month of December

Ryan Kevin	13 Dec
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Tenkyu tru olgeta na bungim yupela gen long narapela niusleta bilong yumi, Paia Niusleta. God i ken blessim yumi olgeta long taim Yumi Wokabaut Wantaim!

"Thank you very much everyone, and we'll meet again in the next round of Paia Newsletter. May God bless us all as We Walk Together!"

***Live Jesus in Our Hearts ...**
... FOREVER!!!*