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Akameitakianga

“E imene ia Iehova i te imene ou; e au mea takake oki tei raveia e ia: no tona uaorai rima katau, e tona rima tapu, i riro mai ei te re iaia” Salamo 98:1. Ko te akameitakianga mua, ki te Tekeretere Maata o te Akonoanga CICC, Nga Mataio, koia i ariki kia akatanotano i te au ngai i ape i roto i teia tataanga ma te akao mai i te au tutu no te akaari i te turanga o te Ekalesia ma te oire Nikao. Ka tau katoa te akameitakianga kia akatoro iatu ki te tamaine, Tina Akama, koia tei ariki i te taipu i teia puka, ngoie atu ei ireira ia Nga i te rave i tana tuanga. Mauruuru no ta korua tauturu.

Ko te rua o te akameitakianga, kia Papa Tuaivi Kokaua, no tei rauka iaia kia tata i te au mea i tupu i taito i rauka'i iaku kia kiriti mai i tana i kite ki roto i teia puka ei kiteanga na tatou katoatoa i teia tuatau.

Ko te maataanga o tetai au tuanga i roto i teia puka, naku rai i kite e i tamanako i tetai au ngai kia matara te aiteanga o tetai au manako oonu. Irinaki au e, e aka taku i rauka mai i te au mataiti tei noo ana au ki Nikao, e ko teia ireira e tataia nei no te uki o teia ra e pera to apopo.

Ka akameitaki katoa au i toku oa ia Nga Mokoroa koia i akakitekite mai i tetai au tuanga kare i papu iaku no te oire Nikao, mei te au tangata mua tei noo ana i roto i te nga tapere Pokoinu, Turama e Rangiura, e tetai atu au ngai tei riro i te akarava atu i te au mea tei tataia ki roto i teia puka.

Kia manuia i te Atua.

M.P. Mokoroa *(BEM)*



1. AKATOMOANGA

Kia orana. I akatumuia teia tataanga ki runga i te akamataanga o te Ekalesia Nikao mei te tuatau i akaatea mai ei te au tangata Nikao mei roto i te Ekalesia Avarua, tei tataia e Tuiavi Kokaua i roto i tana puka taiari, tei kiritiia mai no te akapapu i tetai au angaanga i tupu.

Kare i akakiteia te tumuanga i akaatea mai ei te au tangata Nikao mei Avarua. Inara i roto i teia tamanakoanga, penei no te mamao te ara i te aereanga ki te pureraa popongi Ruitoru, Varaire e te Sabati, te au tangata tika'i e noo ra i Pokoinu.

I roto katoa i konei ka akara tatou i te maatamaata o te oire, koia te au kotinga enua i te tiroa e te tipoto o te maoraanga o te enua mei te piri kotinga i Avatiu e tae uatu ki Tuoro. Na teia e akaari mai i te au tuanga i orongaia no te eapoti, te tuanga enua Tereora e tae uatu ki te Aremaki i runga i te maunga, te enua tei akatakaia no te ratio, e pera no te pa poro.

Ka akara katoaia te au kotinga tapere e te au ngutuare tangata matamua, i noo i roto i nga tapere Rangiura, Turama Tuitui e Pokoinu. Na teia e akaari mai i te maata o te tangata tei rave i te au angaanga kimi puapinga no ratou, to te pae Evangelia e to te Kavamani.

2. TE OIRE NIKAO

Te Kotinga Oire

E akaraanga teia no te au kotinga enua i Nikao ta te mata tangata e kite ra. Ko te au akatakaanga kotinga tano, na te tangata vaito enua. Ko te manako maata i konei ko te akaraanga tatou i te taravaanga o te enua e te tu o te au akapuapingaanga a te Evangelia, te Kavamani, Pae Apii, tuanga tamataora, e te tuanga kimi puapinga (pitineti). Ka akara katoaia te au kotinga tapere, Rangiura, Turama Tuitui e Pokoinu, te tiroa e te tipoto o te enua.

Te Kotinga Maata

Akamata te kotinga maata mei te Tamanu i ko i te kainga o Teamoke Kokaua. Ko Taua taua tuanga ra. Mei reira akatika na te tua i taatai e tae roa ki Tuoro i Pokoinu. Taoki na te tua i te ara metua i uta i Atupa, mei ko i te kainga o Mareta Hirovana, tetai tuaine o Teamoke. Mei reira na te piri maunga e tae roa ki runga i te maunga e tu nei te Aremaki, tikoti ki taatai e tae atu ki Tuoro. Ko te kotingaia o te oire Nikao, ka taena paa mei te ono ki te itu kiromita te roangarere.

Tei roto i teia tuanga enua te ngai tauranga pairere (eapoti), te tua enua Tereora tei riitia i raro i te ingoa o te London Missionary Society (LMS). No te Evangelia teia enua e kua o atu te pae apii ki roto. Tei roto katoa i teia tuanga enua ia Pokoinu te ngai o te uaereti i muatangana, i teia tuatau kua riro ei ngai tamataora pa anga poro, koia te golf. I roto katoa ia Pokoinu tetai au are tarau o te Kavamani, pera te are o te ngai akara reva e te au toa o te aronga pitinetai.

Me akatau matatio tatou, ka ui te uianga e i akapeea i tupu ei teia, koia oki i akapeea i rauka'i te Kavamani i te taangaanga i teia au ngai? Ko te pauanga poto, kare i maata te tangata e noo ra i runga i teia tuanga enua mei Taua ki Tuoro. Ngoie ua'i te tare tamanako i te au tangata tei noo roa i Nikao. No teia tumu kare i maata te tangata, rauka atura i te kavamani i te riiti nona tetai tuanga.

Kare i kitea eaa te aiteanga o te ingoa Nikao. Me akatau koe i te ingoa Avarua, Avatiu, ka rauka iakoe te kite i te aiteanga. Kareka ra teia ingoa Nikao, kare e kitea te aiteanga. Kua riro ra ei ingoa oire.

Te Au Kotinga Tapere

E toru au tapere matamua i roto ia Nikao; Rangiura, Turama Tuitui e Pokoinu. Kare i rauka te akatinamou i te tuatau i akamata ei teia au tapere. Ko teia ra i raro nei te au kotinga tamanako; i muri nei kua o mai a Te Puka.

1. RANGIURA: Mei Atupa kapiti mai a Taua, rave pouroa mai i te tuanga enua mei taatai ki uta e tae ki te kotinga o Turama Tuitui.
2. TURAMA TUITUI: Mei Turama Tuitui, te ngai i tu ana te are pure mua e tae rava atu ki ko i te kainga o Marama Nicholas, mei uta ki taatai, ko Turama te reira tuanga.
3. POKOINU: Mei ko i te kainga o Marama Nicholas e tae ki Tuoro, mei uta ki taatai tei roto ia tuanga ia Pokoinu.
4. TE PUKA: E tapere ou teia tei akamataia i te tuatau ka akaateaia mai ei tetai au tangata tei riro to ratou tuanga ki roto i te eapoti. E au tangata pa enua i vao taua aronga ra. Tei roto teia tuanga enua ia Turama, no reira kare e kotinga tapere i tae ki taatai.

I roto i teia akakotinga tapere, ko te mea maata i roto, ko te tangata e noo nei i reira kua riro ratou ei apaipai i te au angaanga o te Evangelia e to te oire ma te manako turuturu tikai.

3. KAPUAANGA O TE EKALEZIA

Te au tiaki mua

Teia ta Tuaivi Kokaua i tata: “I te mataiti 1924 kua tupu teia Ekalesia mei roto mai i te Ekalesia maata i Avarua i te tuatau o te Orometua papa’a ko Rev. Bond James tei noo i Takamoa i taua mataiti ra. Ko Adoni tetai Orometua tei noo i Tereora i taua tuatau ra. Ko te tuatau te reira i akamata’i te ngai apiianga i te tamariki koia a Tereora Koreti. E au Orometua te au puapii.

Ko te Orometua Maori mua i tae mai ki Nikao ko Metua Ruteru. I muri ake iaia ko Robati Sema. I te mataiti 1943 kua orongaia mai tetai enua no te Ekalesia na roto mai i te ngakau aro’a o te vaine ko Mere Iobu Tumu, koia te tuanga enua i roto ia Turama Tuitui. Ko Challis te Orometua Papa’a maata i Takamoa i taua mataiti ra.

Kua akamata te kainga mua o te Ekalesia i Tereora, inara kare taua kainga i riro mai no te Ekalesia no te mea e enua riiti a Tereora i raro i te ingoa o te LMS. Mei te mataiti 1924 e tae mai ki te mataiti 1939 te nooanga te Ekalesia i Tereora. I taua tuatau ra, e raveia ana te au pureanga i roto i te are o te Orometua, pera tetai au angaanga mei te Apii Sabati, te uapou e te apii Bibilia na te au Diakono.

Kainga Orometua

I te mataiti 1940 kua tau i te kainga o te Orometua mei Tereora ki te tua i taatai i Turama Tuitui. I taatai kua na mua te akatu i te are o te Orometua. Kua akamata te reira are i te ra 9 o Noema 1943, kua akatueraia i te ra 22 o Tianuare 1944. Okotai ra angaanga i te epetoma. E are punu paruru rakau, porotito takapini. Kua tae mai taua are ra ki te tau 1972 i te otianga te are Orometua ou i Te Puka.

Are Pure

Kua akamata te akatu i te are pure ou i te tua taatai ia Turama Tuitui i te ra 27 o Noema 1946. E are patu ngaika te paruru, taua timeni. Mei te tai anere tapuae te roa, mei te a ngauru te atea (100' x 40'). Ko te atarau rakau, aite mei tetai au atarau o roto i te au are pure i Rarotonga te teitei.

Ko te au tangata kamuta ko John Bishop Ngariki, Okirua Henry e Pera Maurangi. I te ra 18 o Titema 1954 kua avariiia taua are pure ra, kua tapaia te ingoa e ko "Betelehema Ou." Ko te Orometua i Takamoa i taua mataiti ra ko W.G. Murphy. Moni tamanako no te oko i te pakau o te are, mei te £1,251-0-0. No te akatueraanga, e £153-16-9."

Kua rauka mai teia au tataanga mei roto mai i te akapaanga a Tuaiwi Kokaua. Koia oki tetai Puapii Sabati i te reira tuatau, Tekeretere no te Ekalesia, pu tapere no Pokoinu, e pera e mou taoanga no Arera Rangatira. Kua aere ana aia ki te tamakianga maata mua o teianei ao (WWI), 1914-18. Kua anauia oki aia i te mataiti 1895 e kua takake atu i te mataiti 1961.

Au Orometua i noo ana ki Tereora e Turama

Ingoa	Enua	Mataiti
1. Metua Ruteru	Pukapuka	1924
2. Robati Sema	Manihiki	1940
3. Ngatupuna Pareina	Mangaia	1947
4. Takai Tuhe	Manihiki	1950
5. Ben Tuakana	Manihiki	1953
6. Pureau Akeruara	Atiu	1956
7. Turaki Teauariki	Mauke	1960
8. Pare Eli	Aitutaki	1963
9. Tei Ahsin	Aitutaki	1969
10. Tema Tuarau	Manihiki	1970

Au tangata rave angaanga i mua ana i Nikao

Ko te manako maata i konei ko te akaraanga tatou ki muri i te maata o te au tangata rave angaanga no te oire e to te Evangelia i roto i nga tapere Pokoinu, Turama e Rangiura. Ko tetai au ingoa ua teia i rauka mai, penei te vai atura tetai i topa iaku.

Pokoinu	Turama	Rangiura
Vaike Ruariki	Willie Brown	Teamoke Kokaua
Te Atai (Tama Rangatira)	Upoko Tokoa Wichman	Pera Maurangi
Tutini (Makea Ariki)	John Bishop Ngariki	Okirua Henry
Tuaivi Kokaua	Ruta A. Hosking	Papera Tumu
Vai Matara		Tairi Kimi
		Eiao Taripo

E tupuanga kapipiti to te Evangelia e to te oire i te kimianga i te oraanga vaerua e to te kopapa. Kare puapinga o te oraanga vaerua me kare te kopapa e kapiti ki te vaerua. No te mea e kopapa tatou, e kua rave rai tatou i ta te kopapa e anoano. Kia mate te kopapa, ei reira te tua o te vaerua e akaariia'i.

Au Puapii Sabati

POKOINU Tuaeivi Kokaua, C. Carlson, Tonga Henry
RANGIURA Okirua Henry, Kamate Nangaiti
TURAMA Mata Omao, Ruta Hosking Snr

Arataki o te anau mapu

BOYS' BRIGADE Tonga Henry (captain), C. Carlson, Mata Omao
Paiere Mokoroa, no muri nei 1960's

GIRL GUIDES Mrs. Margaret Story (captain), Annie Boaza, Nga
Carlson

UI MAPU Komiti – Turi Ngatoko, Annie Boaza, Paiere
Mokoroa

E tupuanga ruperupe to te au putuputuanga tamariki i te au mataiti matamua. Maata te au tamaroa i tomo ki roto i te Boys' Brigade e te au tamaine i roto i te GG, pera i roto i te ui mapu. Ko te tuanga maata a te ui mapu ko te tarere imene kuaea, i rotopu i to Arorangi pupu e to Matavera. E peke ua ana te re ki te Arorangi no te maata i to ratou mapu imene. Ko Nikao e peke ana iaia te re rua.

Tetai au rave angaanga a te mapu

Mei tei taikuia i runga nei, kua piri te au mapu ki roto i te tarere imene, e i roto i te Ekalesia kua piri ratou ki roto i te tere uapou e te akatutu i roto i te Nuku Apii Sabati a te oire.

Teretere uapou: I te tau 1960, e tere ana te au mapu no te uapou i roto i nga Tapere Pokoinu e Rangiura. Ko to Turama ka na roto mai i to Rangiura ki Pokoinu. Ka tere te au mapu ma tetai Diakono ei arataki no te pupu. Koia katoa te vaa tuatua no te au mapu.

Te Nuku akatutu: Ko tetai tuanga maata teia ta te au mapu e rave ana i roto i te oire. Kua riro katoa te Nuku Bibilia ei ravenga no te akamou i te au irava tuatua ta te mapu e orongaia ana kia tamou ngakau. Ka mou rai te reira au irava i roto ia ratou tei tamou.

E peu taito te Nuku i raveia i runga ia Rarotonga e no te mea e peu tarere katoa, taokotai te tangata o roto i te oire i te raveanga i te reira akakoroanga. Te maara nei iaku te au mataiti e re ua ana te oire Nikao i te Nuku. Te tua no Iosepha tetai Nuku rongonui i raveia i rotopu i te Matavera e Nikao. Ko Matavera tei na mua i te akatutu i tana, na muri atu te Nikao. Peke rai i te Nikao te re tai o te Nuku i taua mataiti ra. Ko te tumu maata, e maata te au tangata i piri mai i te angaanga e i te utuutuanga i te Nuku.

Akaraanga: ko au te tangata atu i te au araara akatutu, e tangata ke te amani i te rakei, na Percy e tona tokorua a Maria Henderson te reira tuanga. Ko te tu o te rakei amaniia, ko te kakau rai o te tuatau o Iosepha. Kare maata te apeape i te pae o te kakau, aru rai mei te tuatau o Iosepha. Kare kakau o te au tamaroa, e pareu ua i raro i te tapa. Inara no te taokotai o te au mapu e te au metua i roto ia Nikao, maranga te angaanga, autu te pupu akatutu Nuku. Na te rimatini, oti mako te angaanga, i na te reira tuatua'i.

4. TAUANGA KI TE PUKA

Kare i kitea te ra e te marama i akamata'i te akatu i te are pure ki uta i Te Puka, no te mea na te au tangata kamuta o te au are i ko i te ngai tauranga pairere i akatu i te reira. Kua na mua ratou i te akatu i te are Orometua, na muri ake te are pure. Na te Kavamani Nutireni i tutaki i te aronga kamuta pera te parani no te are pure. Ko ta te Kavamani Nutireni ia akameitakianga i te tangata Nikao, te atu enua, no te tuanga enua i orongaia no te eapoti. Inara kua kitea tetai ngai tu kauri i mua ake ka tu ei te are pure, tena ia i raro nei te akamaramaanga.

Tango o te are pure

I taua ra, kua oti te tango o te are pure i te patuia, kua mou te au auri no te mou i te piriki no te patu. Manako iora te Orometua Teina Tuarau e kia akamaaraia te akonoanga o te tuku tango are mei tei raveia ana i muatangana.

Kua kapiki te Orometua i te au Diakono no te akakite i tona manako. Kua arikiia kia raveia te akamaaraanga i te Sabati i taua epetoma ra. Ka raveia tetai pure poto e i muri ake ko te kai manga. Kua akakiteia te reira ki te oire tangata no te raveanga o te reira akakoroanga. Kua akakiteia na runga i te Ratio Kuki Airani kia akarongo te tangata o Nikao. Kua tukuia te reira na runga i te ratio, kare ko te tangata Nikao anake ua tei akarongo, kua akarongo katoa ra to Rarotonga. Kua akarongo katoa te Kumiti Akaaere o te CICC i Rarotonga. Na te Tekeretere o te Ekalesia Nikao na Kamate Nangaiti i tuku i te au tuatua akakite.

Uipaanga ki te Kumiti Akaaere

Kua tuoro akaouia tetai uipaanga na te au Diakono e te Orometua Teina Tuarau. Kua tae mai te au mema o te Kumiti Akaaere, ko Fred Rennie te tiemani e te nga mema ko Kave Nia e te Orometua Samuela Solomona, no Ngatangia pouroa ratou. Kua tae katoa mai a Rev. Bill Marsters, koia te Peretiteni o te Akonoanga CICC i taua tuatau ra.

Ko te manako maata, no runga i te tuatua o te tukuanga tango are i te Sabati. Na Rev. Bill Marsters i akamata i te tuatua. Tera tana, “Kare o kotou tikaanga kia arai i te inangaro o te tangata Nikao.” Kua aere rai a Bill ki vao e kua oki ki Avarua, kua aru katoa a Kamate te Tekeretere. Kua noo ua te Kumiti Akaaere ma te kore e tangata komakoma. Kia akara au ki te au mema, te pururu ua ra te roi mata aue o Fred. Kare te Orometua Teina i komakoma. I taku tamanakoanga kua kite ratou i te ape i roto i ta Bill i tuatua, no reira kare e tangata i komakoma.

No te roa o te mutekianga o te au mema, kua manako au kia tuatua. Tera taku, akakoromaki kotou e te au mema, ka apai au noku te ape. Kua ape te akakiteanga tei tukuia na roto i te ratio no te tukuanga tango. Ko te tuatua tano tikai, “ka akamaaraia te akonoanga no runga i te tukuanga tango o te are pure na roto i tetai pureanga poto. I muri ake ko te kai manga. Kua oti takere te tango o te are i te patuia. Kare angaanga e rave akaouia. Ka tiaki ua tatou i ta te au kamuta ka rave ki runga i te are e oti ua atu.”

Tera ta Samuela Orometua i tuatua, “Naringa naau tika’i i akakite mai i tei anoanoia, ka mareka te Kumiti kare e pekapeka e tupu.” Kua akameitaki a Teina Orometua i te au mema Kumiti no tei akakoromaki i tei tuatuaia e Bill Marsters. Kua akaoti rai te uipaanga kia oki matou ki to matou kainga.

Kua oti te Are Pure

Kua oti te are pure i te akatuia. Kua raveia te kainga manga no te akatuera i te reira. Kua patii te Kumiti Akaaere e te au Orometua o roto i te au oire i Rarotonga. Kua pati katoaia te ui Ariki o Avarua, Makea Ariki e Karika Ariki, te atu enua i mua ake ka riitiiā te enua. Kua pati katoaia te Kumitiona Ngateitei o Nutireni kia tae mai. Kua maruarua taua akatueraanga ra o te are pure, e kua tapaia tona ingoa ko “Kanaana.”

TE AU OROMETUA TEI NOO ANA KI TE PUKA

Ingoa	Mataiti	Enua
Teina Tuarau	1972	Manihiki
Taraariki Pitomaki	1973	Aitutaki
Enua Totini	1977	Aitutaki
Joel Taime	1988	Tongareva
Nio Mare	1995	Arorangi
Tuaine Ngametua	1999	Mauke
Taumata Tamaititahio	2003	Tahiti
Tereora Tereora	2007	Mitiaro/Tongareva
Papa Aratangi	2011	Mangaia

TE AU DIAKONO O TE TAU 1960

Pokoinu

Charles Carlson, Enua Makimou, Tonga Henry (kua Tauturu Orometua katoa ana), Paiere Mokoroa (1963), Papa Boaza (1963), Papa Pere Tangata

Turama

John Bishop Ngariki, Mata Omao

Rangiura

Kamate Nangaiti, Okirua Henry, Matai Kakao

Panama (muri nei 1970s)

Aupuni Irangi (Mitiaro)

Ebera

Willie Greig

5. PENETEKOTE

Aiteanga

Ko te aiteanga o te tuatua Penetekote koia oki te takurua e raveia ana e te aronga Keretitianio i te itu o te Sabati i muri ake i te tuakaouanga o Iesu, ko te riringianga mai o te Vaerua Tapu ki runga i te au aposetolo. Te raveia nei te reira i roto i te au Ekalesia CICC i te Kuki Airani nei.

E tuanga na te vainetini

Te akara nei tatou i ta te vaine tini au angaanga i roto i te Ekalesia Nikao, te teretere uapou e tetai atu au angaanga ta te vainetini e rave ana. Kare i tuke te teretere uapou Penetekote mei tetai au tere uapou Sabati. Ka tere te vaine o Pokoinu ki Rangiura e to Rangiura ki Pokoinu. Tei roto te au vaine o Turama i to Rangiura. Ko te Diakono vaine i ikiia ei arataki i te au mapu vaine, koia rai te ka rave i te akatereanga o te uapou i roto i te tapere ta ratou ka aere. Ko te irava putuputu e kiritiia maina no te uapou ko te tuatua o te Penetekote, tena tei roto i te Angaanga 2:1-13. Na te arataki e iki i te irava no te uianga. Te vai atura tetai au angaanga ta te vaine e rave ana i roto i te Ekalesia, mei te tumu imene kuaea Apii Sabati, te au imene metua, te reo perepere i roto i te imene, e te vai atura. Ko te vaine te tumu nui.

Kua kitea te au angaanga ta te au vaine metua e te mapu i rave no te akatupu i te Evangelia ora a to tatou Atu ia Iesu Kiriti.

6. BOYS' BRIGADE

Akamaramaanga

Karanga tetai tuatua, “Tamaroa no te tamaroa” me kore “tane no te tane.” Ko te aiteanga ko te au angaanga na te tamaroa, na te tamaroa rai e rave. Mei te reira katoa ta te tamaine, na te tamaine e rave, vaine no te vaine.

I roto i teia tuanga, ka akara tatou i te tu o te au apii tereni e orongaia ana na te au tamaroa i roto i te kamupani Boys' Brigade (BB) o Nikao, kapiti katoaia mai te Girl Guides (GG), inara kare tetai au apii a te au tamaine e aite mei ta te au tamaroa. No reira te korero i runga nei i tukuaia'i mei te reira. Ka akara katoa ki te pirianga ki roto i te Ekalesia Nikao, koia te upoko o te tamaroa i roto i te BB e te au tamaine i roto i te GG. Ka akaari potoia tetai au apii a te au tamaroa ei marama no tatou eaa ta te au Opita e apii ana ki te au tamariki, pera te pureanga tei tuatuaia e, Church Parade, e te pureanga i runga i te Aremaki.

Te akamataanga o te Boys' Brigade

Kare i rauka mai te mataiti i akamataia'i te BB o Nikao. I roto i teia tamanakoanga, penei i te mataiti 1950, te tuatau i oti ei te are pure i Turama Tuitui. I roto i te uki tamariki i akatikaia ki te BB, ko te au tamaroa i tae te mataiti ki te taingauru ma rua, ko te mataiti i papu e ka rauka i te tamaroa i te tiaki iaia i roto i tona aerenga; te aere ki te apii i te aiai Monite, e te oki ki tona kainga me akamutu te apii i te aiai po. Akamata te apii mei te ora 4.00pm e akamutu i mua ake i te ora 6.00pm.

Au apii o te aiai Monite

E tataanga poto teia no te au tu apii ta te au tamaroa e apii ana i roto i te BB.

- a) TIRIRA: Ko te tirira ko te apii i te mati aru i te akaaereanga a te opita. Ko te apii i te uri ki te kaui e te katau na te aro e

akakiteia. E te tano i te takianga vaevae kia aiteite te katoatoa. E akamatauanga teia no te tereni vaeau.

- b) TAIRI-REVA (tikinara): Ko teia tuanga ka na mua te tamaiti i te tamou ngakau i te code: A._, B._, C._. e tae atu ki te reta Z. Ko te apii akamatau i te angaanga uaereti. I mua ana ko te kavekave tuatua teia na runga i reira koia te uaereti. I runga i te au enua e mapu tetai tei tereniia no teia tuanga no te uaereti.
- c) KAVEINGA: Ko te apii te reira no te tamou ngakau i te kaveinga ara moana, mei te N, Nx E, NNE, ExN, E, e aere uatu ki te openga, mei te itinga ki te opunga. E tuanga rai no te tereni vaeau.
- d) TAPEKA TAURA: Kare a te Maori ingoa, aru ua i ta te Papaa.
- e) PUREANGA AMUI: Ko te pureanga kapiti teia a te au tamaroa BB e te au tamaine GG. E raveia ana te reira pureanga i te au Sabati i muri ake i te Sabati Oroa o te au marama tatakitai. Kapiti te BB e te GG i roto i te reira pureanga.

7. POPANI

Tena ireira taku i rauka mai no te kapuanga o te Evangelia i raro ake i te tamaruanga a te akonoanga Cook Islands Christian Church – London Missionary Society i mua na – i roto i te oire Nikao. Irinaki au e ka riro teia ei kiteanga, ei maramaanga, ei maaraaraanga, ei akameitakianga na ratou tei kite e kare i kite i te au mea tei tupu i te reira tuatau.

Eaa ra te vaerua nui i roto i teia tataanga? Teia toku manako, ko te Evangelia ora a to tatou Atu kua tanumia e kua tupu ki roto i tona uaorai iti tangata tei noo ki roto i te oire Nikao. I roto oki i taua Evangelia ora ra, to te tangata ia marama e pera tona ia kaveianga ki te ora mutukore.

Kia ora uatu rai tana tuatua tika ki roto iakoe e te oire Nikao.

NIKAO CICC PHOTO GALLERY



Above: Rev. Teina Tuarau (on right in suit) with his Nikao Ekalesia members in the early 1970s. Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House museum, Takamoa.



Rev. Teina Tuarau and some of his church members, Nikao CICC'S former premise near the airport. Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House museum, Takamoa.



Nikao Mission House prior to it being demolished and rebuilt at Te Puka, due to the expansion of the Rarotonga International Airport in the early 1970s. Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House museum, Takamoā.



Rev. Teina Tuarau at a ceremony believed to be the laying of the foundation of the current Nikao church at Te Puka about 1971/72. Easily recognised faces are those of Inatio Akaruru, Pupuke Robati, Tangaroa Tangaroa, Albert Henry, Tom Davis, Rev. Samuel Poreti, Tiakana Numanga, NZ Representative Davis, and Kave Nia. Photo duplicate from CICC Mission House museum, Takamoā.



Foundation stones of the Nikao CICC, Tepuka, 1970s (photo in CICC Museum, Takamoa)



Ko te tuatau teia i tuku ia'i te tango o te are pure ou o te Nikao CICC i Tepuka i te mataiti 1971. Ko te Orometua o te Ekalesia tena ko Teina Tuarau, Diakono Paiere Mokoroa i te pae iaia, Rev. Bill Marsters i te tua katau, koia te CICC President i te reira tuatau, e pera te Premier, Papa Albert Henry i runga i te nooanga i muri i te Orometua. Ko te papaa mata titia, ko te Kauono te reira o te Kavamani Nutireni i Rarotonga nei.



Kua tomoia te are pure ou i te mataiti 1972. Ko te Orometua Tuarau rai te tiaki o te Ekalesia i te reira tuatau, i te akamataanga te angaanga e pera te tomoanga i te ngutuare. Ko te Orometua anake ua i te reira tuatau, kua takake atu oki tona tokorua ki te moeanga roa.

Photos from the CICC Museum, Takamoa.



Former Nikao Cook Islands Christian Church with minister's residence on the right in the 1960s (above). The church was dismantled and rebuilt on its current location further inland in the early 1970s as a result of the expansion of the Rarotonga International Airport. Below: the same place 50 years later, taken by Tekura Potoru on 19/6/12 from the same angle.





Pure popongi Varaire 25 Noema 2011, pure akamaaraanga i te ra o te ripene teatea (White Ribbon Day), e ra tei akatakaia e te au basileia o teiane i ao no te akaiti mai i te takinokino e raveia nei ki runga i te vaine e te tamariki. Tei roto teia tuanga i te rima o te Akava, i manako ei ratou no te akatupu i tetai pure akamaaraanga mei teia te tu. Photos from Pae Tuteru.





BB Founder's Day, Saturday 13 October 2012.



Probably a BB Founder's Day also, from the 1940s.

Photos from Pae Tuteru.

2009 CICC General Assembly at Nikao











Some of the members of the Ivirua Boys' and Girls' Brigade Brass Band at the closing of the Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia meeting, Thursday 18 April 2013, Ekalesia Nikao, Rarotonga.
Photo by Nga Mataio



Above: mapu o te Ekalesia Nikao, to ratou Orometua Tereora Tereora (right), e te Diakono Tuaine Maunga, i roto i tetai teretere mapu i roto ia Aukute 2010. Below: akakoroanga no te anau mapu o Rarotonga nei tei raveia ki roto i te Hall o the Nikao. Photographer unknown.



Te Kapuaanga o te Ekalesia Nikao – The Founding of the Nikao Church

Girls' Brigade Week, Nikao, June 2013 *(photos by Ngatuaine Maui)*



Other services at Nikao CICC



Nikao village, although the smallest of the 6 on Rarotonga, boasts its significance in being host to 3 national entities: Parliament of the Cook Islands (top), Rarotonga International Airport (middle) and the national secondary school Tereora College including the Telecom Sports Arena – TSA on the top right corner of the bottom photo).



Top and bottom photos from Google, and middle by Nga Mataio.

URIANGA KI TE REO PAPAA
English Translation

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Most of the materials contained herein are from my own experiences during my time in Nikao over the years. I believe this sharing of experiences in this form is useful and educational for both the present and future generations.

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God’s blessings.

M.P. Mokoroa

8. INTRODUCTION

Greetings. The focus of this writing is on the formation of the Nikao branch of the Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC) after its separation from the Avarua branch. The record is contained in Tuaivi Kokaua's diary and have been extracted in order to confirm the events that took place.

There is no mention of the reasons why the Nikao people left Avarua. It is assumed that distance was a major reason; it was too far for residents to walk to the early morning services on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, particularly members living in the Pokoinu area.

In this writing we will also look at the location of Nikao village according to the length and width from the boundary next to Avatiu, going all the way to Tuoro. This will show the area taken up by the airport, the Tereora settlement and education facilities, land going up to the Rarotonga Hospital, land earmarked for the radio, and golf course.

The district boundaries and original settlers in Rangiura, Turama Tuitui and Pokoinu are also highlighted. This will indicate the number of people who worked for themselves, for the church and for the Government.

9. THE VILLAGE OF NIKAO

The Village Boundary

These are examples of the boundaries as seen by human eyes. The true boundaries are known by the land surveyors. The purpose here is to highlight the land setting including the way it is used by the church, government, education, sports and business. We will also look at the district boundaries of Rangiura, Turama Tuitui and Pokoinu- the length and width of the land.

The Main Boundary

The main boundary starts from the Tamanu at the residence of Teamoke Kokaua. That is the section referred to as Taua. From there, round the sea side right up to Tuoro at Pokoinu. Then round the back road in Atupa, from the residence of Mareta Hirovana, one of Teamoke's sisters. From there, the boundary then goes along the foothill towards the Rarotonga Hospital, and across towards the beach until Tuoro. The length of the Nikao boundary could be between 6 and 7 kilometers.

Within this boundary lies the Rarotonga International Airport, and the Tereora area which was leased under the London Missionary Society (LMS). This is church land which the education sector is part of. It is in this area of Pokoinu that the former radio wireless station is located, but today is the golf course. In Pokoinu also are rental houses belonging to Government, weather station and some retail outlets.

If we look at it closely, the question is why did this happen, i.e. how come Government was able to use the above lands? The answer is that there were not many people living on this area of land from Taua to Tuoro. It was hard to count the number of people living there at the time, and because of this low number of people living there, Government therefore did not have much difficulty securing and leasing the land that it did acquire.

There is no interpretation for the name Nikao. When one looks at other village names such as Avarua, Avatiu, we can see the meaning behind, but this is not the case with Nikao. Nevertheless, it has become a village name.

The Various Boundaries

There are 3 districts originally in Nikao; Rangiura, Turama Tuitui and Pokoinu. It is not known when these districts were formed. Nevertheless their boundaries are stated below; Te Puka was formed at a later date.

1. RANGIURA: From Atupa to Taua, all that area from the beach to the boundary of Turama Tuitui.
2. TURAMA TUITUI: From Turama Tuitui, where the former church was located, going up to the residence of Marama Nicholas, from inland to the beach, that is the area referred to as Turama.
3. POKOINU: From the residence of Marama Nicholas to Tuoro, from inland to the beach, that whole area is Pokoinu.
4. TE PUKA: This is a new district formed after people were relocated from the seaside as a result of the airport expansion in the 1970s. Most of them came from the outer islands. This area is part of Turama, that is why the boundary did not go all the way to the beach.

In this subdivision of the village, the important thing to remember is that those living in the districts were able to support and carry out the responsibilities of the church.

10. FORMATION OF THE CHURCH

The early caretakers

This is what Tuaivi Kokaua wrote; “In the year 1924; this congregation (church) grew from the large congregation of Avarua during the time when the English Missionary Rev. Bond James was based at Takamoa. Adoni was another pastor staying at Tereora at that time. That was the time the first Tereora Collage was started. The church ministers were the teachers.

The first Maori pastor to arrive at Nikao was Metua Ruteru. After him was Robati Sema. In the year 1943 a land section was given for the church through a kind offer from Mere Iobu Tumu, which was in the land area of Turama Tuitui. Rev. Challis was the Missionary at Takamoa at the time.

The first home of the church was at Tereora but that home was not owned by the church because the land was still under the LMS leasehold. From 1924 to 1939, church activities were carried out at Tereora. During that time, prayer services were held in the pastor's house, such as Sunday School, uapou and Bible studies for the Deacons.

Minister's residence

In 1940 the minister's residence was relocated from Tereora to the beach side of Turama Tuitui. There, the minister's residence was the first to be built. It was started on 9 November 1943 and was opened on 22 January 1944. One working day in a week. It was an iron roofed house, wooden walls and the verandah all around. That house was there until 1972 when the new one at Te Puka was completed.

Church building

The construction of the new church on the seaside of Turama Tuitui commenced on 27 November 1946. It was a lime walled house, concrete floor, about one hundred feet long and forty feet wide (100' x 40'). The wooden altar was high and similar to other altars in the churches on Rarotonga.

The principal builders were John Bishop Ngariki, Okirua Henry and Pera Maurangi. On 18 December 1954 that church was opened and it was named 'Betelehema Ou,' New Bethlehem. The Missionary at Takamoa that year was Rev. W.G. Murphy. The estimated cost of materials for the building was £1,251-0-0. For the opening, it was £153-16-9.

A lot of the background information came from the records of Tuaivi Kokaua. He was one of the Sunday School teachers, Secretary of the church, in-charge of Pokoinu, and holder of the Arera Rangatira title. He went to war during World War I, 1914-1918. He was born in 1895 and passed away in 1961.

Ministers who served at Tereora and Turama

Name	Island	Year
1. Metua Rutera	Pukapuka	1924
2. Robati Sema	Manihiki	1940
3. Ngatupuna Pareina	Mangaia	1947
4. Takai Tuhe	Manihiki	1950
5. Ben Tuakana	Manihiki	1953
6. Pureau Akerauara	Atiu	1956
7. Turaki Teauariki	Mauke	1960
8. Pare Eli	Aitutaki	1963
9. Tei Ahsin	Aitutaki	1969
10. Tein Tuarau	Manihiki	1970

Some early settlers in Nikao

The purpose here is to look back to those people who have contributed to the development of the village as well as the church in the 3 districts of Pokoinu, Turama and Rangiuara. These are the names that I have been able to gather, there may be others I have missed out.

Pokoinu	Turama	Rangiuara
Vaike Ruariki	Willie Brown	Teamoke Kokaua
Te Atai (Tama Rangatira)	Upoko Tokoa Wichman	Pera Maurangi
Tutini (Makea Ariki)	John Bishop Ngariki	Okirua Henry
Tuaivi Kokaua	Ruta A. Hosking	Papera Tumu
Vai Matara		Tairi Kimi
		Eiao Taripo

Both the church and the village worked hand-in-hand for the growth and well-being of the village's residents. The church would not have grown by itself if the physical side did not join and work together with the spiritual side. Because we are in this physical being and therefore must perform those tasks for our physical welfare, it is after our departure from this life that the spiritual side will be revealed in its glory.

Sunday School Teachers

POKOINU	Tuaivi Kokaua, C. Carlson, Tonga Henry
RANGIURA	Okirua Henry, Kamate Nangaiti
TURAMA	Mata Omao, Ruta Hosking Snr

Youth leaders

BOYS' BRIGADE	Tonga Henry (captain) C. Carlson, Mata Omao Paiere Mokoroa, no muri nei 1960's
GIRL GUIDES	Mrs Margaret Story (captain), Annie Boaza, Nga Carlson
CHRISTIAN YOUTH	Komiti – Turi Ngatoko, Annie Boaza, Paiere Mokoroa

The growth of the various groups during the first years was quite flourishing. Many boys joined in the Boys' Brigade (BB) and the girls in the Girl Guides (GG), as well as in the Youth group. The main activity of the youth was the choir competitions with youths from the Arorangi and Matavera churches. Arorangi always win due to the large number of youths in its choir. Nikao comes in second place.

Some activities of the youth

As mentioned above, the youth joined in choir competition, they also joined in the church group visitation programmes (teretere uapou) and the Gospel Day programmes (Nuku) of the Sunday School in the village.

Uapou sessions: During the 1960s the youths from Pokoinu travelled to Rangiura and Rangiura to Pokoinu. The youths from Turama joined with Rangiura when they travel to Pokoinu. The youths travelled with a Deacon who was their leader and speaker.

Nuku: This is one of the main events the youths were involved in the village. The re-enactment of selected Bible events became

another means of learning and memorizing verses given to them as part of the Nuku.

The Nuku is an old custom held on Rarotonga and because it was held competitively, the village people therefore cooperated in support of the event. I remember those years when Nikao won. One well known Nuku I can remember was between Matavera and Nikao, and it was about Joseph. Matavera went in first, and Nikao after. Nikao achieved the first place in that year. The main reason was that a lot of people contributed.

For example, I was the choreographer, others like Percy and Maria Henderson did the costumes based on the outfits worn by Joseph. Clothing/costume was not a big deal, it just followed the ones people wore during Joseph's time. The young boys only wore skirts with nothing on the top. Because of the cooperation between the youngsters and their parents in Nikao the work was made easy, and Nikao won the Nuku of that year. As one saying goes, many hands make the job easy.

11. RELOCATION TO TE PUKA

The exact date of commencement of the work on the church building at Te Puka is not known because they were started by the same builders of the houses at the airport. They built the minister's residence first, and the church thereafter. The New Zealand Government provided the builders and the plan for the church. That was the New Zealand Government's way of saying thankyou to the Nikao people, particularly the landowners, who gave their land for the airport. But there was a minor hiccup associated with the church building which is explained below.

Building foundation

On that day the foundation of the church was completed, the reinforcement steel rods for the bricks were done. Then Rev. Teina Tuarau, the caretaker minister at the time, thought of having a

memorial function in line with the customary laying of the foundation of buildings.

The minister called for a Deacons meeting to discuss his plan. They agreed that the proposed special service be held on the Sunday of that same week. A short service will be held and some refreshments thereafter. The message was relayed to the Nikao village over the Cook Islands Radio. The people of Rarotonga also heard, as well as members of the CICC Executive Committee on Rarotonga. The Ekalesia Secretary, Kamate Nangaiti, arranged for the message to be broadcast over the radio.

Meeting with the CICC Executive Committee

Another meeting was called by Rev. Tuarau for the Deacons. Some members of the Executive Committee came, including Fred Rennie (chairman), Kave Nia and Rev. Samuela Solomon, all from Ngatangia. Rev. Bill Marsters, CICC President at the time, also came along.

The main issue was about the laying of the foundation on Sunday. Rev. Bill Marsters spoke first. He said, "You have no right to stop the need of the Nikao people." Bill then walked out and returned to Avarua. Kamate, the Secretary, then followed. The Executive Committee members kept silent, no one spoke. I watched the members of the Executive Committee and saw Fred in tears. Rev. Tuarau did not speak. I suspected that they all knew what Bill had said was wrong, but no one wanted to speak.

Due to the long silence, I decided to speak. I said, have patience members, I will take upon myself the error. The error was on the way the notice was given concerning the laying of the church building's foundation. The correct announcement should have been, "a memorial prayer service will be held to commemorate the laying the foundation of the church building, and afterwards to some refreshments. The foundation of the church is already done, there is nothing more to do. We will wait for the builders to carry on with the task until completion."

Rev. Samuela then said, “If only you had explained the situation, the Executive Committee would have understood and there would be no misunderstanding and dispute.” Rev. Tuarau then thanked the Committee Members for their patience in respect of what Rev. Bill Marsters had said. The meeting ended with a prayer before we went back home.

Completion of the church

The church was completed and the opening ceremony was held with a great feast. Members of the Executive Committee and ministers in the other villages on Rarotonga were invited. The traditional chiefs of Avarua, Makea and Karika, were also invited; they were the land owners before the land was leased. The High Commissioner of New Zealand also received an invitation. The opening ceremony of the church was a big event which was enjoyed by those in attendance; the name given to the church building was “Kanaana,” Canan.

MINISTERS WHO SERVED AT TE PUKA

Name	Year	Island
Teina Tuarau	1972	Manihiki
Taraariki Pitomaki	1973	Aitutaki
Enuā Totini	1977	Aitutaki
Joel Taime	1988	Tongareva
Nio Mare	1995	Arorangi
Tuaine Ngametua	1999	Mauke
Taumata Tamaititahio	2003	Tahiti
Tereora Tereora	2007	Mitiaro/Tongareva
Papa Aratangi	2011	Mangaia

DEACONS AFTER 1960

Pokoinu

Charles Carlson, Enuā Makimou, Tonga Henry (kua Tauturu Orometua katoa ana), Paiere Mokoroa (1963), Papa Boaza (1963), Papa Pere Tangata

Turama

John Bishop Ngariki, Mata Omao

Rangiura

Kamate Nangaiti, Okirua Henry, Matai Kakao

Panama (muri nei 1970s)

Aupuni Irangi (Mitiaro)

Ebera

Willie Greig

12. PENTECOST

Meaning

Pentecost is a Christian festival celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. It is a custom practiced by the CICC parishes in the Cook Islands.

Activities by the women

We focus on those activities undertaken by the women in the Nikao Ekalesia, such as uapou fellowships and others. The Pentecost uapou is no different from other uapou sessions on Sundays. The women of Pokoinu go the Rangiura and the Rangiura go to Pokoinu, including those from Turama. The Deacon's wife selected to lead the group, is the one to organise the uapou in the district that they are going to. It is common for the uapou verse to be taken from the Pentecost reading which is found in Acts: 2:1-13. The leader selects a verse from this reading for the purpose of the uapou. There are other activities the women do in the church, like the starting or leading of Sunday School choir hymns, traditional hymns, and so on.

The works of the older and younger women in building up the church and upholding the living gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is being recognised.

13. BOYS' BRIGADE

Background

There is a saying, “Boys for boys or Men for men.” The meaning is that the work for the boys are done by the boys. The same applies for the girls, “Girls for girls or Women for women.”

In this section the focus is on the types of training programmes provide for the boys in the Nikao BB Company, also including the GG but some of the lessons for the girls are not the same as those for the boys. That is why the above quotation is being referred to. Their relationship to the Nikao CICC is also in the picture, because the church is the body to which these organisations are attached at the Ekalesia level, and therefore their overall guardian. A brief description of the boys’ lessons is provided to better understand what the officers teach the boys, the church parades, and services at the Hospital.

The beginning of the Boys’ Brigade

The starting date of the BB in Nikao is not known. It is believed that this may have taken place in 1950 when the church at Turama Tuitui was completed. The entry age of the boys into the BB movement is twelve years, the age a young boy should be able to look after himself on his way to and from the Monday parades. The parades start around 4.00pm and finishes before 6.00pm.

Monday afternoon lessons

This is a brief outline of some of the activities and lessons provided for the boys to learn in the BB.

- a) DRILL: A lesson in marching under the direction of a commanding officer; to learn to turn right or left as instructed, the lifting of the right steps similar to soldiers in the army.
- b) FLAG SIGNALLING: This section begins by getting the boys to learn by heart the morse codes: A._, B.._, C._._ right to the letter Z. It is training for a wireless operator. In the past, messages were relayed by wireless in this way. On all the islands, selected youngsters were trained as wireless operators.
- c) COMPASS: This lesson is on learning by memorising the directions across the sea routes, such as N, NxE, NNE, ExN, E, and right to the end, from the east to the west. It is also part of training to be a soldier.
- d) KNOTS: Training of rope, reef knot, clove-hitch, bold line (single and double), timber hitch, etc.
- e) CHURCH PARADE: This is the combined church parade of the BB and GG which is held on the second Sunday of the month, that is after the Communion Sunday.

14. CONCLUSION

This booklet documents what I have been able to gather on the formation of the church under the Cook Islands Christian Church – formerly, London Missionary Society – in the village of Nikao. It is my belief that this will serve as an awareness, a reminder, an appreciation by both those who know and do not know about the history of the formation of the church in the years gone by.

What exactly is most important in this writing? This is what I believe, it is the living church of our Lord which has been planted and has grown in the village of Nikao. In this living church lies man's knowledge and wisdom, as well as his path to salvation.

May the Word continue to prosper in Nikao village.