Last but not the least, SVSG would like to acknowledge the belief, the heart and the support from its established partners. Thank you for supporting SVSG, and thank you for being engaged with our work.
SVSG acknowledges the support from the Little Angels Foundation of New Zealand towards welfare assistance for our vulnerable children.

Faafetai! Faafetai! Faafetai tele lava
For this July edition, we acquitted herein two of the donations received in June from some of the visitors to the Campus of Hope namely Tomane Lomi Tomane of the Tisaan Design Samoa, and the South Seas Christian Ministry of Hawaii. Thank you for your generosity.

Talofa Lava

There is always something exciting happening at SVSG every time we bring you update editions of this monthly Newsletter.

How can it not be exciting when we are dealing with lives being saved; from survivors of violence and abuse; suicide; attempted murder; family break down; reformed offenders of violence; reintegrated children survivors of violence; the list goes on.

As noted from the casework database for July elaborated herein, incidences of domestic violence reported to SVSG have declined. This is exciting news for SVSG not only as a child protection agency, but also as a women’s right advocate.

On-going awareness and advocacy programs to change social norms; to effect a change in mentality amongst our people towards violence; to initiative strategies such as the ‘men of change’ program by the youth; and to sustain successful programs as per the economic empowerment of unemployed women with a specific focus on nofotane women; will always see SVSG running with the work.

We get tired; yes as it is only natural because we are human. But it is the commitment to a calling to serve and not to be served that keeps us going.

As such, we once again acknowledge the support from each and every one of our donor agencies, our partnerships, our families and friends because together, we have made a difference in the lives of those who have sought refuge with SVSG.

God bless!

Georgina Lui
Chair, SVSG Board
1. FAMILY VIOLENCE

A total of 56 new cases were lodged with SVSG during July; 37 cases with the Upolu Office and 19 cases lodged with the Tuasivi Office. June recorded a total of 52 cases, so there was an increase of 8% or 6 more new cases lodged in July compared to June.

The increasing trend of new cases lodged with SVSG has been noted for 3 months from May to July [May (39); June (52), July (54)]. SVSG’s preventative approaches to address family violence continue, while working on changing the norms that increase the acceptance of violence and the use of violence in our homes.

Of the total 56 new cases lodged, actual domestic violence incidents accounted for 7 of these cases. However, the type of assistance our people sought highlighted the ripple effect of violence in our families. Support for maintenance, custody, counselling and even divorce, have increased in number, which all stem from violence hence the family breakdown.

Here is a look at the type of assistance sought by our people in July:
• 17 counselling & mediation;
• 15 welfare assistance
• 12 maintenance & custody cases;
• 7 domestic violence of which 2 were child abuse and 5 were violence against women;
• 3 troubled teens
• 2 sexual abuse;

In July, SVSG assisted 2 mothers and 1 child in applying to the Court for Interim Protection Orders (IPO) for themselves and their 11 children (1 – 18 years old). The drop in the number of IPOs applied in July corresponds with the reduction in domestic violence cases lodged during the month.

Most notable during July was the increase number of counselling and mediation support requested by our people, which implied a community slowly appreciating the importance of conversations to resolve matters rather than resulting to violence.

A special thank you to SVSG’s ongoing partners assisting with the children’s caring:
• To Toaleafoa Elon Betham and the team at the Le Aute Gas for 2 x monthly gas refills for the House of Blessings;
• To Felise Sam Chong and the team at Origin Energy for the gas refill for the House of Hope and your prompt response for our call for assistance;
• To Greg & Maria Meredith for the children’s daily supplies of bread;
• To Epi Smith for the children’s bread supplies twice a week;
• To Tuato & Anna Ryan for the children’s Sunday toanai & bread supplies;
• To the LDS Office for coordinating the regular donations of food, the ongoing maintenance of the Campus and the volunteer support for the children’s rehabilitation programs;
• To Uncle Johnny for the children’s ice cream supply every Sundays;
• To Mark Tofilau of Sydney Australia for $300 per week donation towards the children’s food and allowance for the Security Guard at the Campus;
• To Maurice & Elanit Mitry of Australia for the monthly donation towards the Campus water rates;
• To Motuipuaa Dr. Aisoli Vaai of the Saleufi Medical Clinic, for the children’s free medical consultation;
• To Taulealeausumai Dr. Titi Lamese of the Ola Fou Clinic, for the children’s free medical consultation; and
• To Zhenna Chan Mow-Fa’auiga of the Niu Pharmacy for the children’s free medication supplies;
• The Fatima Apostolate Fellowship of Mulivai Apia for hosting the children every Tuesday for Rosary and their evening meal; and
• To the churches, villages and individuals that donated food and miscellaneous supplies to assist with the children’s daily needs;
FINANCIAL & IN KIND DONATION
The extent of SVSG’s support services for our community in need attest to the genuine and durable partnerships we have established. As such, it is a normal process that we acknowledge all the donations received from our partners and network of supporters.

For July, SVSG acknowledges with gratitude and appreciation the kindness of the following donors:

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SVSG (Christchurch) $3,314.57
Thank you Pastor Jeremy & Shelley for fundraising to support the cost of schooling for the child vendors under SVSG’s Hot Soup Program.

With this fund, we are able to support the schooling for some of the child vendors who are now enrolled in primary schools.

SVSG (Sydney) now Alofa Connection ST22,942.52
Thank you to Mrs. Cecilia Theodor and the Team at Alofa Connections Inc. for the proceeds from the final Hope Event in November 2018 in support of SVSG’s work.

The funds will go a long way in supporting our work for the abused and the most vulnerable in our community.

Fa’afetai! Fa’afeta! Fa’afetai tele lava

This is the magnitude of the family violence problems SVSG deals with on a daily basis, and the whole family is involved. The number of men, women and young offenders of violence referred from the Courts to undertake counselling programs with SVSG attest to the diversity of the matters we deal with.

Summarized below are some of the highlighted cases reported to SVSG in July:

01.07.19: Insulting Words
A concerned aunty and carer of a 15 year old sought SVSG’s assistance for the application of an Interim Protection Order against the child’s biological mother. The child is a former residence of the Campus of Hope; and a survivor of incest rape with the perpetrator being the biological father. Apparently, the mother continues to be bitter towards the daughter, blaming her for the break-up of their family. The mother has been calling the daughter names, insulting her especially in front of people in the village. SVSG applied for an IPO for the child and was approved by the Family Court. In addition, the Court ordered the mother and daughter to attend counselling sessions with SVSG before the matter is called again in Court in August.

06.07.19: Family Dispute/Maintenance
A 35 year old mother of 6 children ages 2 – 12 years old, alerted SVSG on the Help Line early Saturday morning of the need for help. The mother is a survivor of violence, having lodged complaints against her husband four times with the Police. During this incident, the mother was thrown out of the house together with her children at around 5.00am. SVSG worked together with the Police in evacuating the mother and children. When our Child Protection Team picked up the family, the children looked tired, scared and hungry; but they eagerly jumped on the vehicle when the Team reached out to them. The mother and children were taken to the mother’s family in the village. Her parents accepted them with open arms; thanking SVSG for bringing their daughter and children home safe. SVSG further assisted the mother in applying for maintenance support for herself and her children.

“God awakens me morning my morning, and He wakes me for a purpose so that I can hear, I am like a disciple who is taught.”
- Isaiah: 50: 4 -
23.07.19: Sexual Abuse
The Police referred a 14 year old girl allegedly raped by a young man in the village, for shelter care at the Campus of Hope. It was late night when the Police brought the traumatized child to SVSG which was not unusual. The carers at the Campus attended to the child, washed, fed and put her to sleep for the night. SVSG’s Psychosocial Support Officer started on her one-on-one counselling sessions the very next day while the Police investigation continues into the matter. The Campus has surely provided a safe haven for the abused, abandoned and neglected children in our community.

30.07.19: Counselling
The 63 year old mother of 5 children sought SVSG’s help as she was tired of the insulting words, the verbal abuse on a daily basis, and being ousted from their family whenever her husband gets angry. The husband was invited to join the wife for a series of couple counselling sessions. And the 64 year old father shared on the root cause of his anger and how it is breaking his family up. The good thing is that the mother took the initiative to look for help. It was heart-warming to see an elderly couple embracing each other with so much love culminating the successful ending of their counselling sessions. Thank you Lord for your love overcomes all the negativity of this world.

Soteria Lauvi Sopoaga Foster Amazing. Great to hear and great to hear the changes that some of our people are making. Thank you Svsng Samoa for what you are doing to improve the lives of our precious people. Good communication and good understanding will open ways to many tools that will help any situations but most of all when God is the centre of our everyday decision. God bless and God bless this couple.

Summary:
While we know that violence does not discriminate, we are also confronted with cases that saw violence having a ripple effect on the lives of all those affected by it. This is why it was encouraging to see more of our people walking in or calling the Help Line for counselling assistance during July. It is our prayer that our people will continue to find the courage to talk things over or seek assistance rather than taking matters onto their own hands.

8. STAFF DEVELOPMENT
Thirty personnel from SVSG now have an improved understanding of how to support our people in crisis situation after completing the 3-day training on the Crisis Resilience Model (CRM).

Coordinated by the School of Behavioral Health from the Loma Linda University of California, the training was hosted by the National University of Samoa in collaboration with the Samoa Victim Support Group.

It is all about SVSG continuously building its personnel to better support our people in need. And this is the second time since SVSG has been committed to the Trauma Training by Loma Linda University that started last year.

The training included staff, program facilitators, SVSG village representatives from Upolu and Savaii, youth members from the SVSG Junior, nofotane women and girl survivors of sexual abuse from the Campus of Hope.

The language barrier did not hinder the learning process for the enthusiastic trainees, especially representatives of village leaders from the community. In fact, according to Fiu Leaupepe, one of the elderly facilitators of the Youth Empowerment Program for young offenders, “you are never too old to learn, and with the crisis situation of family violence in Samoa, we need to continuously learn new strategies to deal with people mostly affected.”
7. REGIONAL RECOGNITION

Highlighting Pacific Women Leaders

Mrs. Gail Brown, the first lady of the US Ambassador Scott Brown sat down with the SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang in July, to conduct an interview which forms part of highlighting Pacific Women’s contribution to humanity.

It is a two year project that uses a blog series to highlight Pacific women for their innovation, leadership and excellence.

With the SVSG President’s interview being part of the blog series, the story of hope which is the driving force behind ‘Mama Lina’s’ vision and perseverance, will reach a global audience and help in encouraging other women leaders in their roles.

Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development

It was an honour to work alongside Kev- in DeBruyn, Finance and Operations Manager and Tara Chetty, Gender Adviser for Pacific Women in July for the Due Diligence process necessary to have SVSG eligible for funding opportunities available from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of Australia.

Thank you so much Kymberley Kepore, Team Leader of the Pacific Women Support Unit for initiating this process.

We look forward to establishing a working relationship with the Pacific Women to assist with the sustainability of the economic empowerment of Nofotane Women.

2. CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

7 out of 56 new cases lodged with SVSG in July directly affected children; age ranging from 9 – 17, with 4 female and 3 male. The children were:

- victim of insulting words (1)
- victim of child abuse (1)
- victims of sexual abuse (2)
- victims of broken families – troubled teens (3)

49/56 cases indirectly affected 71 children ages 1 month – 18 years old (39 male and 32 female).

At the Court, SVSG successfully advocated for justice for a 14 year old victim of child abuse, who has been under SVSG’s shelter care since May 2019 for her safety from her own mother. The mother was found guilty of assault and armed with a dangerous weapon (electricity wire). The Court ordered a Family Group Conference for the mother, daughter, SVSG Child Protection Team and the Probation Division of the Ministry of Justice in preparation for the child’s reintegration.

This child’s reintegration in July (as detailed below), once again reaffirms SVSG’s concern for recovery and reintegration to work alongside prevention and protection, not only for the children involved, but also their families and communities.

The Reintegration Program

One of the indirect effects of removing children from their families, for their own safety, is ‘separation’ from the family unit.

For some of the children, they tolerated the abuse as they do not know where else they can go, besides their own family.

However, in all the children’s cases we have dealt with, ‘separation’ is necessary to rehabilitate both the victim and the offender, so as to put an end to a cycle of violence. And this young girl and her family can attest to that.
While the child was under SVSG’s shelter care, she underwent rehabilitation programs necessary for her to ‘speak out’ whenever she is abused; to have the courage to discuss with her parents or anyone she trusts her problems and to allow herself to heal emotionally, mentally and physically.

At the SVSG Women’s Advocacy Program, the mother was undertaking anger management counselling sessions as ordered by the Court. In addition, the mother became part of the women support network at SVSG with majority of its members being women perpetrators of violence against their own children.

There is always a lesson learnt from any situation we go through in life; and this child and her family are the living proof of that.

When the Child Protection Team visited our reintegrated child, her smile says it all. She has returned to College and according to her mother, she is excelling in her academic studies. According to her mother, “she seems to be matured overnight.”

At home, she has resumed that bonding with her only sibling, her younger sister; while enjoying a very understanding relationship she now has with her mother.

Her mother talks of her daughter with pride, at how much she has grown up since she returned from the Campus of Hope. The child continues to be healed by assisting her mother with the huge family nursery; weeding, nursing and watering the plants when she is home from school.

With ‘separation’, rehabilitation is necessary for both the abused child and family member involved, to heal and to move on. Thank you so much UNICEF Pacific for supporting SVSG’s child protection work, including child rehabilitation, recovery and reintegration.

6. SVSG JUNIORS

Following the Career Counseling Training for unemployed youths, the SVSG Junior had been working with these youths to better prepare them for employment opportunities.

There were sessions on matching the qualifications and skills of the youth with the employment opportunities now available from some of SVSG’s supporters in the business community.

There were 10 vacancies offered from the Big Bear Company at Vaitele and 10 more at the family massage parlor, a Touch of Samoa at Tanugamanono.

On a different project, July saw the SVSG Junior continuing negotiation with the ANZ Bank (Samoa) Limited to support its Clean Water & Sanitation Project for underprivileged families under SVSG’s welfare.

If you would like to join a group of young and enthusiastic people to support other young people, please email svsgjuniorsinsamoa@gmail.com or private message the SVSG Junior facebook page.

One of the SVSG Junior volunteers who had completed first aid training with the Samoa Red Cross, helping out at the office
According to Mrs. Laauli, “who would have thought 2 years ago that an unemployed nofotane woman like me would be a breadwinner in my family and now, off to Hawaii to learn how to become an effective woman leader?”

“I thank God for His plans for my life.”

Mrs. Laauli’s participation to the Changing Faces Women’s Leadership Seminar was fully sponsored by the US Embassy in Apia, that took up the sponsorship role once they have learnt of a nofotane women being represented in this important Women’s Leaders Seminar.

Upon her return, Mrs. Laauli paid the US Embassy Office Apia a courtesy call to thank the Chargé d’Affaires, Antone Greubel for supporting her participation to the Seminar.

Summarized below is just part of Mrs. Laauli’s story:

Being on my first plane trip; my first time to another country outside of Samoa; the language barrier and a nofotane woman amongst the CEOs and Co-Founders of prominent businesses from the Asia-Pacific region, were amongst the challenges I faced while participating in the Women’s Leadership Program.

However, I am grateful because the experience has been all worth it because I am now more confident; I’ve spoken publicly in front of a lot of people; I’ve mentored young girls at a school in Hawaii and I have made new friends who are business women.

Most importantly, I have stepped out of my comfort zone. For me, it’s time to think like a business woman instead of just being a nofotane woman.

### 2.1 Campus of Hope

The Campus provided a safe haven for 88 children in July [7 babies ages 3 months – 2 years (4 girls & 3 boys); 7 boys ages 3 – 12 years old and 74 girls ages 3 – 19 years old]

There were two new admissions to the shelter facility in July; both are victims of sexual abuse age 14 and 18. One survivor of child abuse was successfully reintegrated to the community following her court case and pre-reintegration support by the Child Protection Team.

The highlight for the Campus in July was when one of the survivors themselves, the 18 year old Feagaiga Stowers, an athlete in weightlifting became Samoa’s Flag Bearer for Team Samoa during the opening of the XVI Pacific Games in Apia.

It was an exciting time for the children at the Campus, seeing their older sister smile, while thousands and thousands more watched her bearing Samoa’s flag with pride.

It boosted the children’s self-esteem overall. And such is the effect of successful rehabilitation programs for the children residence at the Campus. It is the reward for such a worthy cause and our calling.

According to Feagaiga, “Weightlifting gave me hope and life again, thanks to my coach Tuaopepe for believing in me and pushing me to be a better person,” she said.

“I found something that I am very passionate about and every time I am competing, people see me as me and not as a victim or survivor of sexual abuse;

“I am what I am now if it was not for the love of Mama Lina,” says Feagaiga.
Dear Siliniu & Team,

Sincerely grateful for the kind mention of UNICEF in the press release but you mama Lina and your dedicated team are the real unsung heroes. You have always believed in these children and out of the difficult situations and challenges these young girls such as Feagaiga, Leilua and the others have had to overcome you were always there with unwavering love and support.

Many others are now starting to come around to recognize your amazing work but I am thankful for these significant fruits of SVSG’s success but they completely vindicate my trust in the organization.

I am proud and so blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with SVSG and to have contributed in a small way to the care, recovery and journey of our children of hope.

Will never forget the day Amanda and I visited the Campus and Feagaiga and 2 other girls were waiting to be picked up by Tuaopepe for their first training who could have known back then how a few years later we would have a gold medalist on our hands but God knew and wow what transformation. So excited at what lies for Feagaiga and many other champs being nurtured and cared for by SVSG.

Ua faamalo le tausi faafetai le alofa, faamanuia tele le Atua. Blessed weekend.

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Tupepepa Esera Aumua <teseraaumua@unicef.org>
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5. THE NOFOTANE WOMEN

Supporting the sustainability of the newly self-employed nofotane women now forms part of SVSG’s work to addressing domestic violence. It started from their economic empowerment as per the 2-year project with the UN Women Fund for Gender Equality from 2016 – 2018.

Today, SVSG continues to source out funding from development partners to ensure the sustainability of this development goal not only to end violence against women, but also to address gender equality.

In July, the women hosted a market in front of the government building to take advantage of the many visitors during the Pacific Games.

Featured in this edition is Taua Kose Laauli, one of the youngest unemployed nofotane women at 25 years of age whose life and that of her family changed for the better due to the Nofotane Project.

Creating innovative products from trash such as coffee mix sachets, Mrs. Laauli is now a breadwinner in her family, selling her colorful purses, ladies handbags, table mats, fruit baskets and earning an approximate income of $400 - $500 per week.

In July, Mrs. Laauli attended the Changing Faces Women’s Leadership Seminar coordinated by the East-West Centre of Hawaii for 6 weeks.

Mrs. Laauli’s application as a participant was amongst the Asia-Pacific women leaders vying for a place in the ‘Women as Innovators and Entrepreneurs’ Seminar. Out of the hundreds that applied, Mrs. Laauli was one of the 17 successful applicants representing 12 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
4. **SVSG VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES**

For July, we acknowledge with gratitude the commitment from three of our SVSG village representatives namely Tapualii Lagaia of Vaitoomuli, Faafetai Fomai of Salelavalu and Sitoga Maiava Su’a of Utuailii.

Tapualii is now looking after the SVSG Office at Tuasivi Savaii. She is a very strong woman with a positive mentality towards her work as she is now a full time staff.

Faafetai Fomai has been a registered village rep. since 2010. He never backs down on a call to assist with our work, catching the early ferry and returning the same day on the last boat when evacuating a victim from Savaii to the shelter.

Sitoga Maiava Su’a was a trainer for the Nofotane Project and since then, she has travelled with the training team throughout Upolu and Savaii to monitor the progress of the newly economically empowered nofotane women.

We are humbled by the commitment from our village representatives towards our work. Ua fa’amalō le tautua atunuu.

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**Feagaiga Competing in the Pacific Games**

The SVSG family here and abroad were behind Feagaiga all the way as she represented Samoa in weightlifting for the Pacific Games.

The children of hope were amongst the first ones at Gym 1 that day.

The staff and volunteers coloured the Gym yellow with the usual SVSG vibrant colour.

It was a family day out and despite some controversy surrounding her competition; Feagaiga remained one of the heroes in our family.

While she stood there at the podium to receive her Gold medal in the Juniors Commonwealth category, the emotions were running wild because we know as much as her, the odds she had to overcome to get to where she is to date.

Despite her achievements, Feagaiga remained a humble big sister to her siblings at the Campus of Hope. Besides weightlifting, Feagaiga has mastered the arm of making beautiful flowers.
The Upolu Malie Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints joined the children of hope for a Thanksgiving Service in acknowledgement of Feagaiga’s achievements during the Pacific Games.

It was truly a family gathering with parents and their children accompanying the church leaders of the Stake, President Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling, President Tema Siaunuua and President Sikuava.

Apart from sharing on the love of God, the Upolu Malie Stake also put together a variety of food and toiletry donations to assist with the children’s daily needs. The rest of the morning was spent cleaning up the whole compound for the children.

Thank you so much Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling and the Upolu Malie Stake for the continuous support for the children of hope.

The Alofa Charitable Trust (T.A.C.T)
Led by Levaoatuamaana Aati-Schuster, a former director of the SVSG (Auckland) now serving the Samoan community in Auckland as a registered Social Service Charitable Trust in New Zealand, the visiting T.A.C.T spend some time at the Campus while in the country in July.

The group presented a donation of $1,000 with ice cream for the children. Thank you Levà and the team for remaining part of SVSG’s support network in New Zealand.

3. ADVOCACY PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS OF VIOLENCE
From the 92 participants to the Advocacy Program in June, 15 additional men and women were referred from the Family Court in July taking the total number of offenders of violence to 107 [7 youths, 33 women and 67 men]. 16 of the participants completed the various counselling program they were allocated to during July.

Most of those who completed the program were convicted with suspended sentence and placed under probation for periods ranging from 6 – 12 months.

It is apparent from the Court’s decision that the chance given to the offenders to rehabilitate while working things out together with their families has worked wonders for the rehabilitated youth, men and women.

For the beautiful and reformed mothers of the Tina Faufautua Program, July saw them putting together in kind donations to support the daily needs of the children at the Campus of Hope. Thank you mothers for being part of the support network not only towards each other, but also for the work of SVSG.

“My fundamental belief is that everyone has a good and bad in them. And that is why it is important to nurture, nourish and encourage the good side of us; so that it becomes the dominant factor in directing our lives.”
- Su’a Rimoni Ah Chong -
2.3 Child Vendors – The Hot Soup Skill Building Training

With July being the second to last month before the completion of the 12-months grant from the US Embassy Apia to support SVSG’s work to clean the streets of Apia from child vendors, we have seen the fruits of this valuable partnership.

Close to 20 child vendors originally undertaking skill building training at the Hot Soup program are now placed back into the mainstream education.

Despite the difficulty for most of them to fit into the classroom learning, according to the Principals and the teachers we work with in monitoring their progress, they are slowly adapting.

During the T.A.C.T visit to Samoa in July, the team from New Zealand that are sponsoring school fees and uniforms for three of these children met the sponsorship recipients and presented them with school bags and stationeries to assist with their education.

US Ambassador Scott Brown

Following on from his visit to the children at Campus of Hope earlier this year in March, US Ambassador Scott Brown returned to donate an assorted supply of stationery and reading books for them in July.

Thank you so much Ambassador Scott and your first lady Gail Brown for putting together this kind donation for the children.

CERES Global

For the third time, a group of students from Swinburne University in Melbourne visited the Campus as part of their study tour in Samoa.

With all the visitors at the Campus, the university students were keen to spend time at the nursery, playing and helping to feed the babies.

Thank you for the $100.00 donation for the children.

Jacquelyn Collins & Family of New Zealand

A family on a ten days holiday in Samoa inquired with SVSG if they could use their luggage allowance to put together a donation of babies and toddlers’ clothing and some school supplies for the children.

Such kindness is what keeps the Campus of Hope operational to provide the much needed shelter care for the abandoned, neglected and abused children in Samoa.

Thank you Jacquelyn and the family for thinking of the children of hope even while you were on holiday in Samoa.
Loi & Ngoc Filipaina of Sydney Australia

Similar to the Collins family, Loi & Ngoc Filipaina from Australia were planning a trip to Samoa and also inquired with SVSG if they can put together some care packs, toys and stationeries for the children.

Thank you Loi & Ngoc for visiting the children and for putting together the care packs for the children of hope. We look forward to seeing you again when you are in Samoa.

Loma Linda University of California

Following the 3-day training conducted by the Loma Linda University for SVSG staff and volunteers, the team took time out to visit the children at the Campus.

It was an enjoyable interaction for the children as they were reminded once again, that they are truly loved.

Thank you Lepale Talolo Tua Lepale, Director of Field Education at the University for coordinating the visit to the Campus.

2.2 School of Hope

Except for the 7 babies cared for at the nursery, all of the 81 residence at the Campus attended the School of Hope in July.

The general subjects such as English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Basic Science, Samoan and livelihood skills are taught during classes from 8.30am to 2.30pm.

It is an inclusive school for children with disabilities who showed as much enthusiasm towards learning as the rest of the children.

There are also older children who have never been to school before who comfortably sat with the pre-schoolers during classes.

The School of Hope therefore provided that safe space where the young and the old, the pregnant young mothers and the children with disabilities are free to learn without being discriminated.

During July, a group of volunteers of the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) from America assisted the teachers at the School of Hope.

If you would like to be a part of the difference we are making in the lives of these very special children, please give us a call on telephone 25392, email svsginsamoa@gmail.com for further information or complete a ‘Buddy Application’ on our website www.samoavictimsupport.org