



I have a beautiful crystal vase. In the light different colours are seen, extra beauty shines through, and as I was thinking about it, I decided to look into how crystal is made. I found that to make crystal different chemicals are melted together. Time and skill go into the making to produce a thing of beauty. The vase actually had nothing to do with its making, it was just there allowing the craftsman to make it just as he or she wished.

I value my vase; I know it was made for a purpose. I don't put it in my garden shed and use it for scooping potting mix, I don't use it for dog food or just put it away in any old cupboard. I value it.

I did not see it being made but I know it was made and I know that it was made for a purpose!

This reminds me of Psalm 139 verse 14. "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know that all well."

Just like my vase, each one of us has been made by the craftsman. We have been put together in our mother's womb, crafted by the Master Craftsman Himself – the Creator of all things. The one and only God!

Wow! That is special. We are valued. God loves us and values each one of us. Each of us is specially crafted. Just as my vase actually had nothing to do with its making, I too had nothing to do with my making. I was just there in the Craftsman's hands.

My vase has an effect on others as the light shines on it; each one of us has an effect on others as we are with them. So, just like my vase was made for a purpose, we also are made for a purpose.

As we have been studying Acts, we have been reminded that God had a special purpose for Saul.

Acts 9:15 - "But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.'"

When I put a rose in my beautifully crafted vase, I no longer look at the vessel, but at the rose. The vase fades into insignificance. It is still a beautiful piece of craftsmanship, but my focus has changed. My vase was made for a purpose: to show forth the beauty of the rose, not just to sit in a cupboard and look pretty, but to show forth the beauty of that rose.

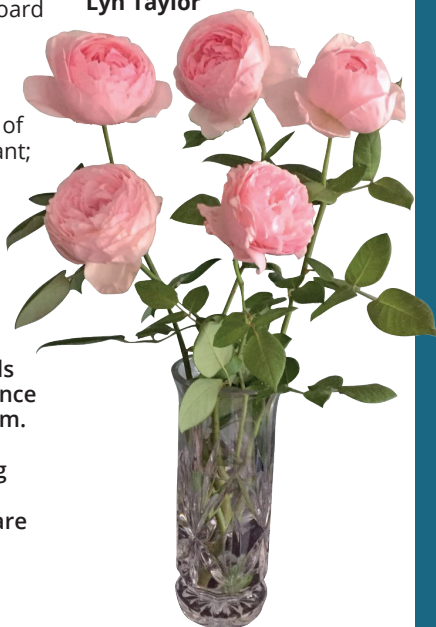
It is not just the beauty of the rose that is significant; its perfume fills the room.

2 Corinthians 2: 14 & 15 - "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

As we understand that we are not just here to look pretty but are set apart for a purpose, and as we seek to submit to His will, the focus is taken off us and directed to our Saviour. He is the One that others are drawn to. The aroma, the fragrance of Him fills the air.

Oh yes, this vase looks pretty, but it was made for much more than that. It was set apart for a purpose. Just as my vase is no longer prominent, as believers in Christ and followers of Him, as we submit to Him, may we fade and not be the focus - that others may see Christ through us.

Lyn Taylor



Happy birthday Aunty Ako!

Bula vinaka Aunty Ako! Bless you for being a faithful and godly role model. Fiji is blessed because of your sacrificial and diligent KYB ministry. Keep up the good work, and continued blessings on you, your family and ministry of the Word ...



These words of greeting to Akosita on her 70th birthday convey the lasting results of her KYB ministry throughout Fiji. She is a role model for us all in the way she commits herself, her needs, her family, her everyday programmes to the Lord. Her most quoted verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, ***"With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgement. Always let Him lead you and He will clear the road for you to follow."***

Most days Akosita goes to a KYB study either to encourage or to lead. She spends time with new groups, helps to develop leadership, and encourages them to start KYB with their families and friends. Lives change as a result: love replaces fighting, people start to pray regularly.

Akosita prepares orders for KYB books – has them printed and then staples them together before delivering or posting them. The KYB team – Akosita, Sai, Asenaca and Kelera – meet together for prayer and planning. Because of the poverty that abounds in Fiji, the planned KYB Young Girls' camps have been replaced by Good News Days, held in various village areas. Two successful days were recently held on Vanua Levu. This has resulted in KYB mothers taking the girls for weekly Bible studies. The money given by the Sydney E3 Convention in Australia has been used to help run these events.

Akosita always notices other needs when she is visiting and in the past few months has been able to take Bibles, books and bags to children in villages where they cannot afford basic school supplies. The children have been so

grateful and Akosita points them to our Heavenly Father as the one who supplies. The children respond in a typical Fiji way – in songs of praise.

Akosita has been invited by the Bible Society to be part of a committee investigating the way forward in reaching out with God's Word in the South Pacific. While at the Bible Society in Suva she noticed the women sitting around in the compound – mothers and grandmothers waiting for their children to come out of school. Akosita suggested they ask someone to take a Bible study with them. "I will supply the books; it is a wonderful opportunity."

What a challenge to each one of us, **to look around, listen and love** the people God has put in our path and take every opportunity to introduce them to the Lord.



What is the difference?

This is a question often asked regarding the International Board of CWCI and the Australian National Management Board of CWCI and the answer is: they have distinctive roles which do not overlap.

The ANMB deals with the distribution of all KYB studies within Australia, including translated studies. They also oversee all events, Safaris, and the work in Melanesia.

The International Board is responsible for the writing and editing of the Know Your Bible studies, and everything else needed to bring them to print ready stage. We supply pdfs of the studies to the English speaking countries with National Management Boards for printing and distribution, i.e. Australia, New Zealand and the UK. We also supply English study books, when requested, to other parts of the world - usually already printed, but where a large number is requested a pdf can be supplied.

The other arm of the International Board is translation and the distribution of translated studies. The direction of the translation work is changing, as we have seen problems over the years in the

continuity of translation of studies in specific languages, and the sustainability of study groups where the work is not overseen in a country. We are seeking to partner with different Christian organisations working in countries where they can have the studies translated and produced, and can work with groups doing the studies. We have a great resource and need to find better and sustainable ways for it to be used where needed.

We have now started on the production of Easy English studies which are being adapted where grasp of English or the heart language is not good. These are simpler than the Accessible English studies and the first one, *Good News: the Bible and its Message* is at present being translated for use in Melanesia.

Please pray for the international Board and our staff, Hannah, Reda and Beth and all the volunteers who give freely of their time to make this work possible.

Sandra Gilbert
President of the International Board

Appeal to readers!

The International Board is endeavouring to take the translation work forward, and would like your help. We are looking for Christian organisations working with local people in different countries who know English speakers willing to translate our KYB studies. Such an organisation could format the study in a way appropriate to their local people and encourage Bible study groups. Could you let us know of any contacts you have who might be interested in using the KYB studies, working through the translation and printing and then setting up study groups. Please email Sandra Gilbert at president@cwci.org.au

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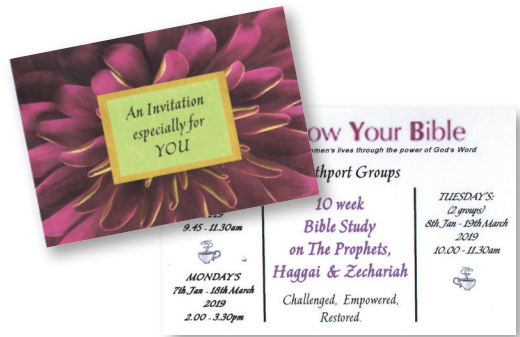
We are thrilled that the Good News study in Easy English has completed the adaptation process and is now being translated into Bislama in Vanuatu.

Many thanks to the ladies at the Sydney E3 CWCI conference who so willingly gave towards both the adaptation process and the production of this study.

What a good idea!

One of the great things about being on the International Board is that the three countries represented on the board share what they are doing in their own country and out of that come some great ideas. Here is what one KYB group in the UK started doing:

When the group was coming to the end of a study, they were given printed invitation cards, produced on a member's computer, with information about the next study, including the start and finish date, and contact details. Each member of the group was encouraged to give the card to someone they thought might be interested, pointing out that the commitment was just for a few weeks. The result of this initiative is that the



original group has now grown to five groups, each with 9-12 ladies. The new ladies commit to only one study, but often after that they are so thrilled that they continue with the group.

The beauty of this is that each group has the attitude that they should divide and multiply, so they are growing leaders and growing groups. Just think what could happen if we all worked in this way!

Give thanks and pray

- Give thanks for the amazing work Akosita is doing in Fiji.
Pray for Akosita and the KYB ladies in Fiji as they are in a time of lockdown, causing many hardships, and for wisdom for those endeavouring to help.
- Give thanks for the amazing use of technology during this pandemic, enabling study groups in many parts of the world to continue.
Pray that we may be able to link study groups in different countries for mutual encouragement.
- Praise God for the many KYB books translated into Telugu.
Pray for the suffering people in India and for our contacts who are taking study books out, that the spread of the gospel will not be hindered.
- Praise God for the women in Australia studying KYB in Arabic.
Pray that many more translated studies will be used in English speaking countries.
- Give thanks for the donation from Sydney's E3 conference for the production of the Easy English Studies.
Pray that God would open hearts to give to the KYB production and translation work of CWCI International.