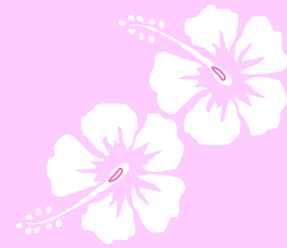
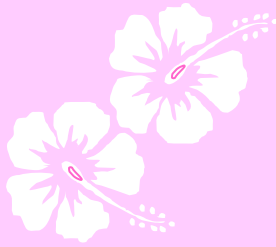


# The “Bula Bulletin”



Your steadfast love,  
O Lord, extends to the  
heavens,  
your faithfulness to  
the clouds.

*Psalms 36:5 (NRSV)*



## Examining the issue of breast cancer

Just like in Britain, October in Fiji has been Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This annual event is much needed here as awareness is said to be low, despite the Ministry of Health reporting that in 2009 64 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed. Unfortunately, according to Ms. Mereoni Taginadavu, a breast cancer survivor interviewed in the Fiji Times, the disease is often considered ‘like a taboo’.

This year various talks, fundraising activities and publicity events have been held throughout Suva. Currently, ‘Prouds’, an up-market store in the capital, proudly displays the winners of this year’s Design a Bra competition. There were over a 100 entrants. Even the local monthly farmers’ market, The ROC Market, has been decked out in pink, the colour associated with the campaign.

**Let’s pray:** For the on-going work of cancer charities in raising awareness of all forms of cancer, so that early detection among sufferers may maximise opportunities for their full recovery; and  
For those receiving treatment for cancer, their loved ones who live alongside them and the medical profession who care for them.

## Awareness works

In Suva, the Fiji Cancer Society’s promotion seems to be working... one Sunday earlier this month teachers of the pre-service Sunday School at the English-speaking Wesley City Mission Church could be heard questioning the children about their awareness of cancer. It was pleasing to listen to such modern-day issues being discussed in a Christian context with the younger members of the church community.

The Wesley Sunday School is in the process of re-evaluating the curriculum offered to its young people and has asked parents and members of the church to contribute their thoughts. Views are being sought on two aspects in particular: topics that should be taught at Sunday School, and “issues or challenges faced by children, youths, young adults and adults in the home, at work or in the community that will need to be addressed through the Sunday School curriculum.”

**Let’s pray:** For the continued dedication, support and wisdom of Sunday School teachers at Wesley City Mission Church as they develop a new and relevant curriculum for their young people, and for Sunday School teachers elsewhere in Fiji and the wider world as they encourage youngsters to live faithfully in a contemporary world.



You or a loved one  
could be next!  
Think about it!!!

God bless  
Julia