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Thank you for beginning the journey with us as we accept the challenge of learning and discovery (research), educating leaders (scholarships) and developing quality infrastructure (capital works). And as we use this knowledge and these resources to improve lives.

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MEET ONE OF OUR PACIFIC PARTNERS
LIFESTYLE MEDICINE SCHOLAR THE FACE OF ADVENTIST HEALTH IN FIJI

A Fijian medical doctor who received a scholarship from Avondale credits his wife for encouraging him to treat the causes not symptoms of chronic disease.

Dr Alipate Vakamocea is a former public servant who left a residency at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva to head health and temperance for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fiji. “My wife, Mafa, helped me realise it was time we served God rather than ourselves,” says the obstetrician and gynaecologist, who celebrates 10 years as a doctor this year.

Record response: three scholarships
Vakamocea is one of three recipients of the Pacific Partnership Scholarship. The Lifestyle Research Centre at Avondale College of Higher Education planned to offer only one scholarship, but a record response to the Avondale Offering collected in Adventist churches across the South Pacific in 2016 enabled it to offer three.

The scholarship provides seed money to Pacific islanders to begin postgraduate studies in lifestyle medicine—Vakamocea and the other recipients receive full-fee waiver to complete the Graduate Certificate in Lifestyle Medicine, a one-year part-time course delivered via distance education. The aim: to empower those with influence to share their knowledge with those in their communities, many of who are now having to meet the challenge of treating lifestyle-related chronic conditions.

“Non-communicable diseases are the biggest killers of Pacific island people,” says Vakamocea. As an example, he tells of screening those attending a training event organised by the Adventist Church in the Trans-Pacific. Ten per cent had diabetes, 80 per cent had high blood pressure and 80 per cent were overweight. “Unless we’re able to change the mindset of culture over health, we’re going to having problems.”

The scholarship is helping the Lifestyle Research Centre continue to lead in the study of lifestyle medicine and grow its contribution to the Adventist Church’s comprehensive health strategy. Vakamocea is already doing his part, using his role as secretary to successfully encourage the Fiji Medical Association to make the Complete Health Improvement Program available to every doctor in the country. The church has tasked him with implementing other health initiatives, including opening a wellness centre, featuring a cafe, health food and bookshop and medical suites.

The church’s “cordial relationship” with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services is an “opportunity to make changes that will be implemented at national level,” says Vakamocea. Postgraduate qualifications in lifestyle medicine, when they come, will build credibility with those in government, he adds.

Anne Litau and Urijah Liligeto are the other two recipients of the Pacific Partnership Scholarship. Litau begins the Graduate Certificate in Lifestyle Medicine this year; Liligeto continues completing the Graduate Diploma.

Lifestyle medicine only at Avondale
Avondale is the only higher education provider in Australia offering postgraduate courses in lifestyle medicine. The courses are not health degrees that include some units in lifestyle medicine. “Ours are specialty degrees built from the ground up with lifestyle medicine as the base,” says convenor Dr Darren Morton. “They’re rigorous but also accessible to those with a bachelor’s degree from non-health disciplines.”

Receiving the scholarship showed Vakamocea the church “is interested in addressing the problem of chronic disease, particularly here in the Pacific.” He thanks those who gave to the offering or donated to Avondale’s Think&Do campaign. “You’re enabling me to help many, many other people.”

Giving to scholarships, particularly new scholarships, gives more students an opportunity to gain “a greater vision of world needs.”

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