

LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S EASTER CAMP, 2010

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About forty (40) schools around the Highlands, Morobe and Madang area gathered during this Easter weekend at the Aiyura National High School to celebrate the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lutheran Schools' Easter Camp is an annual event hosted by various schools throughout the country. Last year, 2009, the Bumayong Lutheran Secondary School in Morobe hosted the event and this year 2010 it is hosted by the Aiyura National High School (ANHS) in Eastern Highlands province. The camp registration office reported about 1500 participants. The theme of this camp is "To know the Will of the Resurrected Christ, Colossians 3:1-17". The camp started on Thursday, 1st of April and ended on Sunday, 4th April 2010.

At this time of the year, with the dense and humid climate of Aiyura valley, the visiting schools were welcomed with rain and were farewell with rain. Though it was raining occasionally throughout the camp period, it did not stop the performance of the dramas, songs and creative dances that the participating schools have been preparing over the months to celebrate with their colleagues. Lots and lots of dances and songs both traditional and contemporary were performed by the participating schools. Students really enjoyed presenting their items giving honor to their risen Lord.

The main event of the camp is the bible study presented by Pastor Siure Popingnu from ELC-Kainantu district. Pastor Popingnu gave a life empowerment study to the students. In summarizing his study he challenged the students to be innovators, being creative and be pioneers in the respective career they want to pursue in future. The teacher in charge of the Lutheran Students fellowship at ANHS, Mr. Frank Takai, also made a similar statement in his welcoming speech, "As the theme states 'to know the Will of the resurrected Christ', it means to do our ordinary duties extraordinarily" he emphasised.

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The ANHS's principal Mr. Raime Alo was also very pleased to host this year's Easter Camp. In his welcoming speech, he emphasised the sovereignty and the greatness of God and commended that students to attend the Easter camp. "You are the intellectuals of the Lutheran Church; you know where the fruit is, so you came." He said "God is going to great things".

On Sunday before the Holly Communion service, Mr. Steven Mol delivered the Easter greetings to the 1500 students on behalf of the Head Bishop Rt. Rev. Giegere Wenge. Also attending the camp was Reverend Greg Schiller from Martin Luther Seminary.

The final event on Sunday was the handover takeover of the camp to next year's, 2011, host; that is the Good Shepard Lutheran high school in Madang province. The ANHS danced their traditional war dance giving the camp while the Good Shepard danced with Kundu drums and grass skirts receiving the Camp.