

## RAINBOW PROGRAM RESURRECTED

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The Rainbow Program is the Outcome Based curriculum material that is used to teach Christian Life Study (CLS) in ele

mentary, primary and secondary schools. The program was developed by the Education department of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG). According to the Lutheran Education Assistant Secretary, CLS, Mr. Duaro Embi, the content of these materials is written in a more Christian Living context that is suitable for all Christian oriented schools and organisation.

Since Mr. Duaro Embi took office at the beginning of this year 2010, he found out that the Rainbow Program was not strategically implemented to achieve its targeted goals. “The National Government has already agreed that Christian Life curriculum has to be introduced into schools and ELC-PNG already has one that is not effectively implemented.” Mr. Embi stated “Rainbow Program materials are just collecting dust at Ampo”

With that Mr. Embi organised and facilitated the first one week workshop for elementary and primary schools’ Rainbow Program materials from the 19th to the 23rd of April 2010. The workshop included Rainbow Program Training of Trainers (ToT) courses and developing activity work plans for each of the ELC-PNG’s seventeen (17) districts. The participants who participated include the district education secretaries and senior teachers from the Lutheran agency elementary and primary schools. The ToT training was conducted by Mrs. Nancy Rocnuc who is now recognised as the National Rainbow Program trainer.

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At the closing of the workshop on Friday 23rd April 2010 at the Martin Luther Seminary (MLS) where the workshop was held, the participants were presented with a 'Certificate of participation of ToT workshop'. Mr. Embi commented that when these participants organise and complete training in their respective district then they will be recognised as a Rainbow Program trainer.

Also present at the closing of the workshop was the ELC-PNG Head Bishop, Right Reverend Giegere Wenge and the Morobe Education PPA, Mr. Murika Bihoro. The Head Bishop was very pleased with the Education department in carrying out the workshop to push the Rainbow program to this state. After the Head Bishop's speech, he officially presented a sample of the Rainbow Program book to Mr. Bihoro signifying the Lutheran Education and the Morobe Provincial Education partnership in Christian Life Study curriculum.

Mr. Bihoro, in his speech was very impressed with the Rainbow Program, "All schools in Morobe will have no excuse in implementing the Rainbow Program as a Christian Life curriculum." he said "the Morobe Education department would also look into assisting the Lutheran Education department to introduce the Rainbow Program materials to the National Government's Education Board."

"If the National Government recognises the Rainbow program as the standard Christian Life Study curriculum for schools nationwide then will have ease in implementing it." Mr. Embi commented "Otherwise, the greatest challenge is for the immediate bosses of these participants who were certified, to support them in organising more training in their districts. These include moral support and funding to carry out more training and awareness of the Rainbow Program"

The next ToT workshop will be facilitated for the Lutheran Secondary schools sometimes in the next half of the year as according to Mr. Embi.