

# ARK Feeding

## Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010



The day started early for many of us as Warrey and some student boys, set up the Church ready. Shalom together with the Frontier Evangelism girls and some boys, and Regina, Nola and Marge gathered together on the New Land to prepare the stew. There was much peeling and chopping of the chicken,



pumpkin, potato, kaukau, onion, garlic and greens. Earlier in the week, Regina, Litia and Shalom made 700 ice blocks to give out on the day. The stew was made with the help of some of the congregation members and staff.

Once the stew and rice were cooked it was then placed in trays ready to give to the children.



How exciting to see 700 meals ready to go in the kitchen as the children began to arrive. The ARK staff and students gathered together at 12.30pm in the mess, much earlier than usual. We prayed and prepared ourselves, the clowns got made up and we all headed off to our normal ARK areas so that we could gather the children ready to be picked up in the trucks.

One load of children after the other, from June Valley we had about 400 children and some parents, then there was 150 from the Bethel Car park area and the rest of the children were those that normally came to the TST fire sight or Games Village. It was exciting to see the children jump on the truck, they seem to sense something wonderful was about to happen.



It was amazing to see God's hand in it all. The staff, students, congregation members all got behind this event, the first one of its kinds, where all the children are gathered together in one place.

It took time for all the children to be picked up and while this was taking place we sang songs with the children. There were plenty of actions songs. They sang as loud and as strong as they could.

We then had a story about the “Lost Sheep” (told by Regina). Regina did a great job of telling this story, and used visual aids as well to get the message across to the children. Well over half of the children committed their lives to Jesus as Regina gave the altar call. How exciting to see so many young lives accepting Jesus, we know that these are the future leaders of PNG and it will only take one of these little ones to impact and change this nation for Jesus.



We then gave them all a meal of rice and stew and an iceblock. This was a big task in itself, but it seemed to flow as the children waited patiently for the meal. We thank God for the opportunity to be able to bless these children. This may have been for some of these children their only meal for the week.

Then we had more singing and games, while we began to take the children back home on the trucks. How exciting to see the staff get right into all the singing with actions, “Making Melody in my heart” (what a sight to see 800 people participating in this song), “He is the King of Kings”, “I love you Jesus”, “More, more, more”... are just some of the action songs that we sang and the whole Church rang out with the joyous singing from the children.



This certainly was a momentous occasions as many of these little ones had never stepped inside the local Church. God certainly touched them and has made a difference in their lives, and definitely an answer to prayer for Aunty Jean, who was the back bone in prayer and labour for so many years of ARK ministry. A BIG thank you to everyone here but also to all our prayer and financial supporters in Australia and New Zealand, we could not have done

this without you!! Also a big thankyou to all the staff and students and congregation members who took part. We could not have done it without the team effort that took place. Praise God for you all.

Here are some quotes from some of our staff about the day... *“It was an excellent start to gather all the children in one place (the Church) from different places of where ARK ministry are held. I myself was amazed of the number of the children that came. WOW, we have a mob of future leaders to carry the name of Our Lord and give glory to His name! I am glad that I am part of this Ministry.” Ps Liza Ignacio, from Philippines.*

*"It's a great day. Very special blessing for me to see 700 children come and worship the Lord together. Big loud voice shouting, singing, jumping and clapping that was fun. I was so touched by the simplicity of their heart in worship and response to the story in the Bible. What a little precious soul that God loves. Yes, quite hard work to keep them quiet, but yes, that's who they are. God loves them just as they are. I believe that day God was with us and He has planted His seed in every heart. We finish late but sometimes we need too." Regina, from Indonesia.*

*"I felt blessed and encouraged to see lots of children coming to the feeding program and I believe that God has a plan and purpose upon each of the children that came. I did feel a bit tired because we were walking when the sun was so hot and calling out the children to come and be involved in that feeding program. Thank God for many children gave their lives to the Lord which is born again." Rodike, from Indonesia*