ATOIFI COLLEGE OF NURSING

SOLOMON ISLANDS

PRINCIPAL: Relmah Harrington
Campus and students
Students in action
TYPES OF CURRICLUM OFFERED

- Three (3) year Diploma in General Nursing since 2001
- 20 students enrolled annually (number increases over the years)
- An average of 12-15 students graduated annually (number of graduates increases over the years)
- Majority of students from Solomon Islands, others from Vanuatu, Kiribati, Tuvalu & Bougainville.
- This year 22 nursing students will be graduating on December.
UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Hospital-based (Run in block system)
- This is the only Church-owned tertiary institution in the Country and the one of the two (2) Nursing schools in the country
- Initially started with a Certificate Level in 1980 and was upgraded to a Diploma in 2001.
- Limited space for expansion – receives 200 to 300 applications each year.
- Unique challenges in Nursing practice versus culture (especially with surrounding heathen villages up in the mountains)
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• Currently working on affiliating with Pacific Adventist University’s (PAU) School of Health Science in Papua New Guinea.
• A real challenge in logistic support, because of its remoteness.
• Still need to work hard to catch up with evidenced-based nursing practice.
• Mostly financially supported by Solomon Islands grants and School fees paid by students.
SUCCESS OF GRADUATES

- Atoifi College of Nursing contributes to half the nurses in the country.
- Successful graduates from Atoifi are highly respected because of their outstanding performance and leadership roles.
- The Vanuatu government is now offering to sponsor Vanuatu students studying in Atoifi as a result of the previous successful graduates performance.
- Students involvement in health outreach programs and ward evangelism gives them a bonus and a spiritual enrichment towards their success.