



FIJI 61
PEACE CORPS 1986-1988

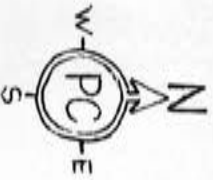
OUR FIRST PEACE CORPS FRIENDS

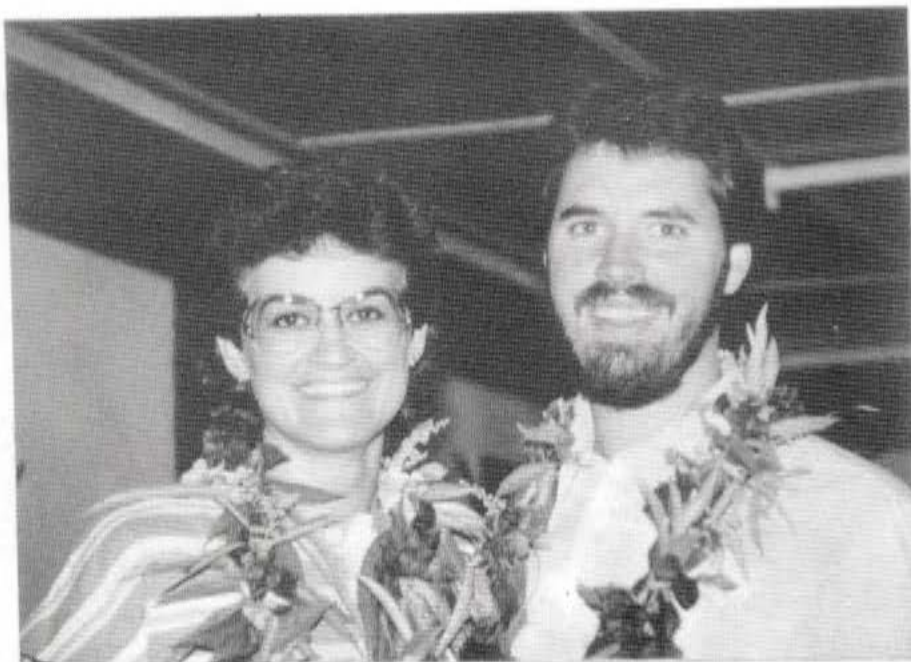


[top row] Maris Blinn (Lomaloma), La Padriath, Susan Snyder, Pierre Costello (Rakiraki), Chris Stone (Lautoka), David Koplan (Kadavu), Francis Hutchins (Suva) Blanche Jarvis (Suva), Nina Todor (Suva), Deo Karan, Pat Kraker (Lautoka), John Burke (Naduri), Steve Shepard (Kadavu); [2nd row] Abby Hvitfelt (Suva), Laurie Baccash (Labasa), Betty Mae Ridlen (Ba), Pat O'Connor (Rakiraki), Elizabeth Asbury (Lakeba), Martha Thayer (Savusavu), Janet Cyphert (Tavua); [3rd row] Grace Battjes (Labasa), Ralph Bellas (Suva), Gen Weidhaas (Suva), Esther Warneke (Nadi), Louise Bellas (Suva), Maureen Burke (Naduri), Kate Mahoney (Suva); [4th row] Valiant Villanueva (Wainunu), Sarah Hanson (Taveuni), Beth Mullin (Suva) Susan Pettit (Suva), and Cathleen Pomponio (Suva).

OUR SUPPORT GROUP FIJI 61







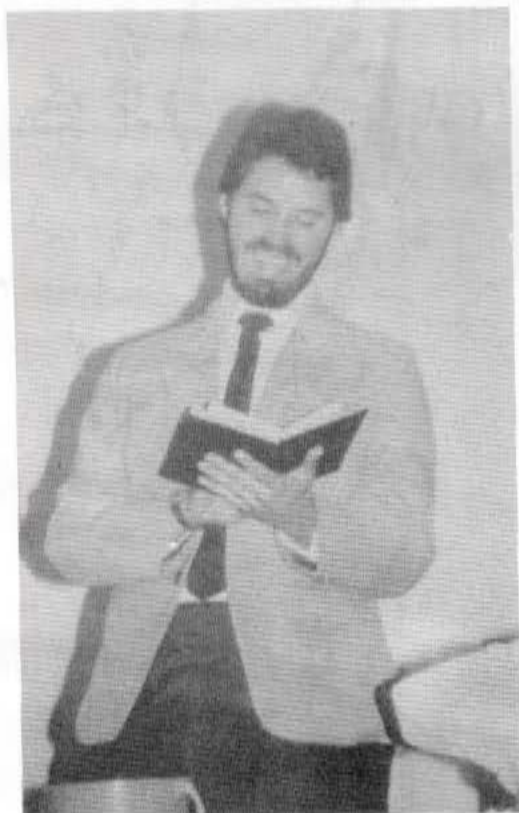
Tom and Laura Ramseyer

AMBITION: To live a simple, peaceful life in a log cabin somewhere in the Rockies.

INTERESTS: Singing, guitar, photography, camping, and reading.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: BA Music Theory at the University of Illinois.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "Imagine all the people, sharing all the world...You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will live as one."





AMBITIONS: Live in the mountains in a log cabin, have a few children and teach in a nearby town.

HOBBIES: Music, furniture refinishing, antiques, camping.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Music education degree, band director.

WORDS OF ADVICE: If you don't reach out and grab it, life will pass you by.

RALPH & GENE COLLINS NAISAUSAU, TAILEVU



AMBITION: To complete my 2 years sharing my life with the people of Fiji. Then enjoy my family and friends in the U.S.A.

INTERESTS: Handicrafts, music, and foods.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: BS (Iowa State U.) in Home Economics Education, teacher, owned and managed a restaurant in Florida. Raised three boys.





AMBITIONS: Not to retire. To continue making some contribution.

INTERESTS: Aviation, fishing, traveling.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Graduate of Iowa State U; Field Service Engineer (the Boeing Co.) 22 years in business. Reached retirement age prepared for my future.

WORDS OF ADVICE: din ke din Jiinaa (Take life day by day).

GENE & VICKI POTTS MOTURIKI



AMBITIONS: Live to 105, in good health.

INTERESTS: Wood and soapstone carving,
naturalist studies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Happiness in marriage
and in life.

WORDS OF ADVICE: Never be afraid of trying
new things.



AMBITIONS: To continue seeing new places, meeting new friends and experiencing new adventures.

INTERESTS: Exploring new places, camping, crafts, and cooking.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Happiness and health. Content with the decisions I've made.

MOTTO: Live for today and don't worry about tomorrow.

GREG & MARY DYSON
NAOCABAU



AMBITIONS: To be alive long enough to live in each country for at least one year.

INTERESTS: Reading, traveling, experiencing new things, contemplating new ideas, and health care.

ADVICE: The best things in life cannot be seen or touched, they must be felt with the heart.





AMBITIONS: Learn a martial art, get scuba certification, learn to play bagpipes. and bike around the world.

HOBBIES: Amateur philosophy, biking, and swimming.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: First person to swim nonstop around the world.

ADVICE: Life is a circle.



CHARLIE & JEAN VANSICKLE
NUKUBOLU



AMBITIONS: Meet my objectives. Be
serviceable to mankind. Live to be 100.

INTERESTS: Travel, photography, music,
and people.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Have accomplished most of
my goals. Have not been disappointed
in those that I didn't. Married to
Jean over 40 years, 3 children, and
8 grandchildren.



AMBITIONS: Meet the goals I have set and to live and be of service to my fellow man.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Raised a family of 3 with 8 grandchildren. Librarian for 20 years. Started college after 40 and got an associate art degree plus 30 additional hours in library science.

WORDS OF ADVICE: Take one day at a time.



SEAN KENNEDY
HOLLY Mc CLINTOCK
MOALA



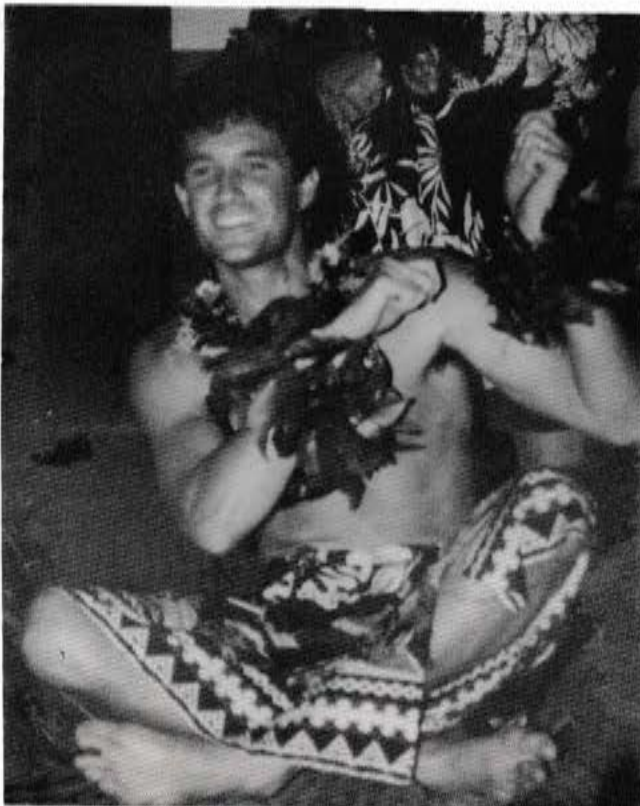
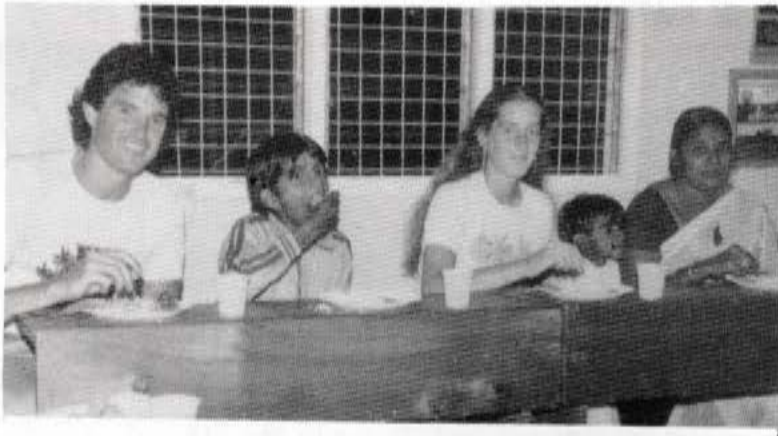
AMBITIONS: To survive a full night of yaqona and still function the next day.

INTERESTS: Scuba diving, reading, rock climbing, hiking, S, D, R, & R.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Surviving Peace Corps training TWICE.

WORDS OF ADVICE: It's easier to ride a horse in the direction he's going.





"Life is a group of experiences,
positive or negative, and in the
end that is what we take with us.
If we all strive to be decent
human beings we can crank out
some positive for us all." SDR&R.

BILL & KATHY DERRENGER

VUNIDAWA



AMBITIONS: The grand-children of the world are our focus. We are interested in providing service to future generations.

INTERESTS: Skiing, cycling, sail boarding, backpacking.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Retired business and education people.

WORDS OF ADVICE: "Pounding beans is fine to the end of building empires, but if at the end of time one is still pounding beans...? -F. Beacon



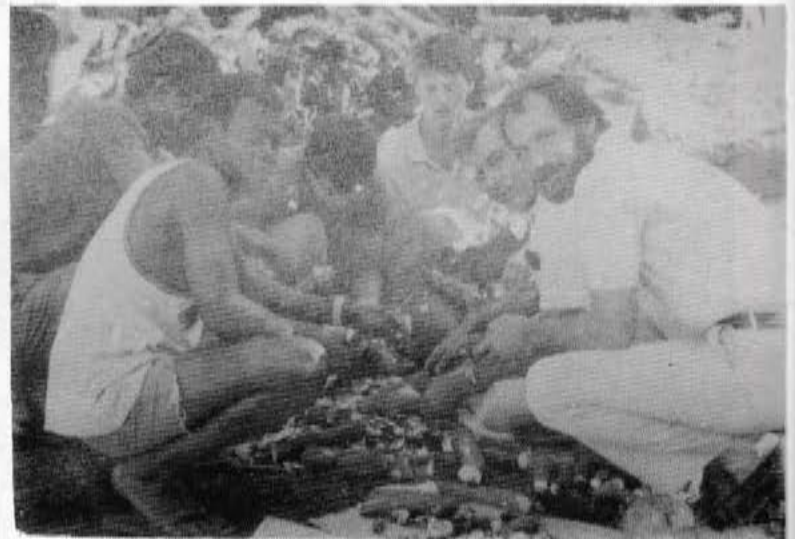
ALAN KETZES

SUVA

INTERESTS: Sky diving, Hang gliding,
mountain climbing, soldier of fortune.

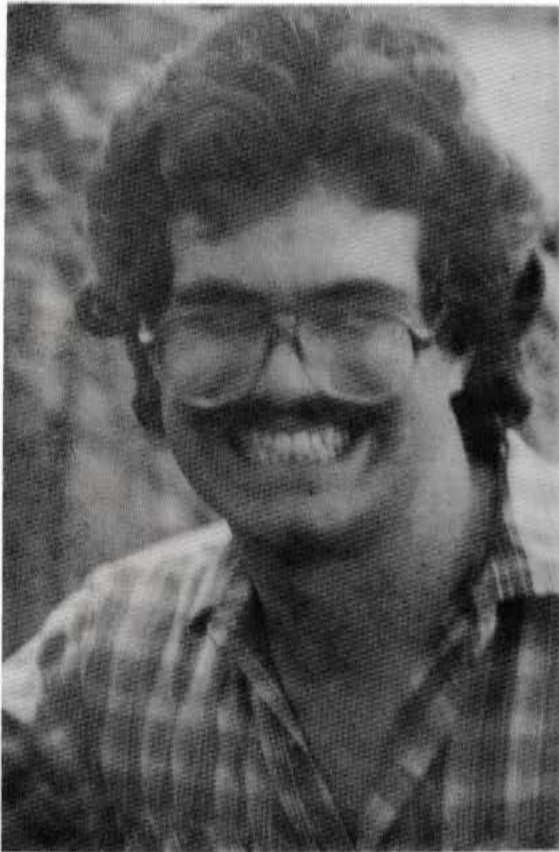
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Being 38 and never married.

WORDS OF ADVICE: "Let us endeavor so to live
that when we die even the undertaker will
be sorry." -Mark Twain



PETER LONG

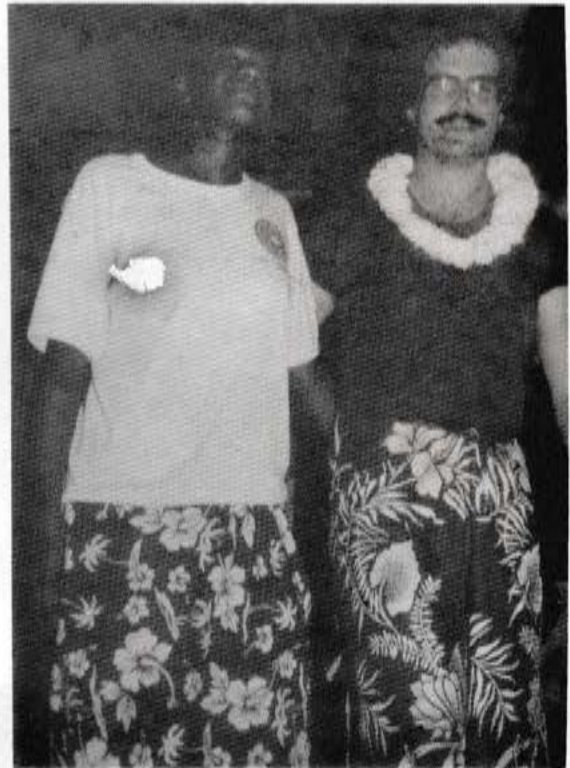
NAUSORI



AMBITIONS: Not to become too groggy here in Fiji.

INTERESTS: Fishing, reading, biking, and of course, eating.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Survived the Kathmandu Squirt (Montezuma's Revenge is nothing in comparison).



CHRIS GULICK

NABUKALUKA



AMBITION: To do my best as a volunteer in Fiji and as a person...but not take it too seriously.

INTERESTS: Photography, reading, running, scuba diving, karate.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Getting through Oklahoma Fisheries Training, living to tell about it, and being able to coast through this easy stuff:

- not maiming anyone of importance while playing volleyball in Korociriciri.
- going only to single, female language instructors and still managing to pick up some rudiments of Fijian.
- discovering 67 separate uses for dalo... none of them involving its actual ingestion.
- learning you should not store banana peels in a pillowcase in luggage for a substantial number of weeks... unless you want many tiny new friends to keep you company through the cold nights.



CASEY CORDES

LABASA

AMBITIONS: Travel to exotic lands, meet interesting people, take their property and destroy their culture.

INTERESTS: War, conflict, strife.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Grenada, Biafra, Nicaragua, Angola.

ADVICE: Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes. Lebanon is ready when you are.



BOB HOSMER

SAYUSAVU

HOBBIES: Photography (picture collection of oil tankers), music.

ADVICE: Sega na leqa and vinaka Dude.
Click, click... Lako!

"Life is like a parking meter; if you don't put enough in, your time expires."
-Craig Hosmer



CORY CROCKER

LAKEBA

AMBITIONS: To do everything that I enjoy,
and to enjoy everything that I do.

INTERESTS: Learning, traveling, laughing;
also scuba diving, being creative, and
photography.

ADVICE FOR THE TRAVELER: A sense of humor-
don't leave home without it.

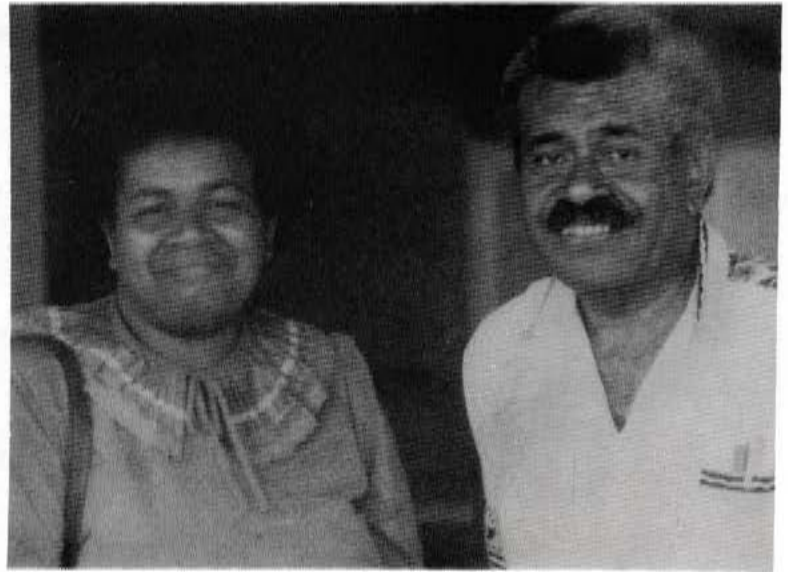
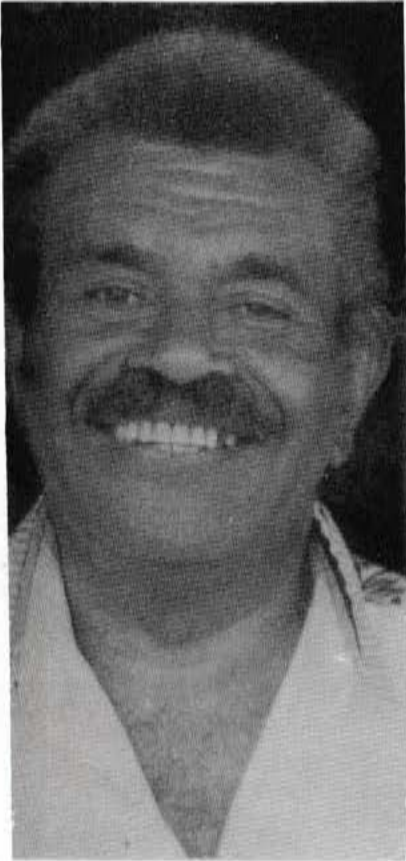


PENIONI KUINIKORO

"In appreciation of being our first
Fijian friend"

GOALS: "I prefer the word 'objectives'."

THOUGHTS: "I like you as a person, and
as you are yourself."



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



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TRAINERS



SUNIL CHANDRA (SUNNY)

"It's not the matter of falling
it's the matter of leaning."

UTTRA SINGH

"Be flexible and keep it up.
To learn more new things."



MAHENDRA SAMI (MAHEN)

"Open and free for discussion.
Learn more day by day. To grow
as a person and professionally."

VIJENDRA KUMARI

"I value education and I also
consider education as my vital
part of life so I want to teach
about my culture and language
and to invent new things on them
while teaching."



DAYA WANTI SHARMA

"Open and free for discussion.
Learn more day by day. To grow
as a person and professionally."

HEMANT SAKAL

"I want to stamp all over the
United States, kill some birds,
boars, and marry 30 women in
one night."





NITYA NAND (NANNE)
"Keep on keeping on."



MAYA WATI MISHRA
"Keep on thinking hard."



SHADHNA PRASAD
"Don't think too hard."



VIKRAM CHAND (VIK)
"Overall the feeling of my life is very wonderful because life is tremendous to live with and struggle through."



EMOSI KOROI (MOSEE)
"I may not live up to your expectations and you may not live up to mine, but if by chance we do live up to each other's expectations, oh, what a wonderful world this would be"



VANI DULAKI (MS.)
"To be successful in life. To be a very good mother (if I have to). Hey, baby, bula vinaka!"



ULAIASI VOSABALAVU (VOSA)

"I like the way the world is... yesterday and today, ie. how nature interacts with structures. I always think of how the beauty of nature will be apart from the mind of the creator, God. Try to meditate for sometime and you can see the real thing which cannot be given in words."



SEMITI G. MATAKIBAU

"Impossible is unknown in an optimist's vocabulary."



LOSALINI SEWALE (LO)

"Life is a unique and ultimate experience so make good use of it while you are still breathing. Click, click..Lako"



LETILA K. MATAKIBAU (TILA)

"Nothing is impossible if you put enough effort into it."



LEPANI SAQA

"My goal is to be successful in life."



KINISIMERE KOROI (KINI)

"Be yourself and act what you preach. To enjoy life as it is"



MERE VUNIBAKA

"You can not do it alone, you
can not do it with your own
strength, learn to listen."



TITILIA BOLA

"Click, click...Lako!"



DULAKI BARAWAKULA (KULA)

"To be very effective in
everything I do in life."



NETANI TAWAKE

"Gunu yaqona vakalevu!"



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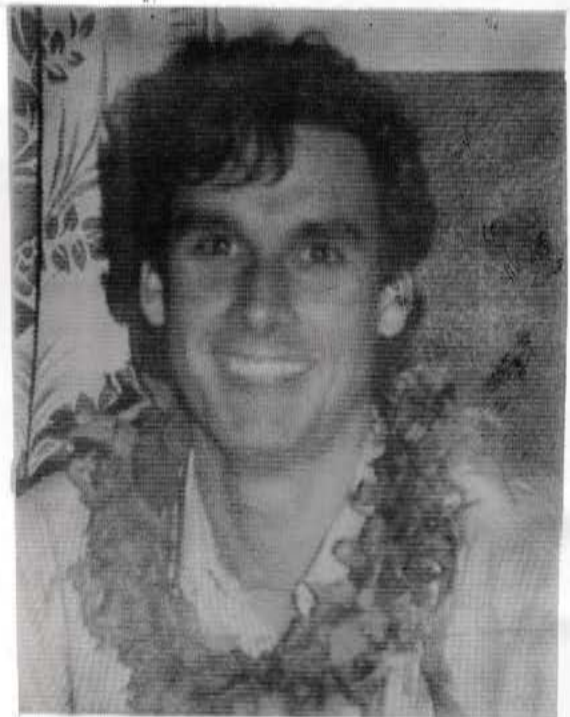
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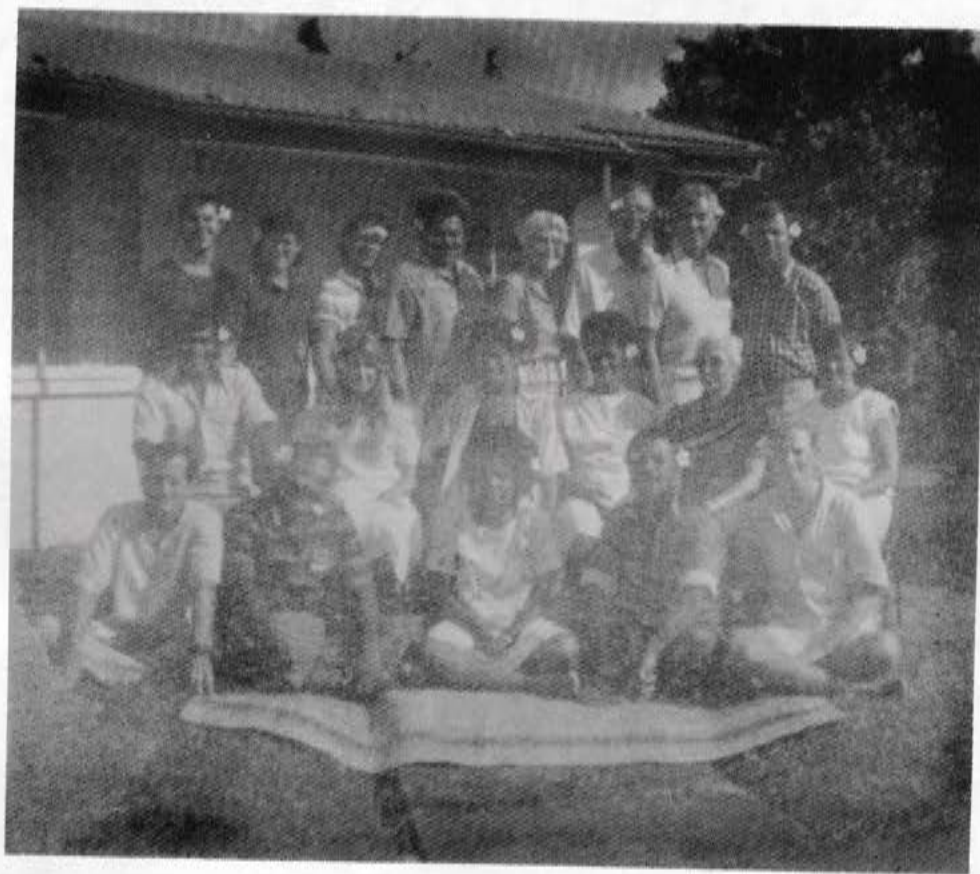
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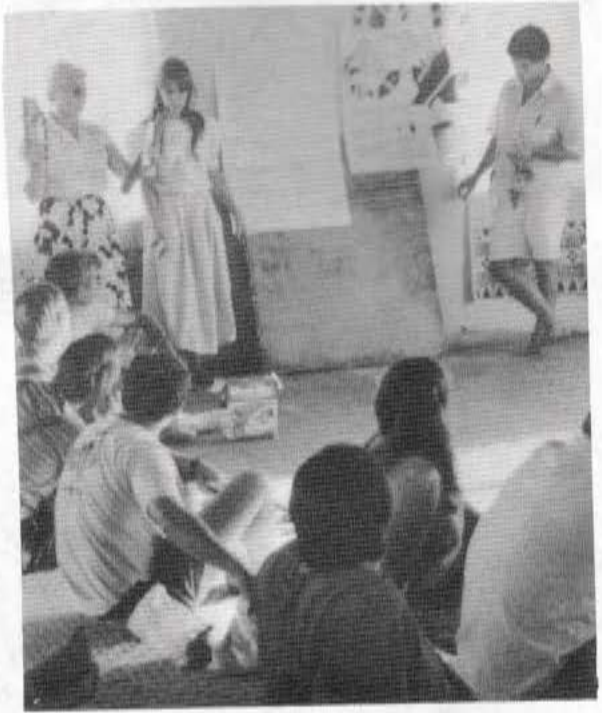












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THE TASTE OF FIJI 61

