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God's Kingdom without Borders

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Growing in the Vine By TOM McCLENAHAN

The Body of Christ in Utah is increasingly global—a Sudanese congregation here, a Vietnamese church there; worship in Spanish in Sandy, in Tongan in West Valley; Japanese taiko drums downtown, Sierra Leone djembe drums in Sugarhouse. Since 2010, The Vine Institute has been privileged to know and serve over 75 current and emerging leaders of more than 25 different people groups in this diverse Christian community. Enrolled in our Christian leadership training courses, they are learning to serve the Lord and their people more effectively.

Beginning with the course “Caring for God's People” and ending with a Capstone Project, these leaders gain a solid foundation in the Word of God, both Old and New Testaments. They learn and practice pastoral care, preaching, teaching, leading worship, and encouraging stewardship. They develop a heart to cultivate healthy family, congregational, and community relationships that will serve the Kingdom of God in their culture as well as across cultures.

Later this spring, four students will complete the final requirements of the Certificate in Christian Leadership. Each week for the past four years they have been studying and “doing” the Bible, implementing—in their lives, families, and churches—what God is teaching them as they listen together to the Word and the Spirit. This peer learning group has learned from each other, encouraged one another, even collaborated together on projects across their cultures and languages. Graduation in May will be a

many splendored celebration of the Lord and His growing, healthy, intercultural Body—the Vine with its branches—echoing what John saw and recorded in the Book of Revelation: “You are worthy... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased persons for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God...” Hallelujah! 🍇



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‘Anitoni “Toni” Ma’u ministers in music, Tongan style and beyond. You may find him directing the choir or brass band (or both) in church worship, or leading his Tongan marching band in a community parade, or even helping his youth group work on rap songs that are “actually sermons.” At

The Vine Institute, Toni has been sharpening his skills and deepening his faith for spiritual leadership in preparation for even larger influence for Christ among his people as a church planter.



Mike Jacobs, Pastor of Family Life at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church in Midvale, says he learned at the Vine to imagine Kingdom of God Changes and to make smart action plans to bring those changes. He heard amazing reports by students from Tonga, South Sudan, Vietnam, Congo and Columbia that showed results and answered prayers. Born in SLC, Mike never lived more than 5 miles from his birth place yet these friends form a global community working to bring about the Kingdom of God. At the Vine his faith has grown because he has seen God-given vision become a reality.

Khanh Tong began participating in The Vine classes at the recommendation of his pastor, Mark Nguyen of the Vietnamese Evangelical Church. Khanh serves as a Youth Pastor and often translates sermons. He found six month action plans challenging but they helped him to complete new projects for youth that might not otherwise have been done. In preparation for a three month trip to Vietnam, he doubled up on courses and finished the program in two and one-half years. After returning from his trip, Khanh will resume his job as a social worker with the State and continue to minister at his church.



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Welcome all to the Vine Institute's
first **Graduation** at the Tongan
Church -- May 10, 2014
Global Day of Prayer JUNE 8

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Tipiloma "Tip" Pupu'a is sought out as a visionary and capable leader in both church and community circles. He has served as Toni's colleague at the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga in Utah, Salt Lake City, as young adult leader, worship leader and more. He chaired the board of Pacific Heritage Academy, and now serves on the board of The Vine Institute (as well as being a graduating student). Tip manifests a keen mind and a great pastoral heart, so we anticipate God putting him mightily to use in His kingdom.

Mark your calendar!
1st Vine Institute Graduation
11:00 am
Saturday, May 10, 2014
Celebrate with us at the
Free Wesleyan Church
of Tonga in Utah
57 East 1300 South
Salt Lake City, UT
Reception following



Graduating Class

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Vine Board Update

Welcome to pastors Peter Asiamah and Ricardo Flores, newest members of the Board of Trustees. Ricardo arrived as a youth from war-torn El Salvador. Peter came to Utah

THE GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

8 June 2014

1090 South State Street, Salt Lake City
(Calvary Baptist Church)

5:30 pm Gathering for Procession
6:00 pm Prayer, Praise & Fellowship following

Pray with One Voice.



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as a missionary from Ghana. Both are passionate for the advance of God's Kingdom without borders in Utah.

Pray for the Board as they oversee the search process for an Associate Director. 