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SOLOMON ISLANDS: Where Tears of Joy Are Flowing

The Baptism of Karina Morgan

We are very encouraged to write to you today and share some exciting news coming from our mission team that is presently working in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Our 8 man team is continuing to be abundantly blessed each day through God providing many excellent teaching opportunities. In addition to the well attended daily group Bible lessons (2 leadership classes each morning, 2 sermons each night, and 2 lessons at night for teens), our number of daily personal studies has greatly increased. Just yesterday, team members were invited to conduct Bible studies in an area outside the capital city of Honiara. They were introduced to several new friends, one of whom was a 38 year old woman named Karina Morgan. As the personal studies progressed, it was clear that Karina was very touched by the teaching of the scriptures. Several times she paused to comment on how wonderful and encouraging it was to be studying the scriptures, and what a blessing it was to learn God's Will for her. Tears filled her eyes on several occasions. Then, as she was asked to read a passage of scripture from Acts 19, Karina could no longer keep back the tears. She wept as she expressed her joy in having learned what to do to become a New Testament Christian. Karina then made the most important decision of her life – *to be baptized into Christ!*



At about 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4th, we gathered on the great shores of the Pacific Ocean. It was here that this 38 year old mother made that good confession commanded by

the Holy Scriptures. With the beautiful blue Pacific Ocean peaceably at bay in the background, Karina opened up her heart as she was asked if she was willing to confess Christ Jesus. Her tears of joy flowed, as did her sincere and gentle words confessing Jesus Christ as the Son of God. It was then that we baptized Karina into Christ. As she came up out of the water, Christians and friends stood near the edge of the ocean singing "Amazing Grace". As Karina walked up from the water onto the shore, she was greeted by her new family in Christ, from whom many other tears of joy were flowing on this wonderful day here in the Solomon Islands. We thank God for this increase and the continued efforts of this hard working team! RE

