

What in the World is MU doing? ...

Positive Parenting Program for the Solomon Islands

Mrs. Edith Koete is the Provincial President of Mothers Union Melanesia. Her skills and understanding of development, and her vision and strategic thinking has given MU Positive Parenting as the way forward for the Solomon Islands to cope with the challenges of social issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

The Positive Parenting Program is designed to equip parents with appropriate skills, and undergird parenting with Christian priorities.

MU Australia went into partnership with Anglicord Melbourne in 2010 to financially support and encourage Mothers Union Melanesia with a consultative conference for the Positive Parenting Program.

The conference was held in Honiara, Solomon Islands in November 2010. Mrs Sheran Harper, Mothers Union World Wide Parenting Trainer, led the consultative conference.

This was followed up in April 2011 when MU Australia funded training of facilitators in Honiara. Once again Mrs Sheran Harper led the facilitator training. The training duration was for 10 days, with 3-4 days used by facilitators to implement and lead the Program.

Special attention has been given to the customs and culture of training men facilitators. Men do not attend meetings with women, or attend meetings where a woman is the speaker, so special contact was made. The men were then encouraged to attend a one hour per week parenting training course in a private home where they feel more comfortable to share.



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