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## Congratulations Simmy!!

Jimmy Drekore, the Founder of the Simbu Children's Foundation – an organization that MTSL has been supporting for over 3 years received the World of Children Health Award 2016 in New York City on Thursday October 27th. The award is a global recognition and funding program for people who specifically serve the needs of children.

It was back in November 2004 that Jimmy met a 10 – year old girl who had been in hospital for 7 years after a car accident and without a carer (wasman). Jimmy found out that there were other children with similar issues in the same ward.

At that time, Jimmy worked as an Analytical Chemist with Lihir Gold Mine, and had flown into Kundiawa Hospital in Simbu province to visit his ill – mother, Jimmy had become attached to the children at the ward and as a result he made regular visits during his field breaks. Shortly after his mother died, Jimmy vowed to help the children from his home province.

3 months after meeting the children in the hospital Jimmy established the Simbu Children's Foundation. The foundation funds airfares, medical tests and operations for the village children in the Simbu Province, Jimmy is supported by his wife Merrolyn Drekore who is also an active member of the foundation.



(Photo by Robin Marchant/Getty Images for World Of Children

Jimmy won the category for Health award for 2016 and will now receive a grant of US\$ 50,000 (K155, 000) over the next 3 years as part of the noble price for child advocates, Jimmy says this funding will be used on providing more paedriatic patients care for CT scan and heart surgery at the Port Moresby General Hospital



Early this year Jimmy also won the Men of Honor award from the Digicel Foundation which recognizes the men who strengthen their communities, families and respect the humanity of vulnerable children and adults especially in women. MTSL has pledged a further 3 years of support for the Simbu Children's Foundation.



<u>Jimmy Drekore accepting the award on stage at the World of Children Awards Ceremony in New York City.</u>

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### MTSL "DRIVES" AWARENESS ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN COMMUNITIES

How often have we heard that PNG is one of the worst places in the world for gender violence? Everyday news and statistics report on shockingly high figures here in PNG.

In the recent years, cases of domestic violence have actually worsened in PNG, "we need to refuse to become



inferior to violence and improve on changing the attitude of our people. The CFC (Coalition for Change) is a community based not for profit organization and is an example of the community responding" said CEO of MTSL Kennedy Wemin during the presentation of a new vehicle to CFC. The coalition works towards creating a Papua New Guinea where the citizens and residents especially women and children can live lives free from gender, spousal and family violence.

MTSL pledged its support to CFC with part funding for a vehicle to enable their outreach on violence prevention to settlements and communities. MTSL will now partner with CFC to assist with advocacy and outreach to the settlements and to drive behavioral change within communities.

We will also be organizing workshops for MTSL staff as well as our unit holders so that they benefit from this partnership and are also a part of the change that we would like to make.

Gender based violence, particularly violence in the home happens, let's stop it!

<u>Pic: MTSL CEO Kennedy Wemin presenting keys of a ford</u> <u>ranger to Lanna Assaigo - Kami Chairlady of CFC</u>



Coalition for Change PNG Inc.

#### "He who opens a school door, closes a prison" - VICTOR HUGO

In 1983 Max Moroa graduated from Yauwe Moses High School in Chimbu Province, its been over 30 years. During that period of time Max secured a job, married and raised 3 children. After having worked with different institutions Max joined Melanesian Trustee Services Limited (MTSL), he is the Administration Support and is a long serving staff.

With no other forms of education since his days at Yauwe Moses, Max was challenged to go for further studies recently when he made use of the training policy here at MTSL and applied to the International Training Institute. The HR training Policy at MTSL allows staff to undertake further studies to broaden their knowledge of the work that they are currently doing or to better qualify them for job advancement. Max passed his certificate course in salesmanship and he was really proud of his achievement.

"After 30 years I have taken another step in life to achieve this, it was difficult for me having to work during the day and undertake night studies but I sacrificed my time and made use of the spare computer at work to complete my assignments during my free time" says Max.

Max is grateful to MTSL for giving him this opportunity to return to school and to gain further knowledge.



<u>Pic: Max Moroa (L) being congratulated by MTSL Corporate</u> <u>Governance Manager - Lawrence Stephens (R)</u>

#### **Meeting a Unit Holder Abroad!**

Unit holders in PNG cross our paths every day, but for those abroad - rarely. It was during the recent PNG Business Summit in Brisbane when we met Magdalene Moi- He. Magdalene currently lives and works in Brisbane as the Consulate General of PNG.

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Magdalene is a unit holder with Pacific Balanced Fund. It was only when we started conversing with Magdalene when she mentioned that she may have shares in what was previously known as the Investment Corporation Fund of PNG, we said we would confirm. Magdalene is a verified unit holder, and she was quite happy to know so, after the confirmation was emailed through to her she searched through her files and found her unit certificate.

"I have no issue with being featured as a unit holder, I vividly remember but I can recall that I was introduced to the fund by another girlfriend of mine who was already a member of the then ICPNG. I then proceeded to organizing for direct deduction from my salary

towards the fund." Magdalene is hoping to purchase more shares in the near future.

Pic: Magdalene(R) is speaking to an IPA staff during the summit

#### I am Patriotic!

The crowning of Miss PNG - Pacific Islands was held in Port Moresby at the Crowne Plaza hotel on Saturday 22nd October, where 6 contestants including Miss PBF took the stage vying for the Miss PNG title. Miss PBF was 3rd runner up overrall.

What was impressive, was the traditional inspired dress for Miss PBF made by her designer Anna which depicts Patriotism. What is patriotism? Patriotism is having a strong support for your

country.

The patriotic dress is a 3 layered dress, and translates the stories of unity, colors of many tribes in one nation - Papua New Guinea.





#### The Inner Garment...

I am a proud, modern, Papua New Guinean....

I stand with pride , Dignity and Honour.....

I am proud of my unique cultural richness

My dress represents the PATRIO-TISM of my tribes and my COUNTRY...... Papua New Guinea.



#### The Outer Garment ...

This outer garment is inspired by traditional Engan dress. "I am molded and shaped by the surrounding environment, the forests, rivers, and mountains where I call home. The spiral smoky hut in the heart of patterned landscape comes the tumbling beauty, locked arm to arm and pressed against the hard dusty soil...

My charcoal painted face celebrates, celebrates"

The winner of the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant 2016 was Miss Pacific Assurance Group - Kellyanne Limbiye who is now in Samoa for the crowning of the Miss Pacific Islands from Sunday November 27th - Friday 2nd December - 2016



Pic Credit Rocky Roe / The National