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Reefs Michael Jones and To'alepai (uncle) Lui Tautolo at the Forefront of Tsunami Relief

The morning of Tuesday 29 September 2009 signaled another tragedy in the Pacific with an earthquake triggering a Tsunami that wreaked havoc, destruction and death in the beautiful Islands of Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. There has been plenty of media coverage around this event which has been a dark time for all our Pacific Island communities as there are many that have been affected by this tragedy. Reef would like to extend our deepest most heartfelt condolences to the people of the Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga as Reef have many friendship ties with all these Islands. Reef have been and are continually right behind relief efforts to get much needed supplies to our Pacific neighbours. Reef's Michael and Uncle Lui are heavily involved in this combined effort and have been overwhelmed with the response of New Zealanders. The gathering of supplies has gone well and the first of the shipments have arrived at the villages. The move is now to focus on rebuilding these affected area's.



Uncle Lui at the South Auckland collection centre with MP Winnie Laban



THE MUSCLE AT REEF FREIGHT

In true Reef style these two really are part of the family. Wil on the left) is Vineti's husband and Kava on the right) is Rose Maries son in law.



Introducing the Warehouse team from Reef Freights depot in Onehunga. Our Supervisor Wil Tofavaha (on left) and his Assistant Kava Leausa (on right). Many of you would have met Wil who has been with us for some time now. Kava has recently joined the team after moving back to Auckland from Australia to be closer to his family. They are always on hand to assist our customers with their personal effects and are able to communicate with both our Tongan and Samoan clients. It is this dynamic duo that fit together the jigsaw of freight that we receive here every week to pack into containers.

New Arrivals to the Reef Family



Since our last newsletter Reef Staff have had new additions to their families. Congratulations to Mark Williams and his wife on the arrival of a baby daughter on 22 September and to Serah Oloi and husband who gave birth to a 7 pound son on October 8, named Sonic. Both families are thrilled with their new additions and are doing great.

Reef Welcomes Justin Weir to Reef Shipping

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa, Kia Orana, Malo, Bula, Bonjour, Namaste everyone. My name is Justin Weir. I've been on board with Reef Shipping for 3 weeks as the Commercial Manager. Aspects of my role cover cost control, non freight recoveries, container fleet management, process and systems development. I've been in the shipping and transport industry for 15 years working for ANZDL, NZOL, TOL and Quadrant Pacific in NZ and with Austral Asia Line based in Brisbane. My roles have covered Operations, Logistics, Fleet and Trade management. I've been lucky to have travelled extensively in all of my roles throughout Asia and the Pacific. Conducting business internationally and the unique idiosyncrasies that working with all of those countries and cultures brings really makes my wheels spin! When I'm not working I love spending time with my 5 year old son Fynn. He actually started school on Monday 12/10 so it's a really exciting time for us. To be honest dad was more anxious about starting school than Fynn is!! Other interests include keeping fit, karate, fishing (albeit far to infrequently for my liking), cooking and reading. I've recently developed a penchant for MySky and wonder how I ever lived without it! Apologies if I haven't formally met everyone yet. For those I haven't met, I look forward to putting faces to names in the not too distant future"



Vaka in Pago Pago Survives Tsunami



The vaka Va'atele was delivered to Pago Pago in mid-August 2009 by our ship Southern Lily. Following discharge from the ship, she had been lying alongside the DMWR dock, at a berth made specifically available to her. Whilst in that berth, she was secured to the wharf on her starboard side with five mooring lines, and on her port side with two lines to two mooring buoys which held her off the wharf face. On 29 September 2009, following the undersea earthquake to the south of American Samoa, the tsunami entered the port at Pago Pago. There were apparently five successive waves. As they passed through the port all five lines from the vaka's starboard side were broken by the force of the repeated surge. Fortunately, the lines to the mooring buoys on her port side held. Despite very severe motion, and even dragging the moorings some way closer in to the dock, the vaka never actually came into contact with the wharf face. Some damage was caused to the vaka, but, miraculously, Va'atele was one survivor that made it through the tsunami.



Update from Project in Christmas Islands



Reef recently completed, successfully and on time, delivery of a substantial project cargo to Christmas Island. Neither the load port nor the destination are on Reef's usual schedule, but our ship Southern Tiare was diverted to New Plymouth to load several hundred cubic metres of plant and machinery, and 32 containers of bitumen and paving equipment for delivery to this eastern-most island in Kiribati. The cargo was required by Downer EDI Works Limited, for its contract to undertake urgent repairs to the runway at Cassidy Airport. Following six weeks paving work, the runway can now safely receive Boeing 737 jets, re-starting the island's tourism industry (it is a mecca for fly fishermen, keen to pit their skills against the abundant bone fish in the lagoons). Southern Tiare will return to the island soon as soon as funding for the next stage of runway improvements has been approved. In the meantime, Downers have expressed their thanks to Reef for getting the project off to such a good start.



2009 Mini South Pacific Games Sailing

The Cook Islands sailing team achieved a milestone during the Mini South Pacific games in the Cook Islands. The event took place in idyllic Aitutaki. The Cook Islands team did not disappoint and achieved 7 medals from the 8 sailors that participated. Anne Tierney acknowledges Reef *"You guys have had an important part to play in this scenario too as our development program to this date had this event as one of our major goal so congratulations, and thank from all of us"*. Reef offer their congratulations to the Sailors and the well run event.



Cook Island sailors in Action at the Mini Games

Niue Noni Misson to Japan and China



Michael Jones has left on a mission to the Orient to enhance the benefits of **NIUE NONI** to the worlds largest existing Noni market. Michael will be marketing in both Japan and China. Reef have produced **Niue Noni** brochures that have been translated in to Japanese and Chinese languages and also a promotional video showcasing the **Niue Noni** process on the Vaiea farm.