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## Ghanaians in Nepani

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Ghana youth representatives Agnes Quansah, sitting third from left, and Amir Ahmed, second row third from right, and Titilia Vakadewavosa, sitting second from right, with the Nazareth Methodist Church youth members at Nepani. Picture: SAFAIRA VEITOMIYAKI

YOUTHS at the Nazareth Methodist Church at Nepani welcomed youth representatives from Ghana for the Ghana-Fiji exchange program during their youth fellowship last Monday.

Nazareth Methodist church youth leader Semi Vuki says they were honoured and thankful to the South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS) for visiting the Nazareth Methodist Church youth in Nepani.

"We are very honoured to have had the two here with us and to also welcome them traditionally so as to show them about how we fellowship in church and about the culture. We thank the SPATS for this memorable visit," he said.

Ghana nationals, Amir Ahmed and Agnes Quansah, both from the Central region of Ghana, were in the country for an exchange program funded by the International Association for Black Religion and Spirituality (IABRS) based at the University of Chicago in the US.

The duo are expected to learn more about the Fijian culture, religion and way of life and to keep a record about their observations on the Fijian culture and way of living, which had to be sent to the IABRS as part of the exchange program.

The two were traditionally welcomed at Vaturua Village in Nakelo, Tailevu upon arrival a week ago and have been sharing their experiences, labelling Fijians as very nice and hospitable people.

"We were welcomed at a Fijian village when we arrived and the people are very nice, they showed great hospitality towards us, we had some kava, observed mat weaving and the village setting, the food was very nice and the people are just nice people, Fijian people are very nice people, we hope to learn more about the Fijian culture, religion, music and way of life."

Titilia Vakadewavosa, the secretary for SPATS, in an interview stated that the IABRS is an international network which is joined with the SPATS, whose purpose is involving youths in global cultural exchange program.

"The purpose of this exchange program is to involve youths in global cultural exchange program and through this exchange program they learn to share with others about what they learn about our country and the vision of the IABRS is, another world is possible," she said.

The two Fijian representatives to Ghana will be leaving the country on the third of next month.

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