

**Hitraty SDA Church – Efate District
Tithe House Dedication Report– 11 March 2018**



Ribbon cutting of the tithe house

Intern- Minister Saprina David (Left) Jack Semeno Head Elder (center) John Enoch Assistant Head Elder (right)



After cutting of Ribbon, the tithe house was open and members filled the house with their tithe of their harvest



Minister Lolet Worwor made a special dedicatory prayer for the tithe house and was supported by the Church Elders.



Church members group photo and thank God for His blessings



Deacon Sam Willie (left) who build the tithe house and Deacon Jimmy Tamkela (right) in charge of the management of the tithe house.

Report

When words were put into action

First quarter Sabbath School lesson for 2018 is about stewardship. Hitaraty SDA Ch took extra approach having convinced that God owns every resources we have even our lives, money, gardens etc...

Most of us plant gardens or root crops in our backyards and would only pay cash (estimate nomo) for our first harvest as tithe or don't even pay anything. Then we realized that each year our harvest is getting smaller, thieves come and steal from our gardens and experience more problems.... In Malachi 3:10, God gave special instruction for us to return the 10th of our harvest to His store house. We believe we are robbing God because we never return the 10th of our harvests to His Tithe House.

The church, through the Adventist men group decided to build a Tithe House where the villagers and church members would return their 10th of their crops to the house of God. The last time the church had a tithe house was in 2009/2010. It is also an approach to indirectly preach stewardship to the community of Mele & Melemaat.

Deacon Sam Willie, Efate Wealth fare Leader – Northern Zone took the appeal seriously and decided to personally build the tithe house using his own money and experience as a maintenance officer of the Benjor Resort- Efate. Sam agreed that God has given us skills and money and we should use it in His service. It took Sam two weeks to complete a simple portable tithe house.

On 11 March 2018, the Church Board agreed that all church members would come together for the dedication for the tithe house. Our Church Minister, Mrs Lolet Worwor conducted a special service then followed by the dedication ceremony outside, near the tithe house. We had the ribbon cutting by Head & Assistant Head Elder and Church Intern - Minister Ms Saprina David. The tithe house was open and everyone brought in their tithes from their gardens and stored them in the tithe house. Minister Lolet Worwor made the dedication prayer with the support from the Ch Elders and declared the tithe house to be opened and be used.

A special collection of the food was given to our church Ministers and other items were priced by deacons and were paid by the church members of which the funds were returned to the church as tithe paid to the Mission. We can only praise God for this special tithe house. We believe in the coming months, we will share with you testimonies of blessings received by community members who faithfully return their tithes to the Store House of God. We also want to challenge our local churches to build tithe houses and encourage members to return their tithe to the Store House of God so they can also enjoys the blessings from God.

Blessings