



Proclaiming the Word in Kiriwina

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I arrived in Kiriwina two years late! Fr Sonny Fajardo, our Salesian parish priest for the Trobriand Islands, popularly called the 'Isles of Love' by the Polish self-styled anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski, first invited me to give a Bible seminar for his parish leaders in early 2009. Unfortunately, heavy rains during that time had caused a shortage of yam crops and the parish initiative had to be scrapped. So when Fr Sonny renewed the invitation late last year, I speedily accepted it not only for a chance

to explore Kiriwina's coral paradise but also to help out a confrere.

My luggage was definitely overweight. I had to bring all my teaching equipment including handouts, a laptop and even a projector! More than that, Fr Timothy Choi took the occasion to beef up Fr Sonny's pantry with canned goods and other food stuffs. To top it off, Fr Albert Swer also sent an air pump for the parish bicycle!