



Sakiusa and Salote Maiwiriwiri

Suva, Fiji



I could hardly believe the peace and happiness I found in the Maiwiriwiri home. Despite having two of their children pass away, they live their lives with joy and purpose every day.

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Salote:

Two years after our son Esa died of lung cancer, our daughter Esalynn died of meningitis. In the temple, I felt a strong prompting to speak with a senior sister missionary there who also lost two children years earlier. She told me, "If you make your home a holy place, you can feel your children's presence there."

That has become our goal. Everything we do is to make our home a holy place. We want to feel them close.

Sakiusa:

The experience of losing Esa and Esalynn has ultimately brought our family closer together. We counsel together with our other children. We attend the temple as a family. We live our lives as simple as possible and choose gratitude every day. As we talk about what it means to be sealed as a family in the temple, that sealing becomes alive in us. And through all of this, we do feel the presence of our children.

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