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Tukufonua Ma'a Tonga
The United States of America

Dear Tukufonua Ma'a Tonga,

Online Centre for Young Students

This letter is to introduce to you this Online Centre and to request your kind donation to this important initiative.

The Online Centre is located in 'Eua and is established to provide a place for young student who study on-line to the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji through its Tonga Campus and other educational establishments outside Tonga.

However, several issues are involved when students have to relocate from their homes in 'Eua to live in Tongatapu, in order to attend the USP Tonga Campus. The parents do not only have to pay for the tuition fees and other associate fees, but they also have to pay for the living expenses, regardless of the number of courses enrolled in by the student. Living away from home can be a traumatic experience for some students, especially girls who may have problems with their safety and privacy.

There is also a tendency for some students to withdraw or drop out from their studies if they feel that they are isolated and unable to study properly when living away from home with relatives and friends of their parents. Some promising students do not enroll at all because of these issues. When these happen, young girls and boys do not pursue tertiary studies anymore or are disrupted from doing so. They tend to get married at a young age and remain unemployed.

I believe that in order to give the young students of 'Eua a better chance at tertiary studies, it is time that an on-line centre for tertiary studies be established in Eua equipped with the appropriate technology.

As such, this letter is to seek your kind assistance so that we can purchase laptops, TV screen and textbooks for use by students.

Yours Sincerely,

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