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There are several "nations" in the Fiji Suva Mission, one of which is Nouvelle Caledonie (New Caledonia), a French territory. This may be where most of the French in the mission is spoken. Caledonia, by the way, is the ancient Roman name for Scotland. We don't know much about the native peoples there, etc., yet, but Zina recalls having met some Nouvelle Caledoniens while on her mission.

The mission covers a vast area. Nouvelle Caledonie, about 800 miles from Fiji, contains about 7000 square miles, and the islands of Fiji about the same, making them each about 2/3 the size of the country of Haiti (this is for HT's benefit)(not the island of Hispaniola, which is much larger)(that last was NOT for HT's benefit). The New Hebrides, now called by the local name of Vanuatu, is also in the mission.

About one in 65 Fijians is LDS, and about one in 150 New Caledonians.

And in other news, Mary and I (Betsy) will be singing solos for the Pleasant



Grove Messiah Sing-in on Monday December 6th at the Pleasant Grove Jr High

School auditorium. My brother Geoffrey may be doing one of the tenor solos

also. This little community production has gotten a little better each year,

and it should be fun. One thing I like about it is that the soloists (there are 6 or 9 of us) join in on the choruses too. But I won't get to sing "The trumpet shall sound!" as I love to-- I'll have to do that at home.

If any of you is going to be in So. California in early December, my bro John is doing the bass/baritone solos for the Messiah performance at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. They're doing the WHOLE THING. John's done the solos before, but not in this venue and not the WHOLE THING.

He says he's learning recitatives he's really never ever heard before.

For updates join us at 10. Ha.

Love and stuff.

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