

Rod accidentally put his phone in ADA mode! But fixed it!
 Hike in National Park/Sleeping Giant \$50 each m, B, MA, N
 Kororayniti National Heritage Park. Picked up Melissa (who we connected with thru Semi at Rise Beyond the Reef) at 9:30. She directed us to Abaca Village (her village). We did a hike to the lower waterfall. Beautiful! Then back to the village for a sevusevu... had a bilos! We tho our tire was flat, but couldn't get the lug bolts off, so just drove back. Seems ok. Went for a swim, then out to see the sunset. Had dinner from the Creperie & made a salad, but ate in the room. Played F&B's game. Fun.
 Diwali!
 Last Day " Finish packing and hang out at Villa. F&B sat by the

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Except for the 18th, when we visited Wainibuka Secondary School and Nayavu Village, this was the best day of Rod's entire trip. It was because of the hike but especially because we once again had a nice visit with some villagers to include three little boys (Popate, Ilai and Kubu), a sweet little girl (Iva), the chief representative (Polly), the woman helping us when we arrived (Kalesi), our guide (Melissa) and several others we didn't catch the names of. What a beautifully traditional village Abaca Village is up in the mountains, sort of away from the rest of the world.

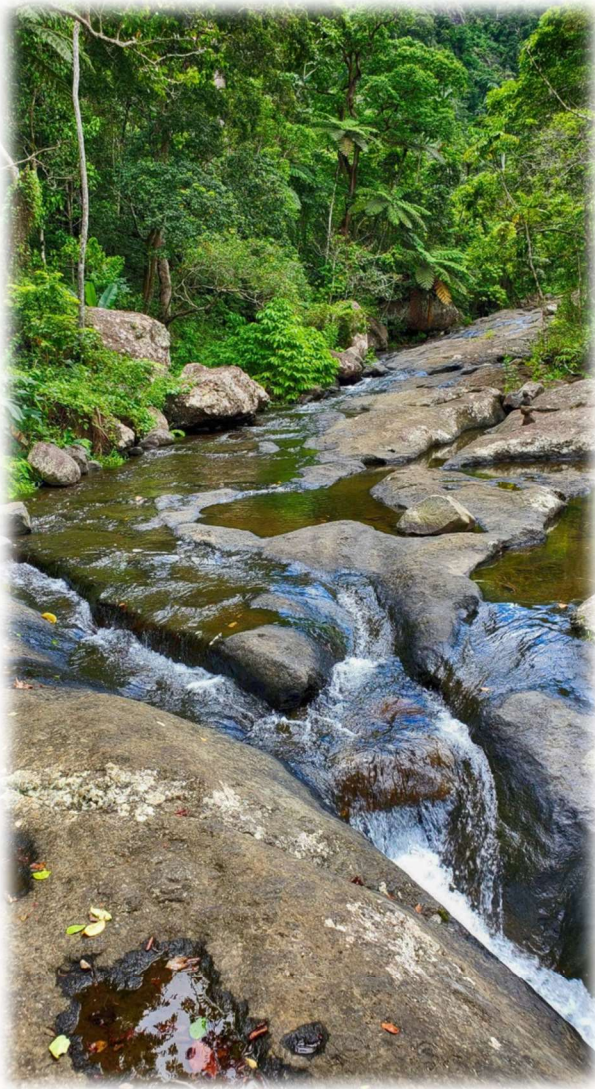


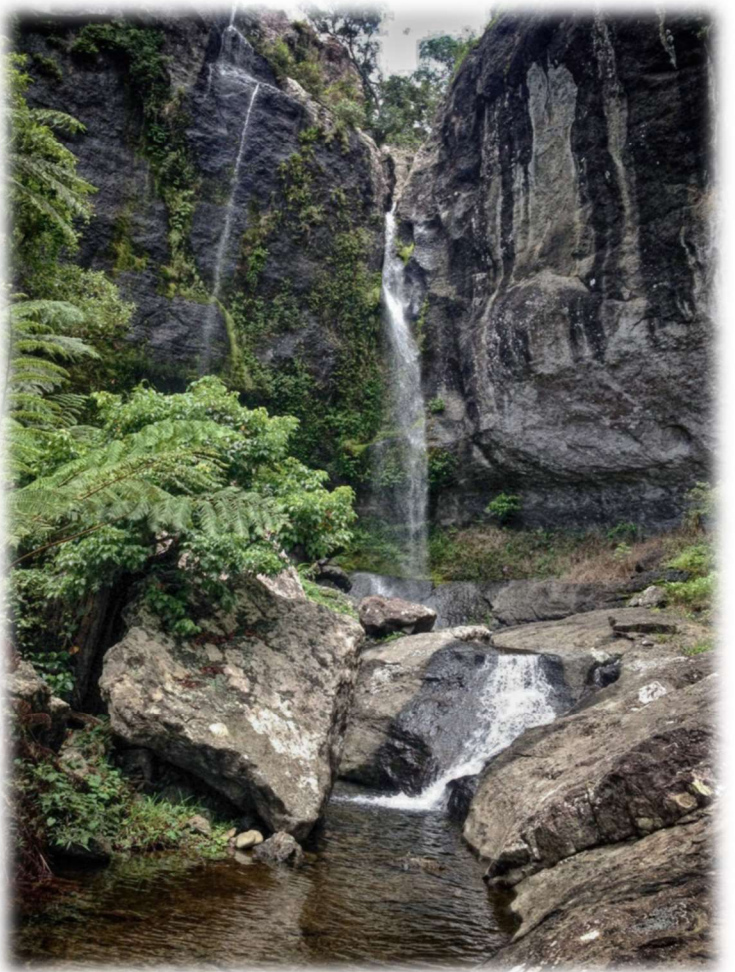


Future pit crew, beautiful view down the valley and a dalo patch.













Back at Abaca Village, we present our Yagona and then gather the mechanics together to help fix the tire.





Kalesi and Melissa serving Yagona. No tanoa (wooden bowl to serve from) but we did get the coconut bilo (cup). After Yagona and talanoa (telling stories) we head back outside looking for our mechanics...who are entertaining themselves with a chicken and an egg.







Moce (goodbye) Abaca. We will return again someday (sota tale) to take the long hike and see how our mechanics and new friends are faring.



We returned home, bought some crepes, the cooks did some dancing in the kitchen, had a wonderful stay-at-home meal and then we went out to catch as much sunset as was available. It was a cloudy sunset, but still very pretty and a bunch of fun with friends (itokani) and family (matavuvale).





