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PRESS RELEASE

US singer touches the lives of young people during PNG visit

Award-winning American Christian singer Beckah Shae inspired hundreds of young people during her recent visit to PNG.

During her week-long visit, Beckah visited Port Moresby, Lae and Salamaua.

Beckah visited the country as an ambassador of the Clean Generation Campaign, a nationwide movement encouraging young people to be part of a purposeful, honest and virtuous generation.

"It was awesome to see so many make a stand and join this campaign. God is doing Great things in PNG - He is raising up an army of leaders," Beckah said.

In Port Moresby, Beckah spoke to students at secondary schools and gave a special guest performance at the Eyrie School of Music mid-term recital.

On Saturday August 23 almost one thousand young people attended The Stand concert at Rev. Sione Kami Memorial Church.

At the concert Beckah told the crowd about how she grew up surrounded by violence, anxiety and depression.

"When I was younger I got so low. I was hurting myself. I got to the point I was so broken, I wanted to give up my life.

"If there's anything that makes you think you're not good enough, smart enough, pretty enough... it's a lie! God wants to you to know have no reason to walk in defeat," Beckah said.

A lucky group of young people joined Beckah on stage to dance during her final songs.

On Repentance Day, Beckah performed for 400 students at UNITECH in Lae.

Students took part in an activity called the "love tunnel" which involved reflection, positive affirmation and prayer.

A highlight of Beckah's visit was a trip to Salamaua, where she witnessed rural life in PNG.

Beckah was welcomed to the island with traditional Morobe singing performed by the local people.

She was the first international visitor to speak to students at Salamaua High School and had a bungalow named after her.

Beckah said she was overwhelmed by her welcome to PNG.

"I am so thankful that God lead me here. Everywhere I turn there is an epic portrait I will never forget"

"My mind has been blown away by the greatness of God's goodness. I'm filled with awe."

The Clean Generation Campaign is an initiative of youth development organisation The Voice Inc.

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