

TREASURES ON THE DEEP

5. Papeiha – Missionary to Aitutaki

1. John Williams, the famous m_____, stood at the rail of his s____ and said good-bye to the two missionaries, Papeiha and Vahapata, as they were taken by c_____ to the Island of Aitutaki.
2. They looked neat and c_____ in contrast to the wild-haired, wild-eyed islanders, p_____ and tattooed, who paddled them to the shore.
3. The great question was, how would they get on, preaching the g_____ to such a d_____ and unpredictable people?
4. A year later, John Williams returned, and he saw the islanders c_____, being paddled out towards his ship.
5. The missionaries' ship was sm____, and there were hundreds of islands. They could have easily been a_____ and the ship captured.
6. Soon, his fears were gone. He saw that the islanders no longer had painted faces or t_____d bodies. As they came, instead of their wild shrieks, they now cried out *'Good is the Word of God, all is well with the Island of Aitutaki.'*
7. When he landed, John Williams saw the ch_____ that the islanders had built, and the new homes, now tidy and cl_____. He saw that the people had heard the good news of the gospel. God had bl_____ the work of the two missionaries.

