

April-June 2021- Serving in Vanuatu

The Pineros



Training Disciples

Last year, Big Bay Bible school suspended all classes due to Covid19 and also from Seth not being able to return to the field. We had to make a very big decision this year regarding our bible school students. We decided that waiting another year or until Covid restrictions are eased would not be wise. The world might have changed but God's work remains. The only way to make this happen was to convert our campus grounds into a temporary bible school, So for the last few months we have had 16 students living and studying full time here with us. This has added a much larger work load, but praise God, the pastors who teach in Big Bay agreed to take turns every two weeks. This leaves me with 5 hours of teaching each week. All our lessons are taught in Bislama, so this involves alot of office time to translate and rework, rewrite and create new materials.

We have also decided to relaunch our bible translation project under the authority of the local church. Previousy, this was not the case. We are excited about producing a Bible in Bislama that will be both accurate and reliable.

As I type we have already completed first drafts of Titus, Philemon, 2 John and 3 John.



Bible School



Praying with Outreach Team



Translation of the Bible

The Bible school students have gone on several weekend outreaches as part of their training and ministry. This has been to Big Bay as well as the south of the island. They have shared testimonies of many lives saved. Obviously this comes at a cost, although it also allows me to continue to preach at Luganville Baptist Church while they travel to the jungle.

Our black Ford truck engine seized 3 months ago. It looks like we will need a new engine. We are currently looking at options of shipping a second hand one from New Zealand. Please pray we can get it back on the road as it played such a vital role in the ministry work.





Growing Youth Ministry

The introduction of a commitment structure for leadership in our church has been a two edge sword. In one aspect, we have seen leaders step up to the opportunity, but the other side is seeing those who were serving but living double lives step down. This has been a bit discouraging, but we believe this is the best way to see true genuine growth within Luganville Baptist Church.

In my last prayer letter I spoke about how Ishmael and his family moved to the church to live. Since that move, they have seen many new families come to church as a result of them being a presence in the community. Ishmael and Rubby are also attending bible school. The youth ministry has seen some real growth this year, and almost every week they have seen salvation decisions made.



We saw a few baptisms the last month, one exciting one was Lizandra. She is the daughter of Roy and Betty who are currently training for the ministry. I took this opportunity to ask Roy to join me as we baptised his daughter. Continue to pray for this amazing couple, I believe God is going to use them greatly.

We had our first ever Mother & Daughter Banquet. We had over 100 attend, many being first time visitors. We are praying this will see fruit.



Our family is doing well. We praise the Lord that we have not had any major health issues. Thank you for your prayers regarding this. Liz's sister, Sharon, sadly lost her battle with cancer. We have had to mourn from a distance. We are considering our options regarding whether to travel or not at the end of this year now that flights have just started up again. We have been putting off Nichole's ear appointments for 2 years now. Please be in prayer regarding this decision.

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