



toktok!

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We are going to Vanuatu!



Welcome to the first issue of our news and prayer letter, *toktok!* Next year will see us living in Vanuatu where Glen has been appointed to teach at Talua Ministry Training Centre. We are very excited about the move and hope that *toktok!* will help keep you in touch.

Please pray:

- with thanks for Glen's appointment at Talua.

Talua Ministry Training Centre

Talua is situated on Santo Island in the north-west of Vanuatu. It is the training college for the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu and currently has around eighty students who will be pastors, lay-workers or evangelists when they leave.

We visited Talua in September this year. It was immensely helpful for us to see our house and be guided in advance through a very different way of living. We are grateful to the faculty and students for the welcome they gave us and to Chris and Leah Balzer for their hospitality and assistance.

We also saw the progress of the new library that *Mission Partners* is helping to build at Talua. In early December a team of 21 young people from Australia will spend time at Talua to continue work on its construction.



The library and main offices at Talua.

Please pray:

- for the students at Talua as they complete exams;
- for Chris and Leah Balzer as they leave Talua to return to Australia soon;
- for safety & good health for the work-party and for a helpful experience of ni-Van culture;
- for Phil & Glenda Simmonds as they lead the work-party.

Our remaining time in Australia

As we write this letter, our loungeroom is filling with boxes. It is not long before we will be leaving our house here in Newtown and not much longer before we leave the country!

Our Schedule

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| 28 Nov | move to Blue Mountains |
| 5-15 Dec | visit Griffith |
| 16-20 Dec | visit Dubbo |
| 21 Dec | back to Blue Mountains |
| 10 Jan | leave for Vanuatu |
| 10-25 Jan | culture & language orientation to Talua |
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Please pray:

- for good times with family and friends;
- for humility and perseverance in learning a new culture and language.