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In Brief...



Sophie with her friends, Jemesh and Steve.

Glen has just finished planning his lesson programs for the term. He would now like to spend more time talking with students and improving his Bislama. Rachael has been going to the women's program two days a week and is enjoying chatting with them. Sophie & Bethany are both happy and healthy and loving life.

Please pray:

- continually for Glen that he would prepare faithfully and teach clearly;
- with thanks for continued good health and that the girls are so happy.

A visit to Tangoa

Tangoa is a small island just near here. It has a long history of theological training and bible translation. In 1895 Tangoa Training Institute was established to train mission teachers to go to villages teaching literacy, the scriptures, and beginning the work of translation. In 1971 the Presbyterian Bible College was established there to train lay people in ministry. In 1986, this college combined with Aulua Theological Training Centre (which trained pastors); the names were amalgamated to Talua and it was moved to its present site. The translation of scripture still continues on Tangoa and we recently visited some of those involved. We had a pleasant morning and were excited to know that people are being given the word of God in their own language for the first time.

Please pray:

- for more workers to translate the bible into more of the 100+ local languages;
- that accurate and faithful translations would be made.

Our Pastoral Care Group

We'd like you to meet, and keep in your prayers, the students in our Pastoral Care Group. They are (from left) Papa Aruel, Papa Mansen, Papa Pakua, [then us], Mama Daisy (married to Mansen), Mama Aileen (married to Aruel) and Mama Akar (married to Pakua and absent from photo). We meet together each Sunday after church, and once a



month on a Friday night. We always look forward to our times together, but they are still a little awkward due to shyness on their part and poor Bislama on ours. We competed as a group in a college choir competition and surprised ourselves by coming third. We won a cake!

Please pray:

- that these students would love God with all their heart, soul and strength;
- that their time at Talua would well equip them to love & teach God's people;
- that God would continue to provide their fees & their daily bread;
- that song would be a powerful and effective medium for building God's kingdom here in Vanuatu.