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news & prayer letter from the Connors, partner church missionaries with *mission partners*, the Australian Presbyterian World Mission

The end of term two finds us all quite tired. Glen has had a very heavy workload this last month and Sophie has been ill. We are encouraged by your continued support and prayers and thank God for your partnership with us.

The library has its roof!

A *mission partners* work party have just spent some time here overseeing and helping build the next stage of the new library at Talua. Phil Simmonds, Darryl Smith and Don Lewis worked with staff and students from Navota Farm (a rural training college) to put the roof on the library, and Michael Foley helped with mechanical repairs at Talua.



Please Pray:

- *praising God for the work completed on the library;*
- *for preparations for the work party (26 people) coming in December to continue work on the library building.*

Looking Ahead

The students have just finished their end of term exams. These are followed by the Annual Talua Memorial lectures.

In the following week (20th-28th August), the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu will be held. Glen will attend with the other Presbyterian lecturers from Talua. This year's assembly will appoint a new clerk of the Assembly and a new Principal of Talua, and will discuss a proposed outline for a degree course at Talua.

Next term Glen will teach Pauline Letters (1st year certificate), Divided Kingdom to Exile (2nd year certificate), and Exile to Restoration (2nd year diploma). These are all new subjects for him and will take lots of work.

Please Pray:

- *for wise and godly decisions at Assembly and that Glen will understand the discussion in Bislama;*
- *for Rachael and the girls while Glen is away;*
- *for Glen's preparation of new subject material.*

Translating some resources into Bislama

We have been organising for students to translate some articles from a bible dictionary into Bislama. There are many benefits of this work. The students learn a great deal as they have to read and understand their topics thoroughly. They are also paid for their work, and are given double if they spend the money on books in the bookshop. This is helping them to build good libraries for their future ministry. The translated articles will be a help to Glen as he teaches certificate students whose English is often quite weak. Should this work ever extend to completing the whole dictionary, it would be a great resource for the church in Vanuatu... we'll see what happens.

Please Pray:

- *that accurate translations will be made;*
- *that students would take the opportunity to purchase good books;*
- *for wisdom as we oversee this work.*