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

Answered Prayers

We are halfway through the year; a good time to reflect on how God has been both faithful and gracious in answering our prayers this year (next month we'll reflect more on the rest of the year). Foremost in our mind is that we have coped much better than anticipated with the heat and humidity; this has surely been in God's strength alone. We have been spared the serious illnesses we feared and are slowly but steadily making progress with our language skills. Glen has been able to prepare well for lessons and is pleased with how they are progressing. Rachael has felt periods of loneliness and frustration, but through these God has taught her humility and trust. She has not felt desperately isolated and is thankful for those who have kept in touch and those who have been able to visit. Both Sophie and Bethany are happy and settled. We have seen God's generous provision for our needs and the needs of students we know. In all we are thankful for God's goodness and the care he has taken of us.

Please Pray:

- *rejoicing and giving thanks for God's faithfulness and graciousness to us.*

Grandparents Visit



Glen's parents have been staying with us for the past two weeks. We have had a lovely time, including a trip around East Santo. It was good to celebrate Rachael and Bethany's birthdays with them!

Please Pray:

- *thanking God for a lovely time with family*
- *thanking God for the support and encouragement our families give us..*

Rachael, Sophie and Bethany to join her family for holiday in Australia	2 nd – 21 st July
<i>mission partners</i> work party build more of the new library	~9 th – 23 rd July
PCV (Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu) General Assembly	August

Open Day

Talua Open Day was an interesting experience! It extended over three days and included sport, music, song and plenty of food. Everyone was involved and excited. Glen had to help cook rice and meat on the day (which began with the killing of the bullock). Rachael baked cakes and Sophie learnt what money is for... now she thinks 20 vatu can buy anything! The theme for the day was "Be Alert" from 1 Peter 5:8 and the bands and choirs had to compose one song around this theme to perform in the competitions. It was totally different to our expectations, but we enjoyed being part of it and being with people... we learnt stacks. SEE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE

Please Pray:

- *thanking God for the funds raised on open day and pray they will be used wisely;*
- *thanking God for good times with staff and students.*

The bullock slaughtered, hung, carved, cut...



cooked...



and sold. Quite tasty.



Sport...

