



A New Year

The teaching term has just begun for 2006. There are many new faces this year at Talua, as many of last year's students have graduated or gone on field experience. There are presently only three students who were here in 2005 and we are having to build many new friendships. Orientation week helped us get to know everyone a little. Each morning we had talks from 2 Timothy, encouraging us to hold firmly to the Gospel and to work hard in our ministry as faithful, diligent and godly workers.

Please Pray:

- *that we would build meaningful relationships with staff and students;*
- *that all of us would hold firmly to the Gospel.*

Principal Rakau

Pastor Fiama Rakau is the new Principal at Talua. He is from Futuna (southern Vanuatu), but has worked for the last 12 years as Assembly Clerk in Port Vila. Ps Fiama is a strong leader who shows great vision for the College, wanting it to be a place where spiritual life as well as academic life is developed. He is well attuned to the problems students will face when they begin working in the church in Vanuatu. There are also two other new staff, Ps Selerick Michel and Ps Jon Parkes.



Ps Selerick, Ps Jon & Ps Fiama at their induction.

Please Pray:

- *that Pastor Fiama would love and serve Christ;*
- *that God would give him wisdom & courage as he makes decisions about the college;*
- *for Ps Selerick and Ps Jon as they begin work.*

Short Course

This term Glen will be teaching Pauline Epistles (Diploma 2 & 4) and Biblical Exegesis (Short Course). When the Short Course finishes, he will teach Hebrews-Revelation to the Certificate 2 students who will return from field experience.

The "Short Course" is run for six weeks, for men and women from all walks of life, some with very little formal education. It is a great opportunity to teach the word of God at a 'grass roots' level and is taught completely in Bislama. Preparing to teach this course has been a lot of work for Glen, but he has enjoyed it and it is improving his Bislama greatly.

Please Pray:

- *that Glen's teaching would be clear and that it would help students to read the Bible better and to serve well in their parishes.*

Teaching Kindergarten



There will be a new Kindergarten Teacher at Talua Kindy starting this week... Rachael!! She will fill in while the usual teacher, Minnie Sipiti, takes maternity leave (1-3 months). This will be an enormous challenge, particularly as many of the new children at Talua don't speak Bislama yet, just their local language.

Please Pray:

- *for energy, love and patience to do this task well;*
- *for the safe delivery of Minnie's child.*