



Update

Well, we had a good break between terms. We enjoyed having Glen's Mum stay with us, snorkelling at the famous Champagne Beach (photo), and working a little in our "veggie patch". Now term two is well under way. Glen is teaching Theology (Eschatology) and Bible (Pentateuch), and he is also using these classes to help students to learn to read the Bible themselves so that they will be able to keep learning when they leave. His duties as acting Dean of Studies continue to challenge and stretch him! Rachael is teaching the student wives in the women's program two hours a week ('Mark' & 'Leading and Writing Bible Studies'). The women will have many responsibilities in their parishes and Rachael is excited about helping them to think biblically about Christian ministry.



Please Pray:

- that Glen and Rachael would prepare their lessons well, be faithful in their teaching, and be godly examples to their students;
- that Glen would manage his time well between work and family;
- that Rachael's relationships with the women would continue to grow.

Prayer Partners

One of our supporters has suggested that people in Australia could pray for particular students at Talua, and we agree that it would be good to establish close partnerships in this way. We can provide information about a particular student and regular prayer updates from them, and you can also provide information about yourself so they can pray for you. Please let us know if you would like to be a prayer partner like this, either as an individual or as a church.

Personal Plans

We are still unsure what God has in store for us in the future. We do not know if we will be at Talua next year, or involved in a different ministry in Vanuatu, or back in Australia. We are prepared to stay if that seems best, and we will need to sort some of these things out over the next month.

On the next page we have written about some of the ways we are involved in ministry at and around Talua. Please pray about all of this work.



Please Pray:

- for wisdom and guidance for ourselves and others as it is decided whether we should stay at Talua next year.

Bible Studies at PCV General Assembly (Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu)

Three staff members from Talua will be leading the Bible studies at this year's general assembly in August. Pastors and Elders from all around Vanuatu will attend. Glen will be leading the first two studies on Ephesians 1-2. This is a great opportunity but it is also very scary and Glen is a

little nervous (even though it is still 2 months away). Please pray for preparation and humility for Glen and the other staff (Ps Selerick and Ps Masia), and that the studies would be encouraging for those at Assembly.

Translation Resources

We are trying to fix up Glen's Bislama course notes from the "short-course" subject he taught on "How to Read the Bible". We would like to provide it as an affordable resource, but there is more work that needs to be done (time is the issue here).

Sophia Silas is still doing translation work for us, and has almost completed a draft translation into Bislama of "Am I good enough?", a book of Bible studies about salvation and the Christian life by Richard Ramsay. Originally,

some students found the library's copy to be very helpful and asked Glen if he could find copies for them. We thought if it were helpful in English, how much more in Bislama. We would like to work through the studies with some students, to teach them the content and to train them to teach others (and to fix up the translation as we go!).

The Bible Dictionary project is also still in the back of our minds, but a way has not opened up to do this work.

Bush Missionaries

There are many unreached villages here on our island of Santo. Talua runs a missionary training course and some missionaries have already been sent to these areas, but more are needed. Some of the students from our pastoral care group recently visited a cluster of villages about two hours away from Talua. These villagers are not Christian and the chief will not allow a missionary to come into the village. However, a Christian man (schooled only to year six) has been allowed to set up a small school outside the

village. Adults from the village come to the school on Sundays to learn to read and write. The Talua students who visited were amazed by his work, but the school has no books, writing tools, blackboard etc. The students are planning to return at the end of June to take supplies for the school and gifts for the chief. We hope to include basic reading materials, including some Bible stories so that the teacher can use them in his evangelism.

Mission Resource Centre

This trip and these plans made us think more carefully about the needs of the missionaries that have been sent out into these areas by the church. The missionaries have planted small churches, but they have very few resources, face difficult conditions, and often do not receive pay. Sometimes their basic living needs are not met, let alone having resources for their ministry. We would like to

support these local missionaries by providing basic resources (e.g. food, tools, building materials, clothes, Bibles, teaching material, medical supplies etc), to help their work among unreached people groups. We will form a list of contacts, and when there is a major need we will send an email to everyone on this list seeking support.

If you would like to be on this list, please let us know.

University Ministry

We are planning to try to establish a closer relationship between Talua and Christian school and university groups

in Vanuatu. Talua Staff Council is supporting this, but it is still in the planning stages.

The Bookroom

Glen is still enjoying looking after the book room. It is a challenge to find affordable and helpful books. We now

other cheap, used (donated) books. We have also recently been given government permission to provide these