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In brief

There have been many friends stay at Talua this last term. We have had two teams from New Zealand building a new staff house, a team from APWM working on the new library, and visiting lecturers presenting the annual lectures on Church Growth. We are now about to begin a two-week break. Glen will soon meet with the Presbytery Clerk, in preparation for ordination by the PCV (Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu) on the 2nd of September. In the first two weeks of term 3, many students will attend a Bible translation course run by SIL. While this is running Glen will teach an introductory Greek course for some other students. The students seem to be looking forward to this, some staying at Talua for holidays to make sure they are not late coming back!

Please Pray:

- *thanking God for the generosity and hard work of many friends;*
- *for a helpful discussion with the Presbytery Clerk about ordination;*
- *that God will give us wisdom as we teach.*

There is another book!!



Glen had the joy recently of seeing God give greater Christian assurance to one of his students in the Certificate class. Earlier this year Ronald had studied Romans, and then Hebrews, but still had a deep fear of the final judgment. Then we looked in class at the judgment scene in Revelation 20. Books were opened and all were judged by the words written therein. But then another book was opened, the book of life, and everyone whose name was written in this book was not thrown into the lake of burning sulfur.

All his life Ronald has been in deep fear that God will cast him into hell, despite his belief in Christ and a desire to obey him. But through this passage God gave him confidence of his righteousness before God through Christ. He couldn't wipe the smile off his face!

Please Pray:

- *with thanks for Ronald's clearer understanding of what Christ has done for him and for the joy that this has brought to his life;*
- *that this understanding and joy would become deeper and stronger in his life, and lead to growth in holiness.*

Earthquake Destroys Anglican Church

We experienced quite a strong earthquake recently. A shelf of books in the Talua library fell over and our water supply was out for a few days. The Anglican Church building in Luganville had to be demolished. The walls buckled in the quake, making it unstable and dangerous and they had to remove the roof and knock down the walls. It has been incredibly discouraging, as it was less than one year old and not quite complete. Glen spoke to the minister, a Talua graduate, who was holding back tears as he spoke of the disappointment the people are feeling. He is trying to see God's purposes in this and preach hope to his people as they prepare to rebuild.



Please Pray:

- *that we all find comfort in God's sovereignty & seek to build a kingdom not shaken by quake, fire, hurricane or tsunami;*
- *for courage for the pastor and congregation to keep on preaching & teaching God's Word;*
- *for the strength and the resources they need to begin rebuilding.*