



Update

We have enjoyed a lovely Christmas and holidays with family. We also spent a week at CMS Summer School and were encouraged to hear from people doing similar work around the world.

We plan to stay in Australia until after our baby is born in March. While here, Sophie will attend pre-school three days a week (she is loving it) and Glen will use this time to prepare lessons and discipleship resources.

We have enjoyed spending time with many friends, and would love to see more! If you'd like to see us, please contact us (details below).



Bethany with her Uncle, bushwalking at Charlotte Pass.

Please Pray:

- *thanking God for good times with family and friends;*
- *for the safe delivery of our baby;*
- *that Glen will be able to prepare lessons for terms two and three.*

The end of 2006

At the end of the year, five students graduated to be Pastors, twelve as lay workers and six as mission workers. It was exciting to see them go out, yet we also ask ourselves whether we could do more to give the students a heart for God's word and for preaching Christ.

After graduation we welcomed a couple of work parties. One from *mission partners* continued the work on the library (due to be finished by August 2007). Another, ni-Vanuatu, work party came to build new accommodation required by the growth in the mission program. It is exciting to see the campus growing like this.

We also experienced our first ni-Vanuatu wedding, between children of two staff families at Talua. There were both traditional and western-Christian style ceremonies (*Glen was the photographer and Rachael made the wedding cake!*). It reminded us of how much we still have to learn about traditional cultures here, and about how the ni-Vanuatu understand the merging of "western" and "Christian" cultures with their own.

Please Pray:

- *that God would work through all the students who graduated;*
- *that God would give students at Talua a heart for his Word and for preaching Christ;*
- *that we humbly grow in our understanding of ni-Vanuatu culture.*

Mentoring... James Anga



Last term, Talua introduced a mentoring or discipleship program, and Glen was responsible for two D2 students, Abraham Kintor (see last *toktok!*) and James Anga. James is a Church of Christ student from Ambae. During the last two years we have been greatly encouraged by his commitment to knowing God through His word and to proclaiming Christ. In 2007 James will be serving as a student pastor in the Church of Christ in Luganville, and will also visit churches in rural Santo.

Our hope is that Glen can prepare classroom material *now* and then become more involved in the work of discipling *when we return* to Vanuatu. It is a work that is on our hearts and that we think is very important in the training of the new pastors.

Please Pray:

- *for James to be pure and holy during his time as a student pastor;*
- *giving thanks for James' desire for evangelism.*
- *that he will learn how to pastor/teach well.*
- *that Glen will be able to be more involved in discipleship this year.*