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Teaching the Word of God in Vanuatu



Here is the Talua emblem which represents well the work being done at Talua. The pig's tooth is a symbol of authority and power in traditional culture. Wrapped around the cross in the centre, it represents us submitting to Christ. Then there is a bible and a small island, indicating the importance of the word of God and the islands of Vanuatu. There is a coconut sending down roots and a shoot. This is a symbol of the new life that comes through the death of Christ, the seed must fall (die) before there can be new life. Then there is the canoe, the means of carrying the gospel from one island to another.

Please Pray:

- that students at Talua would grow in godliness, in love, and in their understanding of Christ's work on the cross;
- that they be equipped to teach and serve their LORD well in the Vanuatu context;

Our new home!

We have moved into our new home and are enjoying its situation, being a little more in the thick of things than before. The girls have enjoyed being back, but have picked up the usual bugs. Matthew is healthy and strong ("fat-fat"). Sophie prayed recently, "Thank you for Matthew. He's fantastic & we really love him."



Glen is teaching Knowledge of God and Pentateuch to First Year Diploma students and Hebrews to Revelation to Second Year Certificate. These are all subjects he has taught before. This is great and gives him more time to think about how this teaching applies to Vanuatu culture and to be involved in mentoring students. Rachael is enjoying teaching one hour a week in the Women's Program. She is teaching "Women and the Promise of God" which is an overview of the Old Testament through the eyes of the women on its pages. She is feeling the burden of communicating in another language. Is she actually saying what she thinks she's saying? Could she be doing more harm than good?

Please Pray:

- that we would have a loving & welcoming home;
- that God would continue to protect us from serious illness;
- that we would faithfully teach our children to know and love God;
- that both Glen & Rachael would prepare lessons faithfully and teach well.

Mentoring

Many of you know that while in Australia, Glen began preparing a mentoring program and was really looking forward to doing more one-to-one mentoring at Talua. Well, we are really pleased that this has come about and Glen is meeting with a number of students each week to read the bible and pray together. Many are keen to learn how to write Bible studies. You may also remember James, with whom Glen met last year. He had been particularly struck by 2 Timothy 2:2 where Paul instructs Timothy to pass on the message to reliable men who can teach others. James is in his practical year and rang recently to ask for books for *people he was meeting with to teach them to preach*. We are really encouraged that James has so quickly put into practise what he read in the Word of God!

Please Pray:

- that Glen would be a godly and wise mentor;
- that the students would love this time of reading God's word and praying together;
- for James to be godly & faithful in practical year.