



toktok!

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a news & prayer letter from the Connors partner church missionaries with mission partners, the Australian Presbyterian World Mission (9792 1374)



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In brief

Since our last *toktok!* much has happened. At the start of term, the final year students did a bible translation course and Glen taught an intensive New Testament Greek course to some of the other students. This was an encouraging time. The students were keen and worked hard and some are interested in learning more. On *Talua Sunday* we enjoyed going to church in a nearby village where Rachael gave the children's talk. Many visitors have come to Talua; some to help with building the new staff house (pictured) and some for spiritual encouragement. Many of the staff are away at Assembly at the moment.

Glen's ordination has been postponed. We were glad of this decision which was made after consultation with the clerk in order to work through some of the implications of Glen's being ordained in Vanuatu.



Friends from New Zealand work on a new staff house.

Please Pray:

- for the safe return of staff from Assembly;
- that we would glorify Jesus in all we do & say;
- that God will give us wisdom as we teach;
- that God will fill all of us with his joy.

We are still short of an English teacher and a Bursar for next year. **Please pray** that God would provide the right people.

Please Pray:

- that godly and capable students will be sent to study for the degree;
- that the staff will be well-prepared to teach at a degree level.

Bachelor of Theology

Talua will be introducing a Degree level course next year. The degree program aims to give people a deeper knowledge of our God and to help them reflect critically on life, culture, church, religions and the world in light of Scripture, in order to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Vanuatu in these changing times. Pastor Andrew Williamson has been working hard to prepare staff and college for this program. Glen will be teaching Greek in the degree program, including an intensive course prior to the start of other classes.

Rachael's Mentoring Group (Esther, Julie, Kajiri, Deli and Susan)

In our group mentoring times we have been looking at what it means to be children of God (1 John 3), women of God (Tit 2), a wife of a leader in the church (1 Tim 3) and part of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12). These times have been helpful and challenging, sometimes not so much for what the Bible says, but for what it doesn't say. Rachael also meets one-to-one each week with the women. Sometimes we read God's word and pray together, sometimes we think more about what we have been doing in class. Esther particularly has been working hard to learn to write faithful and clear bible studies. These times have been a joy, yet are often forgotten in the business of daily life (sound familiar?).

Please Pray:

- for the women who are dealing with serious issues in their lives;
- for Rachael to be understanding, patient and wise;
- that we would continue to find time to meet.



The women's program has a class outside. They are weaving baskets from pandanus leaves.