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



Sophie goes to School.

We have returned to Talua after refreshing times with family and friends in Australia over Christmas, now ready for another year.

The year began with a major change in our household; Sophie started school. She is enrolled in the NSW Correspondence School and we do her lessons at home. We have had our moments, but on the whole this has been a real pleasure. Bethany will continue at the Talua Kindy and Matthew plays happily (sometimes joining in!) while Sophie schools.



Please Pray:

- praise God for the great resources and support the correspondence school provides;
- that Rachael will teach with patience, diligence & love and that Sophie will enjoy learning;
- that Bethany would be well behaved at Kindy; doing what the teacher says and being kind to the other children.

Teaching the Word of God

What a pleasure and privilege to spend so much time teaching people the Word of God! Despite uncertainty at the end of last year, Talua does have new students this year, with an intake for Diploma but not Certificate or Degree. Glen is teaching:

- *Introduction to the Bible* to first year diploma students, surveying the story of the whole Bible;
- *Biblical Interpretation* to second and fourth year diploma students, a practical course teaching them how to read and apply the Bible;
- *Exodus* to the mission students in Bislama.

Glen is also doing the bursar's work. This will probably not be too difficult or time-consuming, but we are facing serious financial problems at Talua and important decisions will need to be made this year.

Please Pray:

- that Glen will prepare well and teach faithfully and enthusiastically;
- that students at Talua will understand God's Word and learn how to read it;
- that we at Talua be responsible with the resources God has given us and that he will continue to provide.

About Mentoring

You may remember that in 2006 Glen mentored James and Abraham. Abraham has now returned from his practical year to finish his studies. Praise God that he loved this time of ministry and is looking forward to full time pastoral ministry at the end of this year. James has taken two years off study to travel on the mission ship Doulos.

This year Glen is mentoring some first year students (see below). We met last week and discussed the importance of preaching the Gospel of Christ, especially how we can train ourselves and others for this task. They are all are very keen.

They are also keen to be involved in evangelism and teaching in nearby villages and in town. This is a great encouragement to Glen and we hope to begin this work soon.



from left:

Temar Morris
Karl Niel
John Aiman

unpictured:

Dean Kaltapau
Joel Nael

Please Pray:

- giving thanks for all Abraham learnt & did last year and praying for his studies this year;
- that on the Doulos, James would trust in God's love, faithfulness and power to save through the gospel and that God would bless his work;
- that students will be committed to mentoring & that it will produce spiritual growth;
- that God would bless our plans for evangelism & teaching, and that He will prepare the hearts of people to hear and respond to His word.