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a news & prayer letter from the Connors
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Long time, no toktok??



Yes, it has been a long time since our last toktok. During our first three years here Rachael wrote toktok herself, but as she is now supervising Sophie's schooling, she has found this year particularly busy and is particularly thankful for your prayers. We are glad to say Sophie is enjoying school, Bethany is more settled now at kindergarten (pre-school) and Matthew has fun running around and playing.

Please Pray;

- *thanking God for great support and resources through the correspondence school;*
- *for Rachael to be patient, kind firm and gentle as she teaches Sophie each day;*
- *with thanks that Bethany is more settled at Kindy;*
- *with thanks for Mathew's bubbly and contented nature which makes school easy each day.*

Glen's Classes and the Bursar's work

We have just begun third term and Glen is teaching two classes; 'Luke-Acts' and 'Joshua to 1 Kings' both to Diploma 1. This is a great opportunity to spend a long time studying the Bible with one group of students.

He is now on top of the bursar's work and finding that it is taking less time. Talua's financial situation has improved, and we are thankful to overseas partners who have helped Talua.

Please Pray:

- *thanking God for his provision for the college's needs;*
- *that by God's spirit, Glen may understand his word & teach it well;*
- *that the Diploma One students would grow in their understanding of God and in their godliness;*

Field Experience at Ban-Ban (Million Dollar Point)

Field experience has really opened our eyes to the situation here in Vanuatu. We only visit one village, but the stories we hear from other students are similar. The village is very divided and there are many tensions. For example, land disputes sometimes result in the church being locked on Sunday morning. Knowledge of the Bible is poor, such that when Rachael was helping lead the women's Bible Study group none of the women knew who David was in the Bible. The students suspect that many villagers are not actually Christian.

When we first came here we believed Vanuatu was a strongly Christian country but with a poor understanding of God's word. We now realise that the Christianity is shallow and most people we speak with are probably not Christian. There is a great need for evangelism here.

Please Pray:

- *that God would hold the people of Ban Ban in his hand, guiding them in his truth and shedding light on their ways;*
- *that God's word would be taught faithfully at Ban Ban;*
- *that the students would be equipped to teach God's word and gain useful insights into how to do this well in a village context;*
- *that Glen would be a godly leader; a wise mentor and a skilled trainer.*

Glen's field experience group:



Billy Taiwia

Kalmara Tony

Joel Naua

Aiman Jon