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## Continuity and Change



In 2005 we left Australia for one year at Talua. We are still here! Year by year we become more and more convinced of the urgent need for Christ-centred teaching and servant-hearted leaders for the church in Vanuatu. Time is short and the harvest is great.

2009 has begun with many changes at Talua. Most significantly for us as a family has been Bethany beginning correspondence school. She loves learning and is a delight to teach. It is complicated (and tiring) supervising school for two and Rachael needs to be very organised. She would appreciate your prayers very much.

### Please Pray:

- that Talua would equip leaders for the church who truly know God and who are Christ-like;
- thanking God for great support and resources through the correspondence school;
- for Rachael to prepare well for school each week;
- for Rachael to be patient, kind and firm as she teaches Sophie and Bethany each day.

## Glen's Work this Year

Glen continues to teach Bible and Theology and to look after the college accounts. This term he is teaching *Biblical Interpretation* and *The Work of Christ* to final year diploma students, and *Greek* to the new BTh students.

The start of the BTh program has been a major step for Talua and we are still finding our way. The focus this first year is on developing the skills students will need to study at the degree level, especially their English abilities.

We are also continuing to develop the new field experience program that began midway through last year. Glen is working with the same students as last year (Kalmara, Billy, Joel & John) but this year we will be in a nearby village named Sarete.

### Please Pray:

- that Glen would teach well;
- that the BTh students would grow in their knowledge of God, & his word, and in godliness;
- for Ps Andrew as he coordinates the BTh program;
- about the College finances, which are always very tight;
- for field experience in Sarete.

## Glen's Rest this Year

Glen has been very busy during the four years that we have been here, especially with preparing lessons and the work of Dean of Studies and Bursar at different times. This pace is not sustainable in the long term and so this year Glen has slowed down a little to spend more time with family and in meditation on the Scriptures.

### Please Pray:

- that Glen would be able to spend more time with family and reflecting on the Scriptures, despite the other demands on his time.

*Staff and Students at Talua Ministry Training Centre, 2009*

