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where are we now?

We are not in Vanuatu! We are enjoying a relaxing break here in Australia. As we write, we are in the Blue Mountains and have also enjoyed time in Hawks Nest, Dubbo and Griffith with family and friends. We thank God that such a break has been possible at this time. We will return to Vanuatu on Wednesday, 27th January, 2010.



Please pray;

- praising God for the goodness and pleasure of rest.

2009: in review

2009 was a very full and challenging year; probably our most difficult yet at Talua. Rachael found that schooling two children, though rewarding, was exhausting. Her health was quite poor and she returned to Australia in August for medical care. Glen had a heavy workload with the extra tasks associated with his role as Acting Bursar. He learnt a lot about cutting back on work to ensure his own and his family's spiritual survival and growth.



Please pray;

- for the provision of a Bursar at Talua;
- that the students from our mentoring group who have graduated (Kalmara, Billy & Susan), will continue to grow in their love for Christ and will preach him boldly;
- with thanks for Rachael's improved health & that she will have the strength and endurance she needs for the year ahead;
- that pastors and evangelists throughout Vanuatu will truly understand the great riches of the gospel;
- and that they will be holy and sexually pure.

Glen continues to enjoy his teaching. Most students want to think deeply about our Lord Jesus and the teaching of the Scriptures and how to serve local people. They ask many questions in class and sometimes come to see Glen afterwards to talk through issues.

Our mentoring and field experience group (Billy & Susan, Kalmara, John & Lignes and Joel) also greatly encouraged us as we have seen them grow in maturity & understanding and begin taking initiative to teach, encourage and evangelise others. This was one of our highlights last year.



2009 graduating students; 17 from the diploma & 7 from the mission program.

2010: the view ahead

This year, Glen will continue teaching in the Diploma and BMin programs. He would like to work again on the Bookroom (which has been sadly neglected recently) including developing links with SU. We are amazed by how many books are bought - this has the potential to be a ministry with great impact! We also constantly receive requests for bible study material that pastors and lay leaders could use in their churches and we'd love to help write and supply such material. Rachael will be involved in the Women's Programme again this year, teaching the bible one class a week.

Please pray;

- that Glen would teach faithfully & clearly;
- that the BMin program would produce Pastors who know Christ deeply, love his church dearly & serve her faithfully.

family life

We are thankful to God for our children and praise him for their faith. They remain remarkably healthy and cheerful and surprise us by how different they are. Sophie loves to read, draw, make things and dress-up. She will be in year 2 this year. Bethany loves to sing, dance, listen to stories and dress-up. She will be in year 1. Matthew loves wheels; big wheels, small wheels, tractor wheels, pram wheels, match-box car wheels, lego wheels... He will be going to the Talua Community Kindy this year.

Please pray;

- that our children will continue to love their heavenly Father;
- that they will all settle in quickly to school routines upon our return.



finances

Over the years we have been at Talua we have been generously and amply provided for by you, our supporters, and we give thanks to God for you! For various good reasons, some are no longer able to support us and we are now in a position where we need to ask others if they could consider supporting us financially. If you are willing to do so, please fill in the enclosed forms or download them from <http://www.talua.org/support.pdf> and return them to *mission partners* as directed.

Please pray;

- with thanks that God has moved so many people to generously support the work at Talua.

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