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up and running

We are back and settled into life at Talua once more. Glen is teaching a full load and is no longer Acting Bursar, for which we are very grateful, though the school is yet to find a replacement. Rachael, Sophie and Bethany are enjoying school so far this year, especially the music and drama units. The children have some lovely friends and they enjoy craft, cooking, eating together, playing 'prisoners' and story-telling in the Mango Tree.



Please pray;

- *praising God that the school is supporting Glen's decision not to continue as Bursar;*
- *for the provision of a Bursar for Talua;*
- *that the children and their friends will play well, learning to be kind, gentle and brave.*

in the classroom and out in the field

Glen is teaching Pauline Epistles and Biblical Interpretation to year two and three Diploma students and second year Greek to the BMin students. He is finding it challenging but still very enjoyable.

For field experience this year Glen and his students will go to Weilapa, a village about 20 minutes drive to the west of here.

We were disappointed that the first weekend of field experience was cancelled but we should head out for the weekend of 19th-20th March. There are only three students in his group, Joel (from last year), Api (a first year student) and Dean (2nd year). All of these students are single so Rachael will be less involved in field experience this year but will teach one class a term in the women's programme.



Please pray;

- *thanking God that Glen has more time to prepare classes;*
- *that he will prepare well and teach what is true;*
- *that field experience will go ahead this month;*
- *for good working relations with the church elders and the chief in Weilapa;*
- *that Joel, Api and Dean would grow in their love for God.*

suspensions

We arrived back at Talua this year to find the place quite empty and subdued. Between ten and fifteen students (and three staff) had been suspended for kava drinking and other issues. Some of these were serious cases of sexual immorality and over our time here there has been at least one, and sometimes multiple cases, each year. This is also a serious problem in the wider church with many pastors and elders having been disciplined for the same issue. We feel greatly burdened by this and long to see among staff, students and pastors, a genuine holiness rooted in the gospel.

Please pray;

- *that our students will be genuinely converted;*
- *that they will grow in true holiness of life;*
- *for godly leaders in the churches in Vanuatu.*