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in the Connor household

2011 has been a different experience for us as Emily is here teaching our girls. She is doing a great job, but we are still waiting for her extended stay visa to be approved. It has been very complicated (and frustrating) and we are now desperately short of time.

We enjoyed a visit from friends who did a wonderful job repairing Talua's water supply and very kindly installed a new oven for us!



Bethany, Emily and Sophie, all working hard!

Please pray:

- giving thanks for the help Emily has been this year;
- that Emily's visa will be approved;
- giving thanks for the generosity and hard work of many friends;
- that we will continue to love, trust and obey our Lord Jesus.

preach the word!

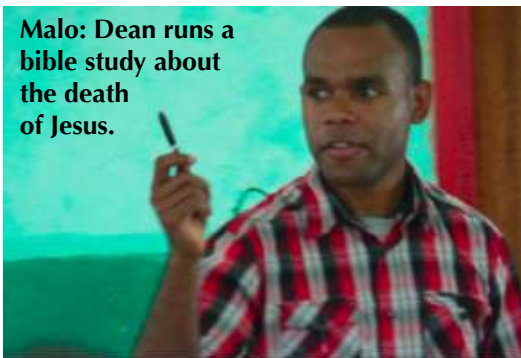
God challenged the College last term to focus on preaching the Word. First, a visiting preacher gave a powerful sermon showing that the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu is in serious decline, losing about 10% of the population each decade, and calling pastors back to the ministry of the Word. A week later all the students attended a one-week evangelism training course which included evangelism in the local area each afternoon. For most students this was the first time they had ever told the Gospel to another person. Many staff and students recognise the need for more preaching and evangelism. We rejoice at what is happening and are trying to encourage these changes as much as we can.

Please pray:

- giving thanks for the faithful preaching and teaching that has taken place in Vanuatu over the last 150 years;
- giving thanks for the present challenge in Vanuatu to return to biblical ministry;
- that our focus as a college and church will be preaching Christ from the Word of God.

preaching the word in terms 1&2

During term 1 Glen was teaching Evangelism and Discipleship, Greek (BMin) and Psalms (Diploma). He still finds teaching both challenging and enjoyable! We also made two trips to Malo with the students for field experience. One of these was to the village of Avunatari where the students led a four day "Easter Camp" teaching about the death and resurrection of Jesus. They did an amazing job, showing enthusiasm, faithfulness and creativity! During this next term Glen is teaching Gospels, Greek (BMin) and Hebrews to Revelation (Diploma). Rachael is teaching the women how to read and understand the Bible in order to prepare Bible studies.



Malo: Dean runs a bible study about the death of Jesus.



Malo: Api (& Jon) run a children's program.

Please pray:

- Giving thanks for the opportunities to teach during term 1, and for the great work the students did.
- That we will both prepare and teach well during term 2.
- That during this term we will encourage the students to teach God's Word and tell the Gospel to others, and that we will be able to produce resources that help them in this work.