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## Term 3 and Assembly

The annual Assembly of the PCV was held on Tangoa (a small island near us) last week. It was a great chance for us to catch up with former students. Glen was asked (and he agreed) to give the Bible study-talks on eschatology at Assembly in Aniwa next year. For the rest of this year, Glen is teaching theological foundations (Foundation Year), Eschatology (Dip 2/3) and Pauline Epistles (BMin 2). Rachael continues teaching Bible Study Method in the Women's Program. We both look forward to our mentoring groups each week.



### *Please pray:*

- that Glen will teach his eschatology class well this term, and that it will help him prepare for Assembly next year;
- that Rachael will have strength and patience enough for each day.

## Technology and the Word

Technology has exploded in Vanuatu in the last ten years, and many people in villages now have mobile phones and mp3 players. People often ask us for mp3s or DVDs of good preaching and teaching in Bislama. Sadly, we have nothing to offer. In the next ten years internet access in Vanuatu will also improve dramatically, but will there be good Bislama resources on the internet? We have started trying to record sermons and devotions at Talua so that we can share them with local people and upload them to the internet for future use. Our hope is that Talua will host a large database of clear, biblical preaching for the people of Vanuatu.

### *Please pray:*

- that this new ministry will allow more people to hear and understand God's word.

## Mentoring Matters

Beginning from August, we have had one hour each week dedicated to mentoring. This is a wonderful blessing that is helping students and staff grow in their love for Christ and for others. It is great to have time set aside for mentoring rather than having to squeeze it in around other activities. Glen was able to see the fruit of mentoring when he met with Ps. Kalmara Tony at Assembly. Kalmara was a student from 2006-2009 and was in Glen's mentoring and field experience group. He now is a Pastor in North Tanna. He has a great passion for people to grow in Christ and is trying new ways of helping people to read the Bible together even though they have poor literacy. He is also trying to train his deacons and elders to teach the Bible well. We are full of thanks to God!



During the rest of the year, Glen will be working on our field experience training program. We want to train students for practical ministry in a way that will also enable them to train others when they leave, both those in lay ministry and future Talua students.

### *Please pray:*

- that we will continue to have time set aside for mentoring;
- that staff will use this time wisely;
- that students and staff will grow in their love for Christ and for others;
- that Ps. Kalmara and other former students will lovingly look after God's sheep in their care, teaching God's word faithfully and passionately and sharing their lives;
- that God will grant Glen wisdom as he works on a field experience program.