

# "My Plans Are Not Your Plans"

## VANUATU NEWS FROM THE FAULSTICHS

Friends in Christ,

As we all persevere through the frustrations of covid, the past year has likewise challenged missionaries around the world in the plans they had so carefully arranged. Many have found themselves as much restrained by travel as the early timers who patiently waited on favorable winds to carry them across the great blue. While we may continue facing travel bans well into 2022, Vanuatu has so far been a covid safe haven with its

tough stance on international travel. As a result, missionaries who happened to be out of country last year saw their plans come to a sudden halt. Thankfully God has provided ways to overcome some of these obstacles through improved internet connection and redirecting assignments to personnel still on the ground. One such opportunity was presented to us after a missionary couple from the USA had begun translating a Christian video series for the national language back in 2019, but upon completing the first steps of the project, they were prevented from reentering Vanuatu. Knowing the work would otherwise be delayed for at least a year, we were asked to adopt the project and facilitate the recordings. It's approximately eight months of work, but we've made good progress on editing and recording with the help of our main radio narrator Jamie. His time is always stretched between other roles at the school, and we also have to stay ahead of schedule with our weekly broadcasts, so please pray that we can squeeze in a bit more time for both projects.



The radio study is on lesson 42 this week, which in chronological order, takes us to the story of the Bronze Serpent in the Wilderness. We have a year and a half left in the series and are hoping that once completed it can repeat on another station. In the meantime, it's been encouraging to see the lessons averaging 500 likes each week on Facebook, and all the appreciation from those who tune in.

I've mentioned before that sitting at the computer all day is not my ideal work situation because, as rewarding as translation can be, there's no getting around the fact it's mentally demanding and carries on best with a balance of other activities. Back in the village there's always house and yard maintenance to do, but here in our second level apartment we have no tree branches that need trimming or gardens that need clearing, so I've gotten into a bit of woodworking to help moderate the demands of translating phrases such as: "God reveals his mercy, justice, and grace through the sacrificial atonement of The Lamb." into a language that that lacks most key Biblical terms.

### June Prayers

Our little girl hasn't been relishing in the three classic expectations of a baby, and this has caused great stress for Jane. Since introducing her to solid food back in January she's been suffering with chronic constipation and is very picky about food. In addition, she wakes up many times throughout the night and doesn't make up for it during daytime naps. Please pray for us to have wisdom in caring for this little life, and for good spiritual health when things get stressful.



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