



## The Lugo Family Associate Missionaries to Vanuatu



### February 2024 Update

Greetings from Vanuatu and the Lugo 5,

February has been a month full of good things. GATS term 1 started with twenty-eight students in Bible School. Air-conditioning was also installed in our large classroom, a project that has been in the making for a while, for which Rachel is extremely thankful. Not only does it cool the room, but it also allows the windows to be closed, which keeps all the creatures firmly on the outside of the building that kept trying to help us teach. We are continually amazed and excited as the power of the Spirit moves in class, touching hearts and opening understanding. We are also pleased to be helping with a GATS certificate course on Sunday afternoons at one of the local churches. This certificate course is the first level of the GATS curriculum, with an additional eighteen students. We are excited for the growth of the Bible school in Vanuatu, and we pray it continues to expand each year.

As you know, ministry can't all be the fun of preaching, praying, teaching, writing lessons, preparing PowerPoints, handouts, and exams ☺. It also includes general maintenance around the headquarters property, standing in lines for paperwork, printing and binding textbooks for each term, finding another errand that involves a line to stand in, administrative training and mentoring, phone calls, and planning meetings. No matter where one ministers in the world, some things are universally the same.

Desi was honored to preach at both Apostolic Tabernacle Church and All Nations UPC on different Sundays in February. We are excited to minister and worship with our brothers and sisters throughout the islands. Desi also preached a Friday night Southern Vanuatu District (sectional) Men's service. We are blessed to be a part of the work here in Vanuatu and thankful for the welcome that our brothers and sisters continually extend to us.

We celebrated Desi's 41<sup>st</sup> birthday this month with American style burgers and his favorite carrot cake. We were also able to take a bit of time to drive out to a largely ignored stretch of beach due to the rocks and shallow water. This beach is full of tide pools and trenches among the rocks, which is a favorite if you are a Lugo. There was birthday snorkeling, and beautiful (albeit probably traumatized) aquatic life that was admired and enjoyed. God's creation is truly amazing!

As we send out this update, Desi J. is in Guatemala for his Spring break serving on a mission's trip. He, along with others from the mission's club at Urshan College, have been working, saving money, and planning to spend their school break ministering in services and serving in an orphanage. Of course, we miss him here in this field of labor, but we are so thankful that he is following the leading of the Spirit and serving with other likeminded young adults.

Being a part of the Kingdom of God is wonderful, the miracle of the Good News is still changing lives and bringing deliverance, the harvest is white, and we are so honored to work in it with all of you. We love you all so very much and are thankful to walk this journey of ministry, missions, and life.



**Above & Left:**  
GATS Bible school classes

**Below:**  
Altar service at All Nations UPC &  
Southern Vanuatu District Men's Service

**Bottom Row:**  
Field fellowship & birthday celebrations

