



The Lugo Family Associate Missionaries to Vanuatu



March 2024 Update

Greetings from Vanuatu,

Here in beautiful, tropical Vanuatu, March brought extra rain. It rained much of January and February, but March managed to pour rain into every single day. Vanuatu has two basic seasons: dry/warm and wet/hot, and March was wet, wet, wet! Living on a hill prevented us from flooding issues, but many people on the island dealt with flooding and standing water for days at a time. Unfortunately, standing water and heat are a primary cause of much sickness and contaminated water. This impacted many people, but even in the midst of rain and sickness, the Gospel is preached and the church perseveres in reaching people across these islands.

The churches on the main island of Efate (where we live) sent combined teams to evangelize, travel to outer islands, pass out Bible study tracts, teach Bible studies, and preach in villages. Over Easter weekend people walked through knee and waist deep water to share that Jesus is alive and ready to deliver, save, and heal. Miracles, signs and wonders were seen as people responded to the hope of a risen savior. Reports are still coming in about the people baptized Easter weekend and many others throughout the month of March. Excitement for what God is doing is spreading through Vanuatu and we are witnessing the power of faith in action.

We are thrilled that Desi had the opportunity to teach a personal Bible study to two gentlemen from another country who are in Vanuatu for work. We were also honored to preach together at the Pentecostal Church of Ohlen and Desi at All Nations United Pentecostal Church of Vanuatu. In Bible school we continue to teach and late March concluded midterm exams.

One of our Bible school couples gifted us with some lovely red and white Poulet (snapper). We all were excited, but Desi and Kendall took it to the next level making fish stock and fish head soup as well. Nothing was wasted! We are so thankful for the kindness and generosity that is shown to us in many ways by our students.

Work around the headquarters campus continued with water blasting, cleaning and repairing fence lines (a car managed to drive through the fence Easter weekend), lawncare, and painting. We also had permanent, metal cyclone shutters attached to our apartment windows, which is a huge benefit. It will help keep rain out of the apartment (we have louvers, not windows), give shade protection from the hot sun, and they HELP KEEP OUT GECKOS!!!

We are thankful for the goodness of God and the power of His Spirit living and working in the lives of His people. We experience the power of the Body of Christ working together to teach, baptize, and make disciples of Christ. The Holy Spirit is poured out and the people of Vanuatu are impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We count it an honor and joy to serve alongside our Ni-Vanuatu brothers and sisters. Thank you for serving with us together, in reaching the tribes, islands, and peoples of Vanuatu. Thank you for your continual encouragement, love, and support as we work together in the harvest!



Preaching together at Pentecostal Church of Ohlen



Left: fish gifts from Bible school students

Right: personal Bible study with some new friends



Midterm exams for Bible college



Two different evangelism teams departing from the capital to the outer islands for Easter crusades



Walking through water and muddy roads to pass out evangelism tracts



Just a few of the baptisms in the month of March