



The Hirtzels

Missionaries to the people of Vanuatu

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“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...”
Acts 26:18



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On The Field

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
— *Philippians 3:12*

A new year. New opportunities. New witnesses to show forth Christ Jesus as we are known of Him. Thank you for your faithful support in finance and prayer throughout last year and into this new year. These ministries would not be possible without you!

God has continued to work since the last update on the mission trip to the island of Tanna. Ronald and Steven remained behind to continue preaching throughout Tanna in Ronald’s village and saw his sister and his brother’s wife come to know Christ as their savior! After this great blessing, God opened a door for the two preachers to go to Steven’s island of Erromango. This is the first opportunity to truly preach in this island. A door is open for a mission trip back to Erromango to preach and also present the gospel through creation science in several of the schools. Pray for wisdom on the timing and for much fruit this year!

The Spores are back with us in Vanuatu, thank you for the many prayers for their health and for Lynn’s recovery. They are doing well and very happy to be back here in Vanuatu where God would have them. Continue to pray for their health as they move forward in the ministries God has for them.

Bible college will resume in the next few weeks, school is fully back in session, youth and outreaches will move into full swing as we near March. There is much to do and God has blessed us with faithful co-labourers. There is however a growing need for more. Please pray for those called to surrender to His will in their lives. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for more labourers!

Thank you for your labour and support. You have a great part in the harvest here in Vanuatu!

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

On Our Heart

Praise/Prayer – We will be returning later this year for a short furlough through the northwest/west. As we pray for the right timing, please contact me with schedules or opportunities to share what God has been doing through your partnership with us here in Vanuatu!



Praise – Two more of Ronald’s family saved in Tanna and Erromango as Ronald and Steven continued the mission trip. Pray for growth and future outreaches into this area!



Steven preaching in Ronald’s village.

Praise – Steve and Lynn are back in Vanuatu. Continue to pray for strength and wisdom as they serve the Lord.

Prayer – Pray as Earthquake repairs continue. We also had a major power surge that took out many electronics, our fridge, and a computer. Please pray as we deal with the power company and insurance.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ...
Colossians 4:2-3

Thank you for your prayers and support. Together we can reach Vanuatu for Christ!