



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

*For other foundation can no man lay than that is
laid, which is Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 3:11*

During the past two months we have had some great opportunities to reach out through the church. We finished a successful youth drive that culminated in a pizza party for the two teams. The winning team being served by the losing team initially, but everyone ate plenty of pizza. Since then, Hosea has been preaching a series through the attributes and work of the Father, Son, and Spirit. We have also seen one of our youth on fire to pass out tracts, one of which he wrote in Bible class at our school. We are praying for the future of these young lives in God's work.



Youth Drive Pizza Party

Pastor Nekelsen was able to update and report to the church in Port Vila as well. Continue to pray for his health, as he has struggled through the middle of this year with pain and swelling in his legs. The church in Malfakau is facing strong opposition from other older traditional churches in the area but is continuing to stand faithful and discipling those who come. This month they are planning on starting a building project that has long been in the works. We are praying for a strong foundation in building, but even more so in discipleship and faith.

None of this would be possible without your faithful prayers and support of the work here in Vanuatu!

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

On Our Heart

Praise/Prayer – Thank you for the prayers concerning the TMJ and medical trip to Australia mentioned in the last prayer letter. I have made it back to Vanuatu without incident.

The appointments answered a lot of questions but didn't provide any methods of repair or fix. I did get a full 3d scan of my jaw and found the issue is two-fold. It would seem I fractured my jaw at some point in the past without realizing it was broken. The remodeling from the break caused a scoliosis since it was never set correctly. That led to extra pressure on the joint of the left side, which also led to the destruction of the disc that should sit between the jaw and the skull. The joint has been bone on bone and has ground away a portion of bone leaving bone cysts and arthritic spurs. The right side has the disc still, but it has been dislocated.

There is no surgery to repair the damage, so instead we are working to stretch the ligature back out and try to keep a gap with the use of day and night mouth guards alongside muscle relaxants. The daytime one is small enough that it hasn't hindered preaching at all. This is what God has called me to do and I know He will provide to continue making that possible. Now we pray and continue to trust that God knows what He is doing!

Prayer – Pastor Nekelsen's health and the new building project in Malfakau village.

Prayer – Continue to pray for the outreach through schools and villages in Tanna in October.

Praise/Prayer – Ari has been out of medication for her lupus treatments but has finally received some in stock. Please pray for quick recovery and full strength.

Prayer – Continue to pray for Ronald and Hosea as they seek and walk in God's will for their ministries.

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!