



# 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 as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. - Isaiah 55:9*

These last two months have been a strong reminder that God’s timing and plans are not always our ways. However, it is in times like these that we see our need for our Savior. He truly is an anchor and a solid rock. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministries here. This work would not be possible without your faithfulness!

On March 4<sup>th</sup> our first community case of Covid-19 was confirmed. There have been over 5,000 confirmed cases since then. In response our government has followed the pattern of many nations and has imposed a nationwide lockdown. As you can imagine this has affected our plans for mission trips and outreaches, as well as our ministries throughout Port Vila.



Teachers passing out at-home school packets.

The church and school have also been affected by this greatly, but God has opened doors for us to continue to minister throughout this time. The school has moved to at home packets, and we have seen around 300 parents and families listen in to our services through the school page. This ministry is even reaching many overseas! We started this year with a prayer request for 3-4 new families from the school and God has given us a chance to reach far beyond that small number!

We are exactly where God would have us through this challenge. Thank you for joining us in prayer and support so that we can keep working for Him!

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

## On Our Heart

*Prayer* – Please pray for God’s wisdom for our government during this time and all those in charge of the decisions being made.

*Praise/Prayer* – God’s Word continues to go out through preaching and the witness of His people. Pray for the new families and lives reached through this time where our nation is in fear of what Covid will do. Also keep our families in prayer as many have been, or are still, sick with this virus. God has protected them so far and we fully trust that He will continue in His ways and His thoughts and plans!



Souls saved and chapel hour before lockdown.

*Praise* – Praise the Lord for three souls saved the first week of March before the restrictions! Keep praying for souls through this time of challenge. Many are afraid and uncertain, but we have an answer to those fears and a certainty that only God’s Word can give!

*Prayer* – Due to the lockdown all domestic flights and travel have been cancelled. We are not cancelling our mission and creation science trips, but we are going to have to reschedule them for a later date in the year when travel and schools are once again open. Pray for God’s perfect time in this.

*Prayer* – Continue to pray for Steve and Lynn as their flight back was cancelled and no date has been given for the continuation of return flights. Pray that God would continue to use them mightily in New Zealand while they are there.

*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!