



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

*A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes
of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the
beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.*
– Deuteronomy 11:12

The year is at its end and a new year is here. What a blessing this last year has been, through challenges and victories alike. The eyes of the LORD have truly been on us as well. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support through this year!

2023 finished with two major items. One a great need which led to a great blessing. Pastor Nekelsen and his wife, Tolsey, came to Port Vila for a medical emergency at the beginning of December with a diagnosis of type-2 diabetes and gangrene in her foot. Having spread too far to treat there was no option but to amputate her foot to save her life. God has been so good through this, and her heart is focused on his will. We had mentioned, through experience with my own amputation, that even in the toughest of times God will work.

This was shown more than any of us could have known as Hosea and Georgina went to Malfakau to minister to the church while their pastor was away. During his time there we saw 36 souls saved!

Not only has the mission trip to Malekula been of much fruit, but Ronald has seen great open doors and opportunities to preach in Tanna. Some of the doors into previously unreached Kastom villages. He also had the great blessing of leading his “smol dad!” (uncle) to the Lord Jesus Christ. This man was always one of the most faithful to help in our mission trips but had never stepped past religion to a personal faith until this time! Continue to pray for Ronald and his evangelistic mission through Tanna.

As we look to this new year, we know that God is in control. His will is what we pray and look for, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God. Thank you for your part in His purpose through this last and new year.

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

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On Our Heart

Praise/Prayer – We praise God for the souls saved through Malfakau village in in Ronald’s family. 37 souls pulled out of the fire as Jude says! We are planning an upcoming mission trip back to Malekula in April.

Please continue to pray for the church in Malfakau as pastor Nekelsen is away looking after the recovery of Tolsey as she continues to recover and look to the next stage in this new part of her life. Pray that they would continue to see that God’s hand is still very much in their lives through this.



Pray for Ronald’s uncle as as he begins his new life in Jesus Christ and for the rest of the village(s) throughout Tanna that are hearing, many for the first time, the pure gospel of grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Pray for wisdom in where and

how God would continue to work in Ronald’s life and service to Him.



First Outreach Service in Ronald’s Village

Praise – We have returned safely from New Zealand and have a clean bill of health. Ari’s Lupus continues to hold steady and has not progressed and we praise God for the puzzlement He is causing the doctors! Thank you for your ongoing prayers!

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!