

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Marcos & Kimberley Cruz

Marine Reach values cultural diversity, and many times families within our community help us see and reinforce that value.

In 2016, Marcos Cruz, a native of Brazil, married Texas-born Kimberley, and their first year of marriage saw them in four different countries.

Wanting to share about Jesus, the newlyweds landed in Tauranga for Kimberley to complete her DTS, and traveled through India on outreach, which influenced their decision to join Marine Reach Fiji staff.

In Fiji, Marcos used his practical skills to serve the base: driving trucks, repairing buildings, and coordinating logistics for hosting short term medical and dental teams.

Kimberley, a Registered Nurse, worked in the clinic each week, completed necessary paperwork for visiting medical professionals, and joined the short term teams to help provide continuity of care in the local villages.

During COVID, with border closures, the base's focus shifted to serving within local ministry frameworks. The Cruz's volunteered at Homes of Hope, which rescues, rehabilitates and restores girls who have been involved in sexual abuse and trafficking.

Kimberley comments: "Fiji has two very distinct people groups, each with their own needs: the Fijians, long 'Christianized' but often steeped in ancient traditions, and Indo-Fijians, descendants of the Indian indentured servants brought by the British, many who maintain their Hindu or Muslim religions.

Across Marine Reach, the two-handed gospel approach is utilised as we bring help or assistance to the people we want to reach with Jesus' love and truth. There remain many ways to continue reaching out to both groups."

The Cruz's have modeled the joy of living and serving cross-culturally.

They recently returned to the USA to welcome their second daughter and complete Marcos's steps to attain his Green Card, but Marine Reach Fiji carries on the important work of serving and loving Fijians in all their cultural diversity.



In order to continue our work we rely on material and financial contributions from around the world. If you would like to support us visit www.marinereachfiji.com to learn how you can give effectively.



NZ Staff Member Reaches Out Into the Community

For years, Catherine Hosking has faithfully served within Marine Reach. In 2019, Catherine completed a long tenure in Accounts and on the Base Leadership Team, where she regularly witnessed God's hand at work in the real-life intersection of faith and finances.

But after spending her days mostly in an office, Catherine desired to be out in the community, actively expressing the love of Jesus to those who need to hear and feel it, so she has focused her energy on being a bridge between the Training Centre and some of the other organisations in Tauranga with a heart to serve outward.

One of those organisations is Pregnancy Choice. Catherine helps staff the Koha Opp Shop, which is stocked with gently used items for families, along with a playroom for kids' use. The items are available on a "Take what you need, give what you can" basis. She greets customers and restocks shelves, contributing her creativity to help the shop run smoothly.

But she's also on-call for another job, which is to meet with and counsel women who come into Pregnancy Choice in order to take a free pregnancy test.

To learn more visit:
www.pregnancychoice.org.nz

Often, these pregnancies are unplanned.

The situation may be anything from a pregnancy in a family already struggling to make financial ends meet, to a teenage girl finding herself accidentally pregnant from a short fling.

After nine hours of training, several months of shadowing other pregnancy counselors, and years of relying on the Holy Spirit, Catherine is prepared to meet with these individual women and provide a listening ear and valuable information about their pregnancies: what help is available from the government and local charities, what is happening in their bodies and in the bodies of their unborn babies, and what their options are and the repercussions of those choices physically and emotionally.

Catherine's service to the Lord has resulted in people feeling loved, needs being met, and women feeling more supported and informed with their unplanned pregnancies. As a ministry, it is exciting to see how God provides opportunities to love people and serve him in ways that uniquely fit each individual staff.

Find Pregnancy Choice at:
Corner of 11th Ave & Christopher St, Tauranga



Family Care Centre Outreach to Paama Island

In May, the Family Care Centre sent an outreach team to the small island of Paama for a week of ministry at a Presbyterian Youth Convention.

The convention had over 900 youth participants. FCC Nurse Melissa Johnny and Esbelle, one of the medical interns at the time, provided medical support as “camp nurses,” and various other staff, including Edward Saveke, who is leading the July DTS, went to be available to meet needs and disciple young people. The FCC outreach crew lived “island style” alongside the convention participants.

As it turned out, God was ready to utilise the team’s willing hearts!

Edward and his team were asked to teach for three separate afternoons on the topic of worship. As one way that humans can choose to bless their Creator’s heart, it is a topic Edward is passionate about.

Meanwhile, Melissa and Esbelle attended to various medical needs for the campers. Melissa also had other hopes for their time: in Vanuatu, Sik Suga (diabetes) is a major health concern. Melissa had planned to share about the stages of diabetes during an allotted time for awareness programs, but that schedule wasn’t able to happen.



But Melissa wasn’t put off: “I decided that we would walk around and meet with people from both the convention and the community and raise awareness about Sik Suga. Overall we talked with 140 people about the positive changes we can make to protect ourselves, our families and our communities by simple changes made to the meals we put on the family table.”

The Family Care Centre staff repeatedly display a willingness to go out, serve, meet needs, and take advantage of opportunities they have to demonstrate God’s love to the people of Vanuatu through practical service and knowledge as well as spiritual investment.

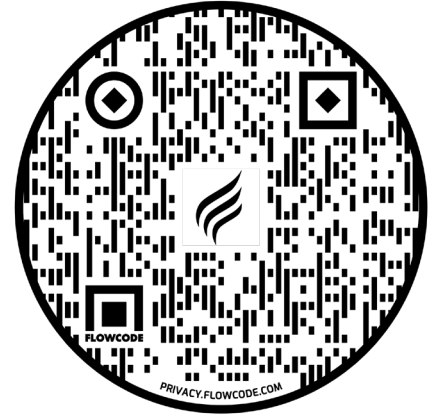
Longtime FCC staff, Mary Scibiur, summed up the team’s hearts well: *“However we live, and wherever we live, God is at work. We don’t always see the results of what we do, but I trust God used our team as a witness for Him and as a testimony for His glory.”*

For more information on the Family Care Centre and how you can also support the work happening there, please visit: www.familycarecentre.org



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Your support is crucial to us as we seek to double our efforts and reach out across the Pacific into the lives of those who need us the most. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera, and click the link that appears on your screen to set up a monthly donation. Even a few dollars can go a long way.



Thank you!

DONOR PROJECTS

- Deeply needed dental and medical supplies for Vanuatu; \$5000.
- Sponsor one DTS student in Vanuatu for \$500.00 and change a life forever.

PRAYER PROJECTS

- Please pray for the students participating in the July quarter DTS and DBS in Tauranga, and the DTS students in Vanuatu.
- Please pray for wisdom in pioneering new initiatives across the ministry.



Many thanks to those who have generously given toward our Couple's Chalet project. We are beginning construction on the first chalet.

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