

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



M/V Pacific Hope: Amazon Work Continues

Almost a year ago, the M/V Pacific Hope sailed from where it had undergone routine upkeep in the Dominican Republic to undertake a new location of ministry up the Amazon River deep in the jungles of Brazil.

Despite a challenging start to the original plans and a delay in sailing up the river to the remote city of Manaus for extensive ministry due to Covid-related restrictions, the ship's crew was able to forge ahead with creative ways of sharing the love of Jesus along the way. They partnered with YWAM bases in the area to support the work already underway.

Eventually, the ship acquired all the necessary permits and paperwork to continue up the river, and everyone tested free of Covid at the right time to be able to travel.

The journey to Manaus was successful, and the ship was able to receive volunteers for outreach based out of Manaus.

Captain Marvin Wilson shared a recent update in which he detailed some of the plans for the Pacific Hope's ministry in 2023, including a kick off week

where the ship received their first volunteers for the year. He explained that several volunteers met him in Manaus to participate in a week of community outreach.

Captain Wilson details: "I am ecstatic about resuming ministry in 2023. Our first outreach team was able to work with three great organisations: Casa Esperanza [House of Hope] a local orphanage, APAE (Assoc. de Pais e Amigos dos Excepcionais [Association of Parents and Friends of the Exceptional]) a group working with and on behalf of persons with disabilities and Espaço Acolher Casa de Sara, a senior home. They spent time within the communities in conversation, conducting eyeglass clinics, playing with the children and sharing stories of our culture and missionary outreach, while also learning about the gracious people of Brazil."

The Pacific Hope will be hosting other outreach teams throughout the year, and there is always a need for capable, hard working volunteers to be a part of the ship's crew.

For more information about how to get involved, visit: www.mvpacifichope.org

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DTS Outreach Report: The Philippines Team

Heat, humidity, strange smells, and new foods are all part of common DTS outreach experiences, and for one of the October DTS outreach teams, those stereotypical situations definitely held true.

Marine Reach's October DTS students split into several teams, and one of the outreach locations was the Philippines. The team of 10 focused on carrying God's spirit of compassion to the people they served in the Philippines.

During their seven weeks of outreach, the team did a variety of different ministries:

First, they spent time at Ruel Foundation. They supported the staff with physical service around the orphanage, and interacted with and cared for the children.

They also were able to partner with a mission serving the indigenous people of Mindoro Island. The team had adventurous experiences like crossing rivers in tiny boats, venturing above waterfalls on rope bridges, and tasting unique foods. They also helped run food programs, led bible studies and church services, facilitated medical clinics, and assisted some dentists pulling teeth.



Equipping



Seeking



Sending



Discipling

Another location of ministry was at "Smokey Mountain" in Manila. Smokey Mountain is a giant rubbish dump where people live and scavenge. The team worked with YWAM Balut, which sponsors a number of the children from Smokey Mountain and does evangelical and discipleship work among the children's families.

The team wrapped up their time in YWAM Antipolo, also in Manila. They finished outreach with a bang doing house to house evangelism, jail ministry, school programs, and conducting several church services.

Jack Sun, one of the leaders for the team, shares about the experience: "Going to the Philippines was such a blessing for our team. We really wanted to focus on encouraging the staff and ministry leaders that we were able to partner with, as they are often better situated to make a lasting impact than a team coming in for a short term. For every one of the places we visited, we were the first international team to come since Covid. It was so fulfilling and heartwarming to see the ministries be blessed simply by our presence and willingness to serve."





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Cyclones Slam Vanuatu: FCC Helps Out

The nation of Vanuatu was recently ranked highest risk for natural disasters (World Risk Index 2021). However, experiencing two Category 4 cyclones in less than 48 hours was a first. In early March, the destructive winds of Cyclone Judy hit Vanuatu, quickly followed by Cyclone Kevin. The Vanuatu government declared a state of emergency from the collective damage of the cyclones, which impacted essential services and infrastructure and many homes and gardens.

As one of the strongest buildings in the area, the Family Care Centre was an evacuation point for the community. Anna Harris, the FCC director, shares: "We had 120 of our neighbours come shelter with us. Leading up to the cyclones, we put up cyclone shutters, carried water from the water tanks to the building for flushing toilets and filtering drinking water, and stocked up on food to feed everyone.

After assessing the damage to the community, we decided to keep our centre open for an additional week while people cleaned up and built shelters. We provided medical services, prepared meals, and distributed donated clothes and goods. World Vision,

in partnership with the National Disaster Management Office, arrived to deliver hygiene packs and food. I love that we were able to provide this space, serving our community in a time of great need."

One of Marine Reach's October DTS Outreach teams was in Vanuatu during the cyclones. Team leader Isaiah Robison reflects on the experience: "The first cyclone came on Wednesday followed by the next one on Friday. Our team expected to return to New Zealand on Saturday, but found our flight was cancelled. This was the lowest point of outreach, yet in that darkness, Jesus showed us how we could be a light. Multiple students stepped up and led various relief efforts for the community. We helped cook, clean, assess damages, entertain children, and even run a full church service at the FCC. I am thankful that God gave us the opportunity to serve others and be a blessing to the people of Vanuatu!"

Please continue to pray for the people of Vanuatu as they recover from these cyclones.

For more information about how you can be involved in the Family Care Centre ministry, visit: www.familycarecentre.org

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DONOR PROJECTS

- **Vans:** Transporting students and staff on town trips, evangelism outings, and New Zealand based outreaches requires a fleet of functioning vehicles. We downsized during the pandemic and are now in need of restoring our fleet. \$25,000
- **Granny Flat Reno:** Providing adequate staff housing is an ongoing challenge for the base. The house that came with the new property purchase has a partially built Granny Flat that is in need of some renovation and updating to make it a healthy and liveable space. \$15,000



PRAYER PROJECTS

- Pray for the February DTS students as they complete their lecture phase in New Zealand and prepare to head out on Outreach next month. Pray that God will work in the students lives and prepare the way for fruitful ministry on outreach.
- Pray for the Discipleship Bible School students and staff, which has just launched as the largest DBS Marine Reach has hosted. Pray the staff and students will encounter God through their study of the Bible.

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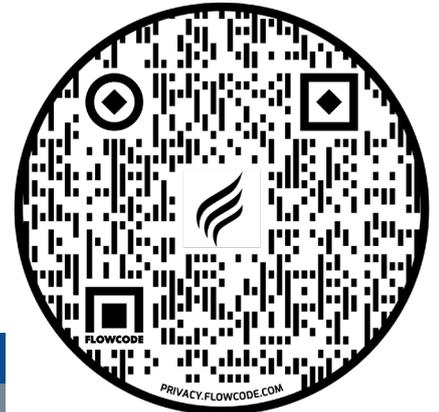
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These are some examples of how recent donations have been used



\$63

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