

# Newsletter

## REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



### Charting a New Course: *From Marine Reach to Pacific Reach*

Over 30 years ago the Lord gave us a mandate to reach out to minister to the poorer, more isolated coastal communities across the South Pacific. After visiting over eighteen nations, many of them repeatedly, over one million men, women and children received medical care both on and off our vessels.

We felt, however, that a more in-depth approach was needed – one which reaches deep into island communities for lasting transformation. In pursuit of this goal we began charting a new course by developing a permanent medical clinic and training centre in Vanuatu. We then transferred our last ship, the *M/V Pacific Hope*, to the Caribbean where it is presently serving in Mexico under our sister organization, Marine Reach Global.

As we are not planning to use ships in the Pacific in the foreseeable future, we now believe that a name change is appropriate, and we are seeking to embrace our new identity as **PACIFIC REACH**. With this new name, we want to clarify that our focus on reaching the poorer, more isolated communities of the Pacific Islands remains unchanged, but the way we carry out this mandate has moved beyond our historical use of ships.

We step into this change with great anticipation for what is to come. The Pacific is a vast ocean of opportunity for partnering with God's purposes, and there are constantly new horizons for pioneering further ministries and initiatives as we trust in Him.

Our Family Care Centre in Vanuatu is making significant inroads into addressing the problems among the nation's youth and our Keep Safe program is reaching into schools across the country teaching children how to remain safe from sexual predators. Our medical clinic continues to provide free medical care to thousands every year. Several times each year, our teams spread out across the nation to bring love and hope to forgotten communities.

There remains huge potential for expanding our impact in Vanuatu and for repeating this model in other Pacific Island nations. We invite you to continue to partner with us as we enter a new season as **PACIFIC REACH!**



## October School Graduates

Graduations at Marine Reach are always an evening of celebration and remembrance, thanksgiving and emotions. The October 2023 Discipleship Training School recently returned from Outreach, reunited at the Marine Reach Training Centre for a little over a week to debrief and prepare for transitioning out of DTS, and marked the ending of the DTS with a graduation ceremony.

The evening consisted of lots of photo taking and greeting family and friends, followed by testimonies, outreach team reports, presentation of certificates of graduation, and worship as a base community. The graduates and staff enjoyed a delicious dessert afterward, and a spirited, line-dancing dance party.

It was especially fun to have the current January school students in attendance for the graduation. Hearing the stories of outreach and students' transformations on their DTS journeys are always encouraging for those in the process of DTS. And getting to celebrate as a ministry and community what God did through various people and in beautiful ways in different locations was exciting.

Although coordinating two schools' schedules in one location was a bit challenging at times, it was an endearing experience, and for the staff that typically stay and serve at the base, it was really special to have the sense of "everyone's home at once" for the week. We are especially appreciative of the hospitality staff, everyone who cooked meals, the transportation coordination, the office admin teams who handled the accounting and communication load for two schools simultaneously, and the schools' staff teams that maintained flexibility and a willingness to adapt to new circumstances.

*We are so thankful to have the opportunity to walk alongside these students for 20 weeks, and then see them step into new seasons and their own individual expressions of the Great Commission.*

For more information about our next DTS, visit [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com)



## Outreach Teams Serve in Vanuatu

The October DTS started their cross cultural outreach phase in the heat of Vanuatu summer, completing their final two weeks of lectures at the Family Care Centre. Once the lectures were done, two outreach teams left Vanuatu to travel to Australia, while the other two teams stayed on to serve in Vanuatu.

One of the teams travelled north to the island of Espiritu Santo during their time in the islands. They undertook the journey via ferry, which ended up being a 24 hour long adventure! Once they arrived on Santo, they had some beautiful opportunities to minister to children and youth in schools and churches. That team also spent time in Port Vila, stationed out of the FCC, working with youth and young adults in the Port Vila area.

The other team to serve in Vanuatu stayed on at the Family Care Centre, undertaking a variety of ministry and service oriented projects. They worked with Impact Ministries, a ministry focused on discipling and training young NiVan men. They also participated in Keep Safe presentations, focused on helping children learn how to say “no” to exploitative situations. And they had the chance to work with an Oral Bible Translation project, serve practically at the FCC with

cyclone preparation, and supporting the Family Care Centre in their knowledge of the local community by mapping the Teouma Valley inhabitants.

Although the weather was, at times, miserably warm, and cultural norms and language barriers and pre-planning challenges presented themselves, the students and staff of these two teams rose to the occasion to give of their time, energy, and skills to show the love of Jesus in tangible ways to the people of Vanuatu.

Anna Huntington, the Family Care Centre Director, shares about having the teams at the FCC: “It is a blessing to have teams come work with us at the FCC. They help support many of our ongoing ministries, provide us with the manpower to complete projects we don’t have the capacity to do on our own, and bring encouragement to our whole team. These teams in particular left their mark on our community by serving with humility and love.”

For more information about how you can get involved and serve in Vanuatu, visit: [www.familycarecentre.org](http://www.familycarecentre.org)

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**Thanks to a recent donation of \$185,** we were able to restock all our first aid kits with plasters, antiseptic ointment, medical tape, gauze, ice packs, antihistamines, pain killer, and various other tools and supplies to deal with minor first aid issues. We keep a first aid kit in the kitchen of the Training Centre, and we also keep small first aid kits in each vehicle. Additionally, each outreach team takes at least one first aid kit with them. *Thank you to our generous donors who help us keep our students and staff safe and healthy!*

## DONOR PROJECTS

- **Mission Mates Program:** Help us fund the day-to-day, month-to-month, and annual costs of running a ministry effectively with a monthly gift of \$10, \$20, \$50, or more to be used for all sorts of practical costs, such as maintaining vehicles, paying for insurance, property taxes, IT support, etc. Every dollar adds up and allows us to be able to do what God has called us to do: know God and make him known!

## PRAYER PROJECTS



- **January DTS:** Pray for the January DTS students and staff as they proceed through their lecture phase and prepare for outreach and applying what they have learned.
- **April DBS:** Pray for the staff and students planning to participate in the Discipleship Bible School running in April. Pray for energy and creativity for the staff, and for the hearts of the students to be soft toward learning and growing from the Bible during this 3-month course.

Starting March 1, 2024, ANZ will no longer accept cheques worldwide. Please consider using online transfers or credit card donations for your support. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing assistance. **For help, reach out to our Accounting department at 07 543 3787.**


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