

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



Open Day 2021

Marine Reach hosted its second Open Day on 13 November. Open Days allow the community to come to the Centre and tour it, meet with current staff, and ask questions about our training programs. It gives potential students or their parents an opportunity to see “hands on” what life is like at the Marine Reach base.

In preparation for the day, the dining room hosted several tables showcasing the DTS and secondary schools Marine Reach runs. Staff manned each table to share more information about the specifics of the programs.

During the day, staff took visitors on tours of the facility, including the main centre (lecture room, dining room, dorms, etc) as well

as walking them down to the chapel and across the picturesque field. The avocado trees are laden with fruit and the feijoa trees are just finishing their bloom, hinting at the physical abundance of this land. Our hope is that future students will experience a bountiful spiritual harvest in their lives as well, as they encounter the Lord in new ways and learn how to be disciples of Jesus.

The grill was fired up for a sausage sizzle, fresh-baked muffins and hot drinks were spread on the kitchen island, and some card games even made an appearance as people gathered and hung out around the dining room tables.

Spearheader of the day's operations, Matt Price commented: “I'm so proud of how our staff team

pitched in and rallied around the event. Even though it rained, it was still a fantastic opportunity to expose people to our missions training community. We got to show our visitors what their lives could look like if they go through one of our programs, and they definitely got a taste of Marine Reach's famous hospitality.”

We look forward to holding another open day sometime in 2022, and we would invite anyone interested in a program or just desiring to visit the base to come and see us!

For more information about DTS, scholarships and other training opportunities, visit: www.marinereach.com

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Our next DTS starts 7 February 2022.

We are offering **discounts up to \$3000 off** our 2022 DTS's.

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Fallen Warrior

Last month, the Lord called home one of the longtime friends of Marine Reach: our Kaumatua Huikakaku Brian Kawe was ascending the Papamoa Hills one second and in the presence of Jesus the next.

“We have lost a great warrior,” Marine Reach founder, David Cowie, commented somberly about his passing.

30 years ago Marine Reach was preparing to launch its first ship on her maiden voyage, and the ship met with challenge after challenge. In seeking the Lord, David and Linda sensed the Lord was directing them to ask for the blessing of the tangata whenua (the people of the land).

Through a Maori deckhand, the Lord sovereignly led the Cowies to meet Huikakaku and Wikitoria Kawe and invited them down to the ship’s mooring location to pray over the ship.

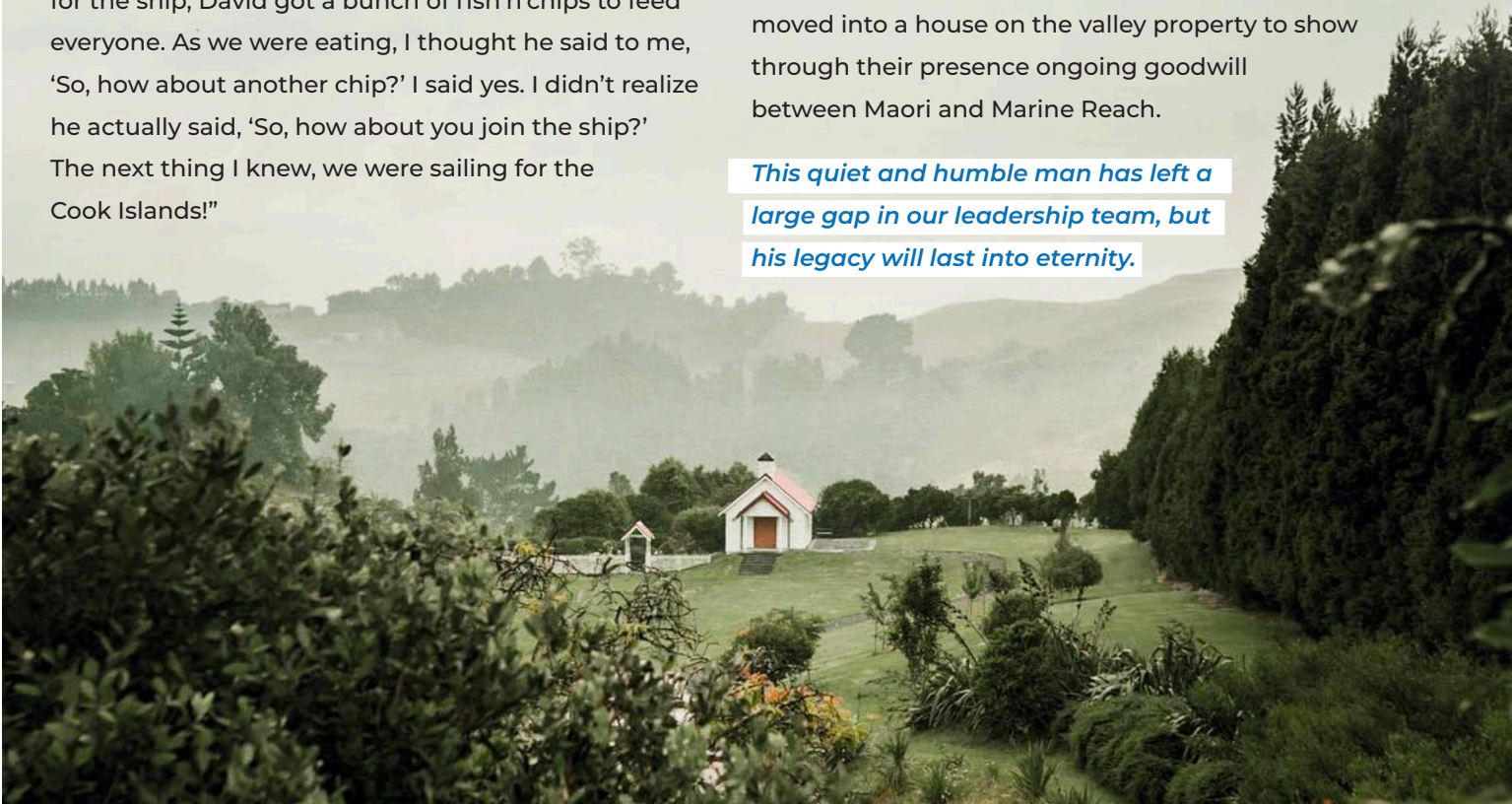
As Huikakaku recounted years later, “After we prayed for the ship, David got a bunch of fish’n’chips to feed everyone. As we were eating, I thought he said to me, ‘So, how about another chip?’ I said yes. I didn’t realize he actually said, ‘So, how about you join the ship?’ The next thing I knew, we were sailing for the Cook Islands!”

In the years that followed, the friendship forged with the Kawes shaped Marine Reach.

The Kawes walked every step of Marine Reach’s journey since that meaningful meeting, including launching four ships and directing the M/V Island Mercy on board for four years as she crisscrossed the region bringing medical care to thousands. Huikakahu served on the Marine Reach board for 25 years, providing wise and insightful counsel navigating the cultural sensitivities of indigenous people groups across the South Pacific.

The Kawes have also been a significant part of the reconciliation journey on the land - Maori land unrightfully seized by the British military, and eventually entrusted to the Cowies through a Trust known as Gideon’s Fields. The Kawes became part of that Trust now known as Gideon’s Valley. Huikakaku and Wikitoria gave up their ancestral home and moved into a house on the valley property to show through their presence ongoing goodwill between Maori and Marine Reach.

This quiet and humble man has left a large gap in our leadership team, but his legacy will last into eternity.



FCC's First Antenatal Class Concludes

For the past 11 weeks, FCC nurse Melissa Johnny has facilitated a weekly antenatal class for expectant women. The class was developed two years ago, with the desire to empower women through knowledge about how their bodies work, and how their babies form and grow.

These women were primarily from Eratap and Teouma Valley. The class was a good mixture of first time mamas and those who have already had children.

The class covered such topics as baby growth and development both inside the womb and after birth, changes mum will experience, what to expect around birth, domestic violence, and healthy relationships. The class heavily emphasised promoting health and supportive networks for mums so that the women can have all the support and encouragement she needs through this time.

Over the course of the class, five of the women gave birth, and the class will evolve into Mum's and Bub's time next year. Melissa's heart is to create a safe space for mums to stay connected, fostering an environment that champions young mums.



Melissa reflects on her time with the women: "I LOVE this class! It is presented in such a fun, loving way that empowers women to know and understand how God created our bodies to uniquely and beautifully bring new life into this world. During the closing, many mothers reflected on what they had learnt during the class and exclaimed how much more equipped they felt for the birth and delivery of their babies. That is what the class is all about, and I am so thrilled that these beautiful mamas felt so much more peace and confidence during this time."

As we celebrate Christmas and think about the humility of God to come to earth as a baby, we are reminded of all the opportunities around us to love the littlest, most helpless members of our world. We trust that this antenatal class was an expression of that love to these women and their children.

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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DONOR PROJECTS

- DTS Scholarship Fund: Donate to support students who are unable to afford the full price of DTS: \$7000 per student.
- Deeply needed dental & medical supplies for Vanuatu; \$5000.

PRAYER PROJECTS

- Please pray that a way will open for the FCC head nurse to return to Vanuatu. She is in the USA, unable to reenter Vanuatu due to Vanuatu's strict border measures.
- Please pray for wisdom in pioneering new initiatives across the ministry.



Many thanks to those who have sown into and given toward the new land purchase



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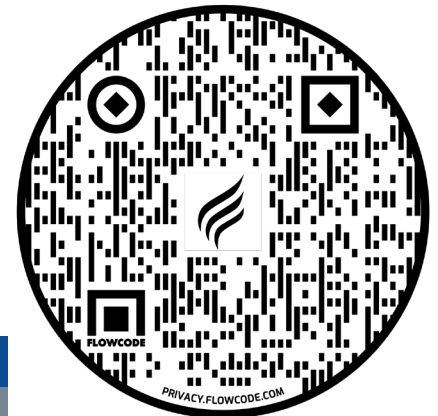
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\$120

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\$300

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