

# Newsletter

## REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



## Staff Participates in Youth Camp

Just before the October school began, several of the Marine Reach DTS staff had the opportunity to participate in a youth camp near Palmerston North. Occurring over a weekend, staff members helped lead teaching sessions, participated in the activities and events, and prioritised connecting with the youth participating.

Ashley Hernandez, Sierra Adams, Jo Wills, Peter Jouanny, and Liam and Abigail McGinty travelled the four hours south to join St. Alban's youth group in Taihape for their annual youth weekend camp.

The staff group was also joined by last October's DTS graduate, Natalie Kendall, who has been a part of St. Alban's youth ministry and is now one of their youth leaders.

The team went in attempting to answer the questions: *Why is God important to us? And how does knowing Him shape our lives?* These questions were chosen to focus on as many of the youth haven't been going to church long. The desire was to see youth take their next steps in their walk with God no matter where they

were at. They also participated in tag, icebreakers, and a class Kiwi "Moo Off". As is typical of youth events, there were late nights, silly games, and lots of sugar. Youth ministry is a special and rewarding experience!

Ashley reflects on their weekend: *"I've been able to join the last three youth camps with St. Alban's and it's always such a rewarding time. You see God's heart for Kiwi's here, and encourage young one's as they are in the midst of challenging times at school and at home. There were new faces finding belonging with others, and older faces continuing to grow in their understanding of God's love. It was pretty amazing!"*

It is always a blessing for the staff to get opportunities to get out into the New Zealand communities and continue building relationships with young people. Please pray that this weekend and the investment of both the youth leaders and the Marine Reach staff will bear fruit in the lives of these young people.

For more information about how you can support Marine Reach, visit: [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com)



## Let Luie Live

Luie is an 18-year-old resident of Port Vila that has been living with former FCC staff, Chelsea Geiger (featured in the May 2023 newsletter), participating in a mechanic skills program. Chelsea and her husband currently help run “Impact Ministry Vanuatu,” which focuses on discipling young men in Vanuatu and equipping them with practical skills to be able to pursue careers such as carpentry and mechanics.

Despite a desire to pursue a vocation as a mechanic, Luie had a significant facial tumour that required complex surgery. That surgery could not be carried out in Vanuatu, so the Port Vila community rallied around Luie and sought to find a way to travel to a location where the surgery could be completed. After months of inquiries, a plan was made for Luie and his mother to travel to India to complete the life-saving surgery.

The cost of such a trip and medical care is significant. Luie and his family do not have the financial resources to cover such expenses. The FCC and Impact Ministry Vanuatu, along with the International Christian Church Port Vila and individuals (specifically Jinny Ruben, a member of the ICC church), have sought to help fill the gap and raise funds towards Luie’s treatment expenses.

Luie prayed and believed in God for a way forward, and the Lord provided that path.

As of mid-November, Luie had just undergone a successful surgery, and was receiving the after care needed in India. Jinny Ruben continues to oversee supporting him with his medical costs, as well as beginning the process of helping several other young people with similarly disabling medical needs.

### ***Would you consider participating in financially supporting Luie to move forward in full health?***

As Marine Reach and other ministries and individuals focus on discipling the nation of Vanuatu, we see that the physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental needs are great. We want to value these precious lives and seek to join the Lord in supporting healing for the whole person however He sees fit to lead.

The fundraiser for Luie will continue until his expenses have been met, and any excess donations are planned to go toward a fund for the other individuals with similar medical needs that must travel overseas to get help.

**You can give toward the funds for Luie via our website: [marinereach.com/online-payments/](https://marinereach.com/online-payments/) Select “Donate to Marine Reach” and include “Luie” in the “Purpose of Donation” box.**





Paul Metcalfe

## Solar Panels Installed at the FCC

Participating in ministry comes in all shapes and forms, especially at the Family Care Centre! Volunteer contributions from medical and dental skills to plumbing and maintenance, hospitality and cooking, to installing solar panels - they are all ways that our God-given skills and knowledge and experience can be used for His glory.

Recently, Tauranga local Paul Metcalfe, a builder and electrician by trade, was able to make a trip over to the Family Care Centre in Vanuatu and supervise the installation of 16 solar panels on the roof of the FCC. The solar panels were a generous donation to the FCC.

The process of installing these solar panels was no small undertaking as the FCC staff and Paul had to creatively hoist the panels up a make-shift ramp onto the roof, all undertaken in typically warm, tropical weather and hot roof surfaces. There were also additional hurdles regarding the wiring power input from the solar panels matching up to the breaker box, and deciphering the instructions, which were not in English or any language read or spoken by the installation crew!

But the solar panels were successfully installed, and operational by the time Paul returned home.

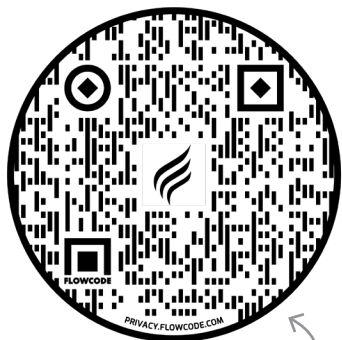
The installation of these solar panels will help to decrease operating costs in the long run as the FCC can utilise solar generated energy. FCC Director, Anna Huntington, is looking forward to how the solar panels will help decrease the FCC's monthly power bill.

Additionally, the presence of the option of solar power will mean that, even during tropical storms or their aftermaths when main power is inaccessible, the FCC will potentially be able to continue offering services relying on electrical power.

Anna reflects on the experience of putting the solar panels up and her hopes for their addition to the FCC: "I have dreamed of adding solar to our facilities for a long time in order to reduce our operating costs as well as access power when the grid goes down. Thanks to several individuals donating their resources, time and skills, that dream is starting to be realised."

For more information about how you may be able to get involved at the FCC, visit: [www.familycarecentre.org](http://www.familycarecentre.org)

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# Thank you!



**Thank you to the generous donor who has been helping cover Madeline's staff fees at the FCC.** Madeline is from a nearby village, did her DTS at the FCC several years ago, and her Bislama language skills, cultural insight, and servant-heartedness are tremendous blessings to the FCC.

## DONOR PROJECTS

- **Staff and Student Housing Septic System:** with the recent move of the administrative offices down to the main base building, and the addition of several bedrooms and a new shower in the house above the main base, the septic system that services this building will need to be upgraded very soon. \$10,000
- **DTS Scholarship Fund:** a new school is starting in October and we would love for finances to not be an obstacle for students in need. Any amount is a blessing to help mobilise these students into missions. Suggested \$50-\$500

## PRAYER PROJECTS

- Please pray for the October DTS students and staff as they prepare for outreach. Pray for good health and smooth travels. Pray for the teams to have God-honouring unity, and for God to open doors for opportunities to share about Jesus and serve the nations the teams visit.
- Please also pray for the preparation for the January DTS. Pray that God would lead students to come to the school, prepare staff to facilitate the school, and that He would be glorified through the preparation and launching of the school.



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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