



Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



Marine Reach celebrates 30 years of ministry with a special evening in Tauranga, New Zealand.



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WITH MARINE REACH having just celebrated 30 years of ministry across the Pacific, we are now looking to the future. The Covid19 virus has forced us to look at new ways to accomplish our goals in fulfilling the Great Commission Christ set out for us.

Concentrating on raising up indigenous leaders in the nations we work in is now the focus. Young New Zealanders are beginning to take up the call in New Zealand while NiVan young men and women are rising up in Vanuatu providing leadership in our schools and medical ministries. This of course is the future of missions as the world becomes a more contentious place for international travel and growing isolationism. Many of these nations are in need of help and Biblical truth.

Our new monthly format will reflect the international nature of the ministry with stories, reports and needs from around the world.

I hope you will journey with us as we expand into the future with new projects and initiatives to reach out to the most vulnerable with Christ's heart of love and compassion.

David Cowie
Founder / CEO
Marine Reach



Kiwis Wanted

Our new Discipleship Training School is being launched in January for Kiwis and Australians.

Special discounts available. Check us out at our "TRAINING" page on our website at:

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Discipleship Bible School Graduates

There is a growing hunger in the modern generation to get a deeper understanding of God and His character. This hunger was reflected in our recent Discipleship Bible School when 30 staff and students attended a three-month course in biblical truth covering every book in the Bible.

This in-depth study of the Word gave the students an excellent overview of God's heart for mankind and his plan of salvation from creation.

With the overview of each book, the students got a perspective of God's moral governance of man; they also were able to see His ability to guide, direct, and discipline humans without interfering with their ability to make independent choices. As they read through the Bible, students colour-coded passages to assist their reflection on the eternal truths of God's character and redemptive plan.

Juliana and Douglas from Brazil were deeply impacted by the school. Juliana commented, "It taught us to get a much better overview of biblical

truth when understanding the historical aspects of the Bible. We loved the school very, very much."

Each book is covered by an expert teacher on that book with many coming in via Zoom from around the world. The course was rigorous with a great deal of out-of-classroom research and study. Each individual is encouraged to pursue their own application of the Word without the pressure of one particular theological perspective. To have a Biblical worldview one must first understand the "Biblical world" and then interpret world events through that matrix. Each student came away with a much deeper understanding of their faith and how to apply it practically to the world around them. The school is part of YWAM's University of the Nations program, and more schools are planned for 2021 at our facilities in Tauranga, NZ and Vanuatu.



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Join us on our beautiful property for a DTS (Discipleship Training School) and encounter God through powerful worship, engaging Biblical teaching, and receive one-on-one mentoring in our caring live and learn community. Then take it to the nations on your outreach!



Themes:

- God's providence
- God's kingship
- "To obey is better than sacrifice"
- God leads with human participation
- God orchestrates life (even people's rebellion) to submit to His purposes

Lessons:

- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble
- "To obey is better than sacrifice"
- Integrity/lack thereof determines the legacy of a leader
- "God looks at the heart"
- Be careful what you ask for (IE Saul is **exactly** what they ask for "A king like the nation around us")

The first Discipleship Bible School at our Tauranga base was a rich and intense 12 weeks for the 30 participants."





Michellin smiles with Tobias Janke after starting treatment for her rare skin condition in New Caledonia.

A New Hope

In a remote corner of the vast South Pacific, several years ago a little girl named Michellin lay on her bed dying, 80% of her body covered in painful blisters and wounds from a rare skin disease.

German businessman Tobias Janke cruised through Vanuatu and docked his boat on Michellin's island, and he heard of the local girl. His heart moved with compassion, and through various connections within Vanuatu, Marine Reach's Family Care Centre staff delved into working on her behalf.

Transportation to Port Vila and admission to the hospital comprised just the first steps in an arduous journey. It was months before Michellin was strong enough to start an experimental treatment plan to address the underlying disease, and along the way multiple setbacks occurred but also poignant victories: the gift of a child's inflatable pool arrived at the hospital so Michellin could be bathed; her body began to respond

to nutritious food and she started gaining weight; and eventually this little girl who had lived most of her life in pain and social isolation began to smile when Marine Reach teams visited the hospital to sing songs and interact with her.

Through every step of the process, God's compassion for Michellin showed: from Tobias's "chance" discovery, to the Family Care Centre's reputation for medically serving those in need, to a visiting pediatrician at the FCC months later, which happened to coincide with the period of time Michellin was transferred to New Caledonia and started her care there.

Claire Hodgkins, a long term Marine Reach staff member, recalls the intense season: "The hospital, nurses, and doctors around the world were working together to get a diagnosis, develop a treatment plan, and worked with dieticians to get a healthy diet for her. They, along with a team from Marine Reach, worked with

physiotherapists to do exercises to strengthen her body and have 2-4 hour wound dressings every other day."

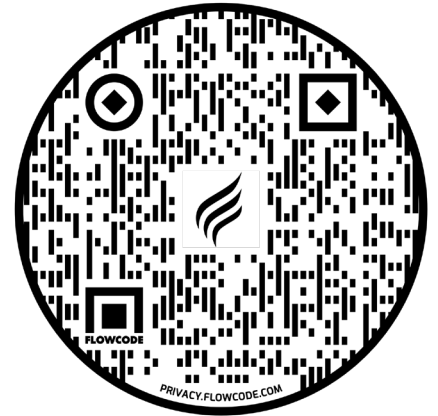
Initially, Claire wanted to turn away; Michellin's needs were so great and it would have been easier to not get involved, but Claire shares, "True compassion is looking into the eyes of those you wish you could ignore, and stepping closer." And the outcome, in this case, is a little girl with new hope for her future.



Thank you!

MONTHLY DONATIONS

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.



DONOR PROJECTS

- Deeply needed dental and medical supplies for Vanuatu; \$5000.00.
- Replace hot water system at our Training Centre: \$25,000.



PRAYER PROJECTS

- Please pray for NZ Students for our January 2021 DTS.
- Please pray for wisdom in pioneering new initiatives across the ministry.



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