

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



Friends of Ship Proportions

On an evening in the early 1960s, several earnest young men met together to pray. They were laying the foundation of a friendship that would see them continuing to collaborate 60 years later.

Loren Cunningham and George Verwer are God-dreamers, men who partner with God and chase after His dreams. Early steps in their respective journeys of starting international evangelical efforts included that prayer time.

While leading a team doing hurricane relief work and evangelism in the Bahamas, Cunningham saw a vision of “waves of young people” sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Much of Youth With A Mission, the organisation Cunningham then pioneered, originates from that vivid scene. Early YWAMers dreamed of ships traversing oceans to reach remote islands with the gospel of Jesus. That dream was eventually realised in the M/V Anastasis and ongoing work of multiple marine vessels in various locales, most recently including the M/V Pacific Hope in the Caribbean.

Before the Anastasis entered YWAM history, however, George Verwer founded Operation Mobilization with a desire to share Jesus with those unreached by the gospel. In 1973, while YWAM anticipated soon purchasing a ship, Operation Mobilization had

similar hopes. Endeavoring to promote a culture of generosity within YWAM, Cunningham and the YWAM leaders sent their ship savings of \$91,000.00 to Operation Mobilization's bank account.

Now 50 years later, the Pacific Hope is serving the Bahamas alongside Operation Mobilization's M/V Logos Hope after another hurricane wreaked devastation - a return to the origins of both ministries in collaborating together, and a poignant circle completed for ships in YWAM, which was first envisioned in the Bahamas.

Danny Lucerne, Captain of the M/V Pacific Hope, comments: “It's been such a special and historic moment to be working with and renewing a partnership between OM and Marine Reach Ships. It's been a privilege to be able to carry the torch, so to speak, of an amazing friendship between two organisations that share the same heart to know God and make Him known. Together we've been able to run disaster relief and outreaches in the isolated islands of The Northern Bahamas.”

Meanwhile Cunningham, Verwer, and other leaders among YWAM and OM continue to meet together - now connected via Zoom - to pray. They do what they started all those years ago: *dreaming with God to see everyone - even in remote islands - experience the hope of Jesus Christ.*

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Partnership and Prevention Move Toward a Cure

Investing in the health of children is an important way to influence the future health of a community. Many of the health issues treated in the Family Care Centre clinic are preventable conditions.

However, due to a lack of awareness and unhealthy lifestyle choices, many non-communicable diseases are on the rise in Vanuatu. One of the ways the Family Care Centre is partnering with the Ministry of Health of Vanuatu to combat this is through health education in schools.

Recently, the clinic team visited Green Hill School, a kindergarten and primary school located in the bush just 10km from the clinic, to give oral health education and conduct health screenings.

Seventy students packed closely together in one of the classrooms

as Rose, Madeline, and Mary, the clinic interns, taught them about how to look after their teeth. The session covered why oral health is important, what damages teeth, and how to keep teeth healthy. At the end of the session, Madeline conducted an activity requiring students to come forward to match different foods with either a healthy tooth or an unhealthy tooth. Though a little shy, several of the students came forward and were able to match the foods correctly.

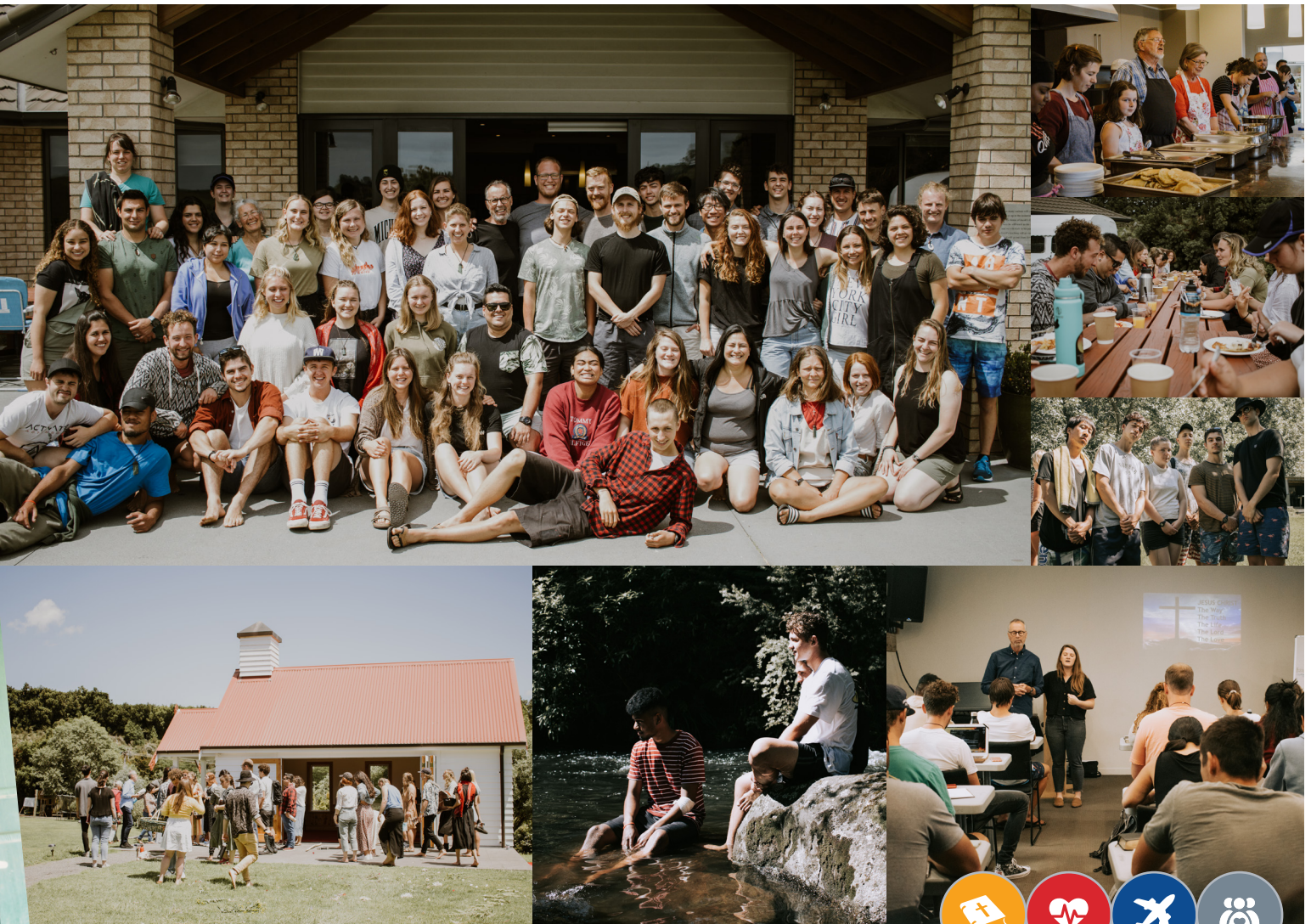
Following the teaching session, the clinic team divided out into screening stations. Class by class, each student had their height and weight measured, their teeth checked, and their skin checked for scabies, YAWS, and other skin infections. Students with significant dental issues were added to a list for priority space in the dental clinic, while students

with sores were directed to a classroom set up for wound care and testing for YAWS. After passing through each of the stations, each student was given an Albendazole tablet for deworming and a toothbrush with a reminder on how to brush his/her teeth.

This was another successful visit to Green Hill School, as we continue to invest in the future health of our local community.

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Dwelling Together in Unity

In November, the Marine Reach whanau had the special privilege of hosting the DTS staff and students of YWAM Furnace (also located in Tauranga) and YWAM Zion (based two hours north of Auckland).

There was a flurry of activity the week leading up to the Furnace and Zion students arrival: groceries were ordered, grass was mowed, extra bunks were put together and bedding was laid out. When the four vans loaded with 30 staff and students arrived, they were greeted with Marine Reach hospitality (which included many smiles and an abundance of freshly baked cookies). Our own DTS students and staff then spent two joy-filled weeks rubbing shoulders with Furnace and Zion's combined DTS.

The base was packed to the rafters with excited young adults. The class lectures during the day were very engaging, and the volleyball matches afterwards almost equaled in intensity. The busy hustle and bustle of meal times was a delightful reminder of "normal" at the base

(when borders are open) as the dining room bursts with a cacophony of conversation. During the two weeks together, there was even an opportunity for students to be baptised in the river on base.

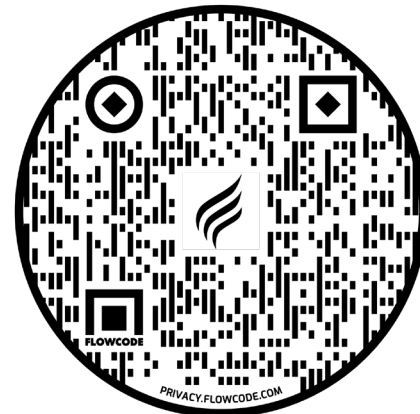
The idea to bring the DTS's together began during a YWAM New Zealand conference several months ago where base leaders met and discussed the importance of supporting each other in difficult times. Being a very mission focused ministry, YWAM relies and thrives on international travel. With the borders closed, the bases' eyes have been trained toward our own backyards; in such a time of isolation and fear, we have a responsibility to care for our neighbours.

Combining the schools for even just a short while refreshed all of the staff and students; it brought life to the verse: ***"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"***

To find out more: www.marinereach.com/what-is-dts

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- Please pray for students for our 2021 Foundations Internships.
- Please pray for wisdom in pioneering new initiatives across the ministry.



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