

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



The FCC's Keep Safe Program

Vanuatu is a nation of warm and hospitable people, and it is sometimes called "A Jewel of the South Pacific." Anyone who has visited Vanuatu would be familiar with the bright smiles and kindness of the people.

However, sadly, there is a blight that covers the nation. Village life is the heart of the community but within many communities, there is a circle of silence and shame. Child abuse in Vanuatu is among the highest in the world. 80% of young women report that they have been sexually molested before the age of fifteen. Tragically, the usual culprits are the fathers, uncles and grandfathers. While the Government is working hard to address the problem, the code of silence and shame hinders any investigations.

Operating on the principle of working from the bottom up, Marine Reach's Family Care Centre has launched our "Keep Safe" programs for schools across Vanuatu. Aimed at small children, the program is based on New Zealand's Keeping Ourselves Safe program and adapted for the Melanesian culture.

While the program is in its infancy, the aim is to reach every school in Vanuatu over the next few years.

Presented by visiting teams such as DTS outreach teams or church teams, the program consists of five cards that explain to children those parts of their bodies that are off limits to anyone but healthcare professionals. The cards emphasise that NO means NO and every child has the right to resist sexual advances when it occurs. The program is especially welcomed by teachers and parents who reinforce the lesson during and after the presentation.

If we can change the thinking of these children who are groomed to believe sexual abuse is OK, we can stop the abuse and prosecute the violators. This is one of the very few programs presently being presented in schools in the nation today.

For more information about how you can be involved in the work of the FCC, please visit: www.familycarecentre.org

TO TRAIN, EMPOWER, EQUIP AND SEND



DBS Graduation: An Evening of Celebration

Many people remember significant moments in life. Often, these memorable moments are the start of something, and that is our focus when we experience them. But whenever we start something new, it is also the ending of something else.

Here at Marine Reach, we desire to start AND end seasons well, and often this is done through celebrations. At the beginning of schools, we host a powhiri ceremony, which welcomes the new students onto the land and reinforces the idea that God has brought each individual here to Marine Reach for a season of growth and learning. Together, we pause and celebrate God's goodness in bringing us to this place. There is music, there are speeches, there is delicious food, and there is time to be together and see and reflect God's image as a community.

We also like to bookmark the end of schools on the Marine Reach land with a similar celebration of food, music, speeches, and opportunities to see and be reflections of God's character. We do this during our graduation events.

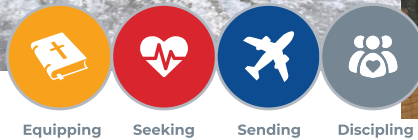
From March through June, the Discipleship Bible School (six staff and nineteen students) engaged in more than forty hours per week of reading the Bible (from Genesis to Revelation), hearing lectures on the Bible, discussing the Bible, and ultimately, attempting

to apply the teachings and wisdom of the Bible to their own lives. It was a time-intensive, investment-heavy season for each student and staff, and we wanted to honour and celebrate their commitment and achievement.

Abigail and Liam McGinty, newly married, led the Discipleship Bible School together. They graduated the DBS on their 6-month wedding anniversary, and Abigail had this to say about the event: "Liam and I are thrilled to celebrate these amazing students and staff who have given themselves to this season. This short season to soak in God's Word is so precious and to see the power and work of God through His word and through fellowship is truly a privilege -- our hearts go with the students as God leads them forward, and as they continue to let the Word and presence of God shape them."

For more information about the DBS at Marine Reach, visit: www.marinereach.com





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DTS Students go to Hong Kong

As plans for the February DTS outreach got under way, one of the outreach teams' leaders felt the Lord leading them to consider Hong Kong for outreach. Since Hong Kong had finally opened their borders after COVID, it felt like an opportune time to send a team back. Past outreaches to Hong Kong have been full of ministry opportunities.

Hong Kong's population is estimated close to 7.5 million people, and there are many avenues for ministry available. YWAM base Harbour City provides a plethora of options for how visiting outreach teams can jump right into serving people and sharing the love of Jesus.

These ministry opportunities include homeless ministry where the team would make sago with fruit, and distribute it to men and women living in tents. This ministry was started through the staff at Harbour City who wanted to help meet the needs, and share the gospel to people on the streets. They use this natural point of connection to share the gospel, encourage, and pray for the men and women.

Another ongoing ministry that Harbour City partners with is one that connects with different groups of people through sport. From after-school programs for homeschoolers, to working with men at a drug rehab, they continually show compassion and help build community.

Marine Reach DTS leader, Ashley Hernandez, was able to visit the Hong Kong team for part of their outreach time. This was Ashley's second time doing outreach in Hong Kong, as she led an outreach team in 2018.

She reflects on her time in Hong Kong: "Going back to Hong Kong was a gift. The YWAM base there is so passionate about sharing the gospel, and serving the community. My first time there inspired me so much to do similar things in New Zealand, and so I've always held Hong Kong close to my heart. To see the team embrace the ministries, people, and culture was beautiful. They were so diligent in stewarding the opportunities they had, and sharing God's word."

For more information about future DTS outreach opportunities, visit: www.marinereach.com

DONOR PROJECTS

- **Office Septic System** - our administrative centre is located in an old house on the base, which also doubles as additional staff and student accomodation. Due to its age and the frequency of usage, the septic system needs to be upgraded; \$10,000
- **DTS Scholarship Fund:** Help a student in need come participate in a Discipleship Training School at Marine Reach. \$50-\$500

PRAYER PROJECTS

- Please pray that the staff team will be refreshed and encouraged during this upcoming slow season between schools. Some are traveling and support raising, some are taking intentional time to rest, and some are pursuing growth and health in physical, mental, and spiritual ways. Pray that the Lord will meet each one and encourage them as needed.



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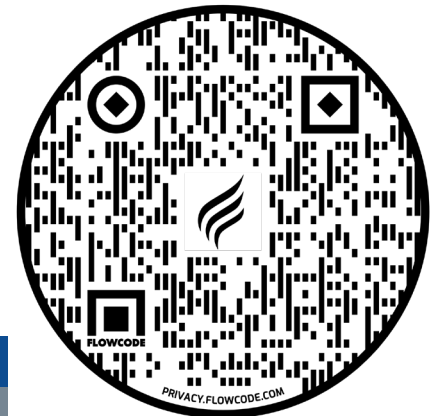
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These are some examples of how recent donations have been used



\$63

One box (50 cartridges) of dental anesthetic



\$120

One week of room & board for a NiVan staff member



\$300

NZ Outreach Team ministry tools (ie: Bibles, kids ministry, teaching material)



\$500

Sponsorship for a NiVan DTS student

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