

# Newsletter

## REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



## DTS Team heads (back) to the Philippines

Last January, one of the October DTS outreach teams had the opportunity to renew connections to the Philippines and serve at a variety of locations in and near Manila. Their experience was memorable and meaningful, and when the February DTS staff prayed about locations for outreach, the Philippines was on their radars.

After spending time in prayer, DTS staff and Worship stream leader, Kaitlyn Rodley, felt the Lord highlighting the Philippines for her team, which combined with the Prayer and Passion stream for a dynamic combination.

The first week of May, the team landed in Manila after 14 hours of travel in the air.

Team leaders Kaitlyn and Ashley Berri are currently overseeing a team of nine doing a variety of discipleship, evangelism, and service work in several locations in the Philippines.

Within two days of landing, the team led a church service for about 150 people. They had anticipated such an opportunity by learning a Tagalog worship song with choreography. They also had prepared sermons, testimonies, and activities to do with kids.

During their seven weeks of outreach, the team will be serving at Ruel Foundation doing kids ministry, going to a Mangyun village to serve, and street evangelism in Manila. They will partner with several YWAM bases in the Philippines, coming alongside the ministries already working to share the Good News of Jesus within the country.

DTS Leader, Ashley Hernandez, reflects on the experience of outreach: "The DTS is about discipleship, and missions. Outreach is about going to serve a people, a nation. It's a time to partner with God to see Him move in amazing ways. For students a lot of what they learn during lecture phase becomes applicable on outreach and they grow even more."

We are excited to see what experiences the Philippines team has on this outreach, and we look forward to seeing how God works in and through them!

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## New DTS Stream: Go!

YWAM was created to be a pathway for young people (or people of any age!) to participate in missions. It is now a global movement, with thousands of people participating in Loren Cunningham's vision of launching "waves" of young people into the nations to share the hope of Jesus Christ.

Marine Reach has pioneered many opportunities to participate in this movement, and during this past February's Discipleship Training School, we pioneered a new DTS Stream, which we've titled, "Go!"

The Go! stream focuses on preparing students for long-term service in missions, with a special emphasis on missions in the South Pacific. The goal behind the stream is to allow participants a chance to catch a vision for how they can participate in the Great Commission as a missionary.

In addition to typical lectures offered during a DTS, Go! Stream participants heard teachings focusing on the life of Jesus as a missionary, evangelism,

discipling, missions as a lifestyle, and overcoming the fear of man.

Linda Cowie, Marine Reach founder and lifelong missionary, reflects: "Today, we are following in the footsteps of outstanding missionaries who laid down their lives to bring Christ to some of the most hostile nations in the world. Just a short flight from our base in Port Vila one of the most notable missionaries, John Williams, lost his life on a beach having been beaten to death and eaten by the local tribe. John Patten lost his wife and baby to the harshness of island life along with countless other native missionaries who gave their lives to speed the gospel across the Pacific. It's a privilege to walk in their footsteps and see the fruits of their sacrifice 150 years later."

*If offering part of your life to take the gospel to the lost and serve "the least of these" resonates in your soul, we invite you to consider participating in a future "Go!" stream!*

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### Looking for a bit more information?

Visit [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com) to snag your very own *Free DTS Starter Pack*. Inside, you'll find heaps of helpful tips to assist you on your journey. Pack includes: *YWAM DTS Overview Guide*, *"Tune In To God's Voice" E-book*, *Taste of DTS 12-Day Devotional*





## DBS Concludes

In late March, 19 eager young adults filed into the lecture room at Marine Reach with their bibles and notebooks in hand to embark on the three-month journey of a Discipleship Bible School.

The Discipleship Bible School is a course devoted to reading through all 66 books of the Bible in chronological order. Each week, lecturers teach on historical or literary context to help students grasp the overarching story of the Bible - the story of Jesus.

During the course, the students will read together the books of the bible that correlate to the lectures for each week.

During the week covering the books of 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Chronicles ("Kings Week"), Marine Reach staff Gabe and Dani Kirkwood took a deep dive into explaining an honour/shame worldview, along with providing structured classroom exercises focusing on elements of biblical narrative texts. The Kirkwoods also presented information about what life in Ancient Israel may have been like during the time of the Kings, and hosted an Ancient Israelite themed dinner for the school and staff.



Dani comments: "Gabe and I always enjoyed getting to teach for the DBS. We have learned so much as we prepare for these teaching weeks, and it helps solidify our own learning to get to share it with the students. Since a DBS is a lot of information, it's also fun to take the learning out of the classroom for a sensory experience of eating ancient Israelite-type food on our deck. It's one of my favourite parts of Kings Week!"

Gabe adds: "I get excited about helping students look through the details of the story and how those details shine a light into the character of God."

DBS school leader, Abigail McGinty, shares about her experience leading this school: "It has been such a privilege to be involved in another DBS, and I have loved seeing these students come with a hunger to learn about the Word of God. God has been so faithful to meet that hunger."

**For more information on the DBS, please visit:**  
[www.marinereach.com/event/discipleship-bible-school/](http://www.marinereach.com/event/discipleship-bible-school/)

## 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
- **Couches** - the couches in the base lounge have held a lot of people over the years. Holes have been sewn and taped multiple times, but now the frames of the couches are starting to deteriorate. We'd love to purchase new commercial grade couches; \$10,000

## PRAYER PROJECTS

- **DTS Teams** - our DTS teams are finishing their outreaches in Vanuatu, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and New Zealand. Pray that they would be bold in sharing the gospel, and that God would work in them and through them to solidify the growth he desires to see in their lives.



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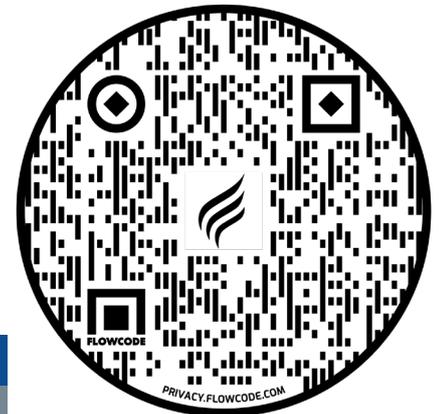
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## MONTHLY DONATIONS

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.



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)



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