

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*

Going South – to the Amazon!

The M/V Pacific Hope is getting ready for a new and exciting venture. The vessel has recently completed her three-year dry dock schedule and is preparing to head for the Amazon region.

The Amazon is home to 20-30 million people. Thousands of villages remain completely isolated without contact with the outside world. The only access point is the 27,000 kilometers of river system. In these isolated communities there is no access to healthcare. Eye disease is common in young people. Malnutrition is the leading cause of death. Many of these tribes have never seen a doctor or a dentist and never held a bible.

After spending over two years in the Caribbean helping to repair homes and providing medical care after two hurricanes ravaged the region, the crew is ready to take on this new challenge. Loaded with medical supplies and carrying local healthcare professionals and tribal

families looking to return to their respective tribes, the Pacific Hope will travel nearly 6,400 kilometers up the Amazon River to reach the most isolated communities. The ship's new helicopter pad will be available to service aircraft wanting reach beyond the river system.

A program is being developed to treat approximately 100,000 children for stomach worms in the river communities the ship visits. This is in addition to the two fully functional clinics aboard the vessel that will service the general health needs of these communities.

The vessel will be heading to the Amazon towards the end of the year after completing our restructuring efforts in the Bahamas and a minimum six-month commitment is required for those who wish to join her. We are thrilled that our ship, birthed out of New Zealand, is now taking on the world, multiplying the huge, sacrificial efforts so many have contributed.

*Volunteer
 Today...*

Marine Reach Global is now looking for general crew volunteers and engineering and navigation professionals in addition to health care professions.

For more information please visit: www.mvpacifichope.org



Running with Raechel

There is nothing more encouraging for the staff on our ships, and at our bases in New Zealand and Vanuatu, than those who give sacrificially. Raechel Keepa does exactly that, running every year to raise money for Marine Reach and our various projects around the world. Based out of Christchurch, New Zealand, Raechel recently ran in traditional Vanuatu dress to raise money for a new steriliser for The Family Care Centre.

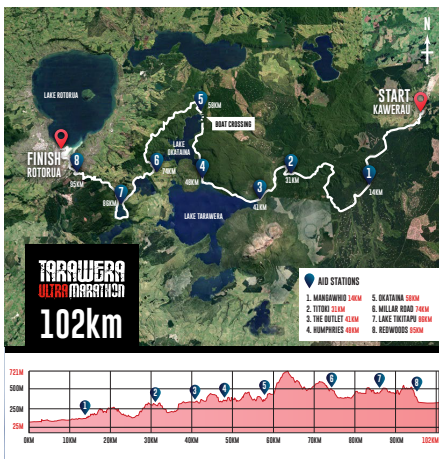
2020-2021 has been an eventful year for Raechel. She feels especially blessed for the opportunity to continue running competitively at a time when sporting events throughout the world have been cancelled. The medical outreaches within the South Pacific have been affected also. However, this has not hampered her fund raising efforts with her primary focus set upon a sterilizer for the Vanuatu Family Care Centre - currently an electric frying pan is being used to sterilize their dental and medical equipment!

Her most recent event was competing in the 102km Tarawera Ultra Marathon. While taking just over 16 and a half hours to complete, it gave her plenty of opportunities to think about the “why” to her running adventures, motivating her to do her best for the FCC in Vanuatu.

Building up to the Tarawera she competed in the 33km Able Tasman Classic, a stunning piece New Zealand coastal trail, and the 53km Crater Rim, uniquely beautiful and challenging with steep and technical terrain. This April she plans to run the 85km Old Ghost trail on the west coast with friends, followed by the Routeburn in beautiful Fiordland along with a 50km Taupo Ultra in October.

This amazing woman has now raised thousands for Marine Reach and continues to be an inspiration to us all.

For more information on the Family Care Centre and how you can also support the work happening there, please visit: www.familycarecentre.org





Equipping Seeking Sending Discipling

Mini-DTS - a Discipleship Training School “Taster”

YWAM's Discipleship Training School (DTS) transforms people's lives. For decades, DTS's have facilitated students encountering God, experiencing a season of life in a discipleship-oriented community, and growing in faith and understanding of their purpose in life.

But for some, life circumstances or other hurdles prevent them from easily investing months at a time into a DTS.

Marine Reach's ComReach (Community Outreach) initiative was invited last spring to host Living Grace Fellowship's young adult group, providing a weekend structure including teaching, worship, community, and discipleship connections.

ComReach wholeheartedly agreed to develop a plan for the weekend.

During the weekend, Living Grace Fellowship's young adults enjoyed the grounds and facilities of the Marine Reach Training Centre. Marine Reach staff taught about wholeheartedly following Jesus, how to quiet the heart and hear His voice, and God's biblically-described character as a Father to His people.

Nine young adults attended the weekend, and the MR staff were honoured to lead two of the young people to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Based on the experience of this weekend with Living Grace Fellowship, ComReach has developed a “Mini DTS” structure that can be facilitated at the Marine Reach Training Centre in the future or taken on the road to be hosted in church settings.

Adam Eggleton, ComReach's leader, explains:

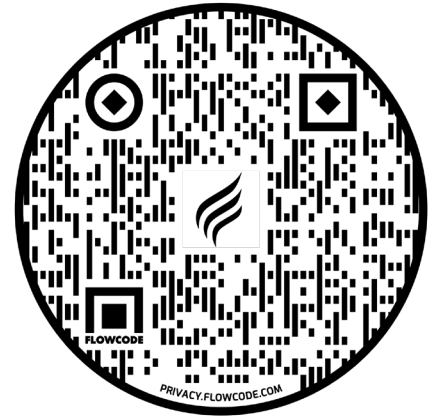
“YWAM's God-given mandate to disciple young people can't be stopped or slowed down because our borders are closed. We have an amazing chance to bless the churches in our own backyard by providing a weekend or week-long service that sees their youth fall more in love with Jesus.”

Marine Reach will continue to provide the full-length Discipleship Training Schools, including a school starting in July with some sizable scholarships available for New Zealand and Australian students, but in the meantime, these Mini-DTS's provide a taste of what a DTS is all about.

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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.



Thank you!

DONOR PROJECTS

- Deeply needed dental and medical supplies for Vanuatu; \$5000.00.

PRAYER PROJECTS

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



Many thanks to all who generously gave over the past few months to **fully fund the Hot Water Cylinder Project!**

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