

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*

2nd Discipleship Bible School Concludes

In October, the second Marine Reach Discipleship Bible School graduated and received their certificates. Although this school was smaller than last year's inaugural class, the impact on each student was significant, and the seeds for further growth were cast even further.

The Discipleship Bible School guides students through three intensive months of reading through the Bible cover to cover, while also providing lectures on the historical context, cultural context, and connection to the bigger picture of Jesus and God's redemptive plan for humanity throughout the reading.

Students spend 8-10 hours per day immersed in discussing the bible while reading together, attending lectures about the bible, digesting their learning by completing homework assignments and preparing to share with others about God's Word. They meet individually with staff members for one-on-one mentoring, and also teach or participate in bible studies in small groups throughout the school. As a bible school it is academically rigorous while also providing extensive personal application and life changing transformation.

As DBS school leader Silas Bauer articulated, "In DTS, the focus is often on identifying lies we have believed in our lives and uprooting them - pulling out all the ungodly beliefs. With a DBS, the focus is almost the opposite: the intention is to plant in our hearts a much deeper understanding of who God is and encourage godly beliefs."

One of the students, Emmalea, came from a different YWAM base in New Zealand to attend the school in order to take it back to the base where she staffs and replicate the opportunity for students to encounter God deeper by attending a Discipleship Bible School there.

Abigail Case, one of the recent graduates, shares:

"DBS has completely transformed my walk with the Lord by giving me practical tools to personally encounter Him through His word. The school opened my eyes to God's consistency and faithfulness to His people from cover to cover, and helped me see God's redemptive hand from the beginning until now."

Praise the Lord for the blessing of stewarding this transformative school at Marine Reach.



Left to right: Emmalea Lubben, Silas Bauer, Amy Carlson, Amy Bauer, Sarah Epps, Abigail Case.



Our next DTS starts 7 February 2022.

We are offering **discounts up to \$3000 off** our 2022 DTS's.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: **Claire Hodgkins**

Four-year staff member, Claire Hodgkins, has worn numerous hats in the Training Circle during her time at Marine Reach. Throughout those various roles, Claire has visited Vanuatu many times and grown to love NiVan people.

Claire's travels experienced a "pause" with Covid. However, rather than Claire going to Vanuatu to disciple NiVans and minister to their healthcare needs, God brought NiVans to Claire right here in New Zealand.

Recently, God aligned details for a unique ministry opportunity to NiVans in the Bay of Plenty area: another YWAM base acquired a medical ship and began to develop plans for mobile clinics, Claire's relationships at her local church fellowship deepened with several local Kiwi Fruit Orchard growers, and NZ's Covid-based visa extensions provided thousands of NiVan Seasonal Labourers much longer time frames in New Zealand.

Claire has represented Marine Reach in mobile dental clinics from the new ship happening on shore. The majority being seen in the clinics are NiVan workers - many of which have never had their teeth cleaned before. Knowledge of dental anatomy and hygiene is very restricted in Vanuatu, and dental pain is normal and inevitable.

The dental clinics publicized a need for a Bislama translator who could also provide cultural translation between NiVan clinic attendees and volunteer dental workers. Claire, from her medical mission trips to Vanuatu with Marine Reach, fit the need perfectly.

In addition, Claire's connections with the farmers - many of whom have become personal friends - has sparked a new interest to bless and serve the Seasonal Labourers through the development of an intentional, holistic program addressing the Labourers quality of life.

Claire shares: "The heart of this potential program is to support the God-given dignity of NiVan seasonal workers and improve their time here in New Zealand, as well as to amplify their voices throughout the world. We also hope to empower NiVan men to return to their islands in Vanuatu equipped to impact their communities and future generations for good."

God has provided no shortage of opportunities to minister to NiVans. Please pray for the dental clinics and program development benefitting the NiVan seasonal workers.



For more information about how you can become equipped for medical missions work, see www.marinereach.com/event/sphc-school-of-primary-healthcare/

For more information on how you can support medical and dental ministry to NiVans, see: www.familycarecentre.org



Mat Time: New Sponsors, New Skills, and New Communities

Thursday nights in the Nakamal at the FCC continue to feature a crackling fire and a group of men enjoying each other's fellowship. Lately, group chess lessons afford a chance to gain valuable skills of patience and focused concentration.

An initiative Patick Johnny launched over a year ago, the FCC's Mat Time has developed into an opportunity to minister to and disciple men of Teouma Valley. Patick and other men utilise this weekly time to initiate conversations about real life issues within the community, address gender identity and social issues in NiVan culture, build friendships, and most importantly share about Jesus Christ.

In the last several months, two additional Mat Times in nearby villages were launched. The FCC hosted several two-day Men's Events for the Mat Time participants, with open invitations to nearby villages. These events drew men from these villages, and God has used the connections to open a door for Patick to begin meeting weekly with the men of those communities.

The Port Vila area has also heard of and taken an interest in Mat Time. Local businesses have played a role in sponsoring different aspects of Mat Time: a local bakery has been contributing bread each week for months, recently an outpouring of generosity



from the Port Vila community allowed 14 young men to go to the local golf course for a beginner's lesson, and Cricket Vanuatu orchestrated time every Friday afternoon for Mat Time participants to join the national cricket team for training sessions.

Patick shared, "After the success of Teouma Valley Mat Times and observing the need in so many surrounding villages, it was only natural to want to replicate this program to impact and to reach into more villages. We have seen great changes in the lives of men as they are challenged to assess the way they think, act, and relate with their families and community."

It is amazing to see how God has prompted creative ways to open doors into the hearts and lives of these NiVan men. ***Please pray this opportunity bears significant, eternal fruit.***

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



TO TRAIN, EMPOWER, EQUIP AND SEND

DONOR PROJECTS

- Sponsor Outreach costs for NiVan DTS students and Staff ; \$8000.
- Deeply needed dental and medical supplies for Vanuatu; \$5000.

PRAYER PROJECTS

- Please pray that a way will open for the FCC head nurse to return to Vanuatu. She is in the USA, unable to reenter Vanuatu due to Vanuatu's strict border measures.
- Please pray for wisdom in pioneering new initiatives across the ministry.



Many thanks to those who have sown into and given toward the new land purchase

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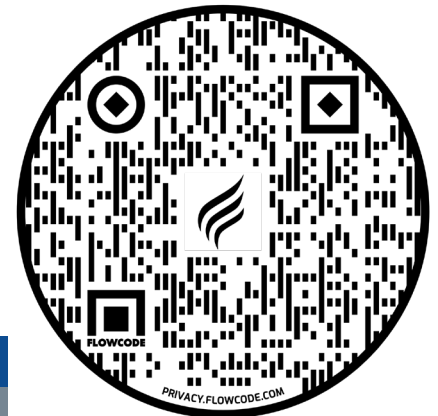
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These are some examples of how recent donations have been used



\$63

One box (50 cartridges) of dental anaesthetic



\$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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