

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*

Roadside Delivery Emergency

One Saturday morning in July, FCC nurse Melissa Johnny awoke to an urgent call from her window: a friend of the Johnnys relayed that Mel was needed as soon as possible.

Mel and her husband, Patick, quickly got up and headed off with the friend, finding out in the process that their friend's wife had given birth along the road several hours earlier, but the placenta had not been fully delivered.

Labour is broken into three stages. After the delivery of the baby (2nd stage), the mother's placenta must separate from the wall of the uterus and also exit the body. A complication during this time can lead to serious postpartum hemorrhage.

When Mel and Patick arrived on the scene, they found the newborn baby still wet on the ground, chilled and making very little sound. The mum, meanwhile, appeared to be going into shock.

Mel had been providing this woman's antenatal care in clinic, so she was a welcome sight: as a trained medical professional, she was the perceived expert and solution to the problem.

But Mel knew that this was not a simple situation: "Looking at everything in a few seconds, my heart was pounding knowing that this all didn't look too great."

However, Mel acted quickly: getting the baby off the ground and warmed up was one of her priorities, and getting the mother more specialised medical care was another. She managed to get an ambulance on the way, and then worked to encourage the mother and help her rest while the medics came.

While the ambulance was coming, Mel and the mother prayed for the baby, and as the little girl started to warm up, she also began to cry and show more reassuring signs of life.

When they arrived, the medics were able to administer the medication that helped the mother's body release the placenta, and then cut the baby's umbilical cord.

Patick and Mel went with the family to the hospital and stayed with them several hours until they knew the mother and baby were both going to be okay. A week later, Mum and Baby Madella were able to be released from hospital to come home.

Although not every day is as eventful as that Saturday, Mel and the rest of the FCC staff are always prepared to utilise opportunities God gives to serve the community around them.





Students Return to the Base

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Equipping



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Discipling

For the July school quarter, Marine Reach was thrilled to have welcomed about 20 students from around New Zealand and Australia.

Last year's July DTS was cancelled due to Covid-related travel restrictions, so this year's school feels extra special to the staff remnant that have ridden out the highs and lows of the pandemic.

Additionally, the second July quarter Discipleship Bible School is running simultaneously to the DTS.

The school leaders for both the DTS and DBS are enjoying getting "back into the swing of things."

Amy Bauer, one of the DBS school leaders, has already seen God at work in the few weeks since the DBS started: "It has been phenomenal to see God's hand at work in our students. All of a sudden, the entire community started discussing the Bible. It has been a real joy to hear God's Word being the center of conversation during meals again. I can tell that our students are starting to connect the overarching

story of the Bible to see God's faithfulness and mercy from Genesis all the way through to Jesus."

And over in the DTS classroom, DTS school leader Ashley Hernandez can also report about God's liberating work: "God knows exactly what students to bring for every school. These sixteen students have come hungry to hear God's voice, and leave the old way of living behind. It's been a joy to see them realize who God is, and that He is a good Father who restores even the most broken places. I can see them coming to life as they discover more of God's love, and become a part of this whanau."

After a long season of quieter meal times and mellow evenings while schools had to be put on pause, the staff at the Training Centre are so excited to have the building filled with students again! Participating in the hands-on work of discipling young people into following the Lord with their whole hearts is at the core of what Marine Reach is all about.



A Marine Reach Match

In 2015, Colorado-native, Armin Geiger, boarded a flight for New Zealand. Like many students before him, DTS had a great impact on his life, and it is where he found his relationship with the Lord and his calling to work in ministry.

After his DTS, Armin went on to staff at Marine Reach - pioneering the popular Wild Heart stream - and then eventually joined the early pioneering team in Vanuatu.

One of his main responsibilities included "advance work," making connections for the M/V Pacific Hope's medical outreaches across the Islands. Another significant connection he made was with a spunky, adventurous, Bislama-speaking Canadian on the M/V Pacific Hope crew: Chelsea Wood.

As part of the tightly-knit team working with the M/V Pacific Hope, as well as a relatively small group of young adults attending the International Christian Church in Port Vila (where Chelsea's dad serves as a pastor), there were plenty of opportunities to build a friendship.

In order to complete the prerequisite for officially joining a YWAM ministry, Chelsea participated in Marine Reach's Pilgrimage DTS in 2017. Just prior, Armin took a position full time as Youth Pastor at ICC.

Back in Vanuatu after DTS graduation, Chelsea felt the Lord's leading to serve with the newly built Family Care Centre campus.

As they both invested into the lives of the community around them, focusing on discipling and sharing Jesus, the Lord led them to start dating, which eventually resulted in their beachside wedding in August 2019.

Over the past three years, Chelsea has continued her invaluable work as Facilitator of the Family Care Centre - managing the office, teaching leadership development, and providing administrative support across the campus.

Armin continues to serve as the Assistant Pastor at the church, and he is involved in community outreach, particularly to young men. This past year, two teenage boys have come to live with them and be discipled and mentored.

It is thrilling to see how God has used DTS's in the lives of young people, equipping them to serve in a variety of capacities. Marine Reach is so thankful for this couple. They are shining examples of faithful commitment to discipling the nation of Vanuatu.



To learn more about our work in Vanuatu, visit: www.familycarecentre.org

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DONOR PROJECTS

- Deeply needed dental and medical supplies for Vanuatu; \$5000.
- Sponsor one DTS student in Vanuatu for \$500 and change a life forever.

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 generously given toward our Couple's Chalet project. We are beginning construction on the first chalet.

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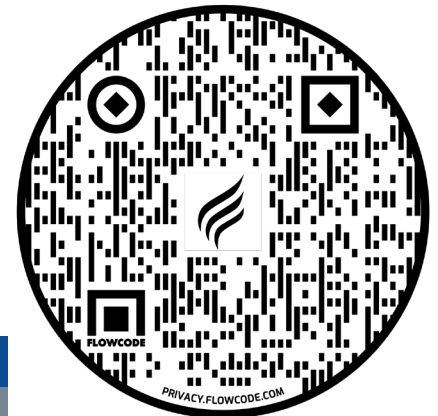
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These are some examples of how recent donations have been used



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One box (50 cartridges) of dental anaesthetic



\$120

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\$300

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



\$500

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