

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



Preparing for the October DTS

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After a month of rest time where many staff returned home to reconnect with family and supporters, Pacific Reach is thrilled to start preparations for the October DTS.

So far, 33 students have been accepted into the school. We are looking forward to meeting these students and seeing what the Lord has in store for them as they progress through the journey of a Discipleship Training School.

Our DTS staff team will be commencing two weeks of staff training and preparations in early October specifically for this DTS. During this time, the staff will practically prepare the base by making beds, creating welcome packs, organising and strategising schedules and ministry opportunities. And they will also be spending time in intercession and prayer for the school, getting to know each other better and working together toward unity and strength as a staff team.

Students will spend the first week of their time at Pacific Reach being oriented to the functions and systems of the base, and then they will have an

opportunity to share about who they are and what their journey with the Lord looks like. They will also have a chance to share with their fellow students and the staff team what they hope to get out of this DTS time.

At the start of the second week, they will jump into lectures, and for the rest of the year, they will be able to participate in lectures and times of application and ministry around a variety of topics, including the character and nature of God, learning to hear God's voice, how to live out all kinds of relationships in a God-honouring way, and understanding God's Father heart for them.

Ashley Hernandez, Training Director, shares her heart for this upcoming school: "Every DTS that comes our way I ask the question: 'How do we lead people to become more like Jesus?' I have a desire that we raise up young people who love Jesus, and become more and more like Him: people who are willing to grow, learn, be challenged, and know the Word. My heart is that these incoming students would learn from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and how to be His hands and feet to others."

Staff Spotlight: **Shali Miller**

If you come to Pacific Reach for any graduation or special event, one of the people you will see buzzing around diligently serving food, decorating the tables, or setting out dessert is a young woman with curly hair and a genuine smile.

Shali Miller came to do her DTS at Pacific Reach in January of 2020. Originally from Indiana, USA, Shali returned to staff with Pacific Reach in October of 2022. Since she first walked through the doors, she has been filling the halls and rooms of Pacific Reach with her joyful personality, her heart for people, and a boundless desire to serve and make Pacific Reach a lovely, welcoming place.

Shali's role in hospitality is significant to the base's spiritual well being, as one of the ways we thrive and grow as a community is through welcoming people and making this place "home" for them, for however long they come. It is also a very practical role as feeding stomachs as well as souls, providing comfortable places to live and rest as well as meet with the Lord, and keeping facilities clean

and tidy also helps people rejuvenate their spirits. For everything Shali does physically at the base, there is a correlated spiritual service as well!

Some of Shali's weekly tasks include doing the base laundry, restocking the supplies, and making sure guests feel at home while they visit. Her favourite jobs include showing the student how to meet God in the practical sides of cleaning and cooking.

Shali reflects on her time so far at Pacific Reach and her role here on staff: "It has been such a privilege to work with the students in a more hands-on life experience side to serving God. I have got to teach about why hospitality is such an important skill to learn and use wherever you go."

We are so thankful to Shali for all the ways she makes Pacific Reach a beautiful, enjoyable place. For more information about how you can be involved at Pacific Reach, please visit: www.pacificreach.org





The Family Care Centre in Vanuatu was thrilled to welcome 8 students in July to participate in a six month Discipleship Training School. When you read this, the students will have completed three months of lectures at the Family Care Centre facilities outside of Port Vila, and they will be preparing to embark on two months of outreach to apply their learning and skills.

It has been several years since the Family Care Centre facilitated a DTS, and it was exciting to once again have the classroom used each day for lectures. The students come from 6 island locations across Vanuatu, and one student is from New Zealand. It has been especially delightful to see their friendships and relationships grow.

Anna Huntington, the FCC director, shares about this school and the months of DTS with the

students living and learning at the FCC: “When the students first arrived for DTS, many were excited yet shy. As the weeks went by, their shyness began to fade, replaced by a growing confidence in who they were in Christ. By the end of the lecture phase, the students were not only confident but also eager to share the Gospel with others during outreach.”

Please pray for the DTS students and staff as one team ventures to Efate and Nguna and another team to Espiritu Santo, seeking to share the love of Jesus with people they meet in practical and tangible ways.

For more information about how you can get involved at the Family Care Centre, please visit:
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Thanks to a donation last year of about \$100, we were able to purchase 10 copies of Corrie Ten Boom's story, "The Hiding Place." These books will be used as part of our student's DTS curriculum for book report options and additional enrichment and training from Ten Boom's wisdom. They will also be available for staff to read and reflect on as the Lord leads. Thank you for helping us make Pacific Reach a place where people are challenged and enriched in their walks with the Lord!



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- **Pray for the students** of the October and January schools as they prepare to come and undertake their DTS's.
- **Pray for dentists** willing to serve at the Family Care Centre in Vanuatu.



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