

# Newsletter

## REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



### DBS Wraps Up

In July, the 2024 Disciple Bible School wrapped up their three months of reading the Bible from cover to cover together, along with daily lectures covering topics and themes within the Bible.

The base celebrated with a graduation ceremony for the students. The graduation evening was one of rejoicing in God's character as evidenced in the story of Scripture, and cheering on the students who undertook the intense work of the DBS. After a ceremony where each student was presented with a certificate of completion and highlights of the school were shared, the base enjoyed a delicious dinner together one last time with the students before they departed for their homes.

Each school and group of students is a blessing in their own way, and this DBS was certainly a sweet group to share the base with. One of the distinguishing things of this DBS was a redemption of names and stepping into a God given identity. It was a great school and all of the students grew lots in their identity in Christ.

The DBS is a time of allowing the Lord to come alive through the pages of scripture, and for the students to learn to read the Bible in the context of the big picture of scripture exposing aspects of God's nature and character. Students walk away from DBS feeling more confident to delve into the Bible for themselves, along with developing a personal understanding and connection with their place in the scope of history and the Biblical story.

Tim van der Kooij, who led the DBS, shares his reflections on this school: *"One of the things I hoped the students would receive is a desperation for Jesus as our All. Like Peter says in John 6:68 'Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.' Going through the whole Bible in community is so powerful, and the Spirit works through it to bring transformation towards maturity in Christ. This was evident in this school. It was an honour to walk with the students as we all grew in our imitation of Christ."*

For more information about Pacific Reach's Discipleship Bible School, please visit our website: [www.pacificreach.org/event/discipleship-bible-school/](http://www.pacificreach.org/event/discipleship-bible-school/)





## Entering Sabbath Rest

Dear Readers,

Last year the base took the month of August to rest, rejuvenate, and reconnect with family, friends, supporters, and (most importantly) the Lord. For many of us, it was a month to slow down, breathe deeply, and invest in the relationships near and dear to our hearts. That time reenergized my family's weekly Sabbath practice.

In my own life, as a mother of four small children, I have found my family's weekly Sabbath practice to be a life giving exercise. While this year's month of rest looked a lot different than our weekly Sabbaths, my husband and I approached this time with the same guiding principles.

**Whether it is a weekly day off or a month of slower rhythms, we like to enter our Sabbath rests in the following ways:**

**1 - Identify the Purpose:** For our weekly Sabbaths, our purpose is to connect as a family and create space in our week to enter rejuvenating rest. Our work weeks are busy with my husband's role at Pacific Reach, homeschooling, and running a household. On our weekly Saturday Sabbath, we cut out much of that and prioritise family connection.



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**2 - Create a Plan:** We've decided to make our Saturday Sabbaths usually follow a similar structure each week so we all know what the routine is. This way we don't have to do extra mental work making decisions on Sabbath.

**3 - Intentionally Prepare:** I have found that real rest does not happen by accident with kids in the house! So for our weekly Sabbaths, I prepare by cleaning the house the day before and mapping out a plan for our Sabbath meals. It means a bit of extra work up front, but having a full 24 hours of not rushing or running errands is well worth it. We also try to power down our phones and computers for the duration of Sabbath to minimise our distractions.

Wherever you are in your Sabbath practice, I pray that you will regularly be able to enter into real rest and reap rich relationship with the Lord and those around you.

Many blessings to you and your home,

Dani Kirkwood





## Dr. Hadleigh Lends a Helping Hand

Over many years, Pacific Reach has operated ships across the Pacific with key individuals playing significant roles in helping to pioneer the ministry. Hadleigh Reid joined Pacific Reach as a student on one of our Discipleship Training Schools in 2013 and went on to staff our schools for the following two years.

Being a registered dentist, he first visited Vanuatu in 2013 providing free dental care to the local population. Hadleigh continued to serve on several occasions on our last ship, the M/V Pacific Hope, before it was redeployed to the Caribbean.

In 2019 Hadleigh taught dental care at Port Vila's local hospital. His service there invested in the local health care community, which in turn created a lasting impact on the dental community in the nation. His contribution of his time and resources to our dental program in Vanuatu has been a part of what has made the program possible.

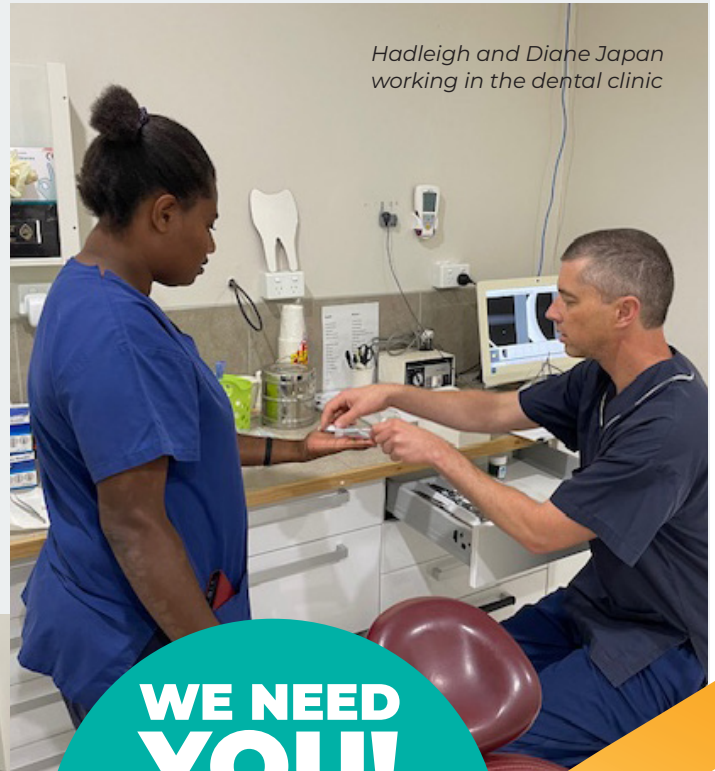
In July, Hadleigh returned to our Family Care Centre for several weeks, providing free care to men, women and children who could not possibly afford the cost of visiting the few dentists in the country. There is a deep sense of gratefulness and gratitude seen in

each one of our patients as they receive dental care that often relieves them of months of pain.

We are so grateful to Hadleigh for his generous support of the Family Care Centre and Pacific Reach. We continue to search for more dentists who will follow Hadleigh's example and give several weeks helping to meet a desperate need in this developing nation.

**For more information about how you can get involved at the Family Care Centre, please visit: [www.familycarecentre.org](http://www.familycarecentre.org)**

*Hadleigh and Diane Japan working in the dental clinic*



**WE NEED YOU!**

If you are a dentist, would you please consider coming to volunteer and bring your skills to **serve in Vanuatu?**



# DONATE NOW AND BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD!

Join the movement for global impact with Pacific Reach! Your support can bring healing, education, and hope to communities in need. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly commitment, even a few dollars can create a lasting change. **Visit: [www.pacificreach.org/donate](http://www.pacificreach.org/donate)** and be the driving force of transformation. Your contribution matters, shaping a brighter future for all.



We invite you to contemplate the profound impact of contributing a portion of your estate to ensure the enduring progress of Pacific Reach even beyond your lifetime.

**Thanks to recent donations totaling \$200**, we have been able to purchase four space heaters which have been keeping our staff and students warm through the cold winter nights over the last few months. We are so grateful to our donors who help provide a healthy and comfortable environment for the young people who come to us on their journey of transformation in Jesus.

**Thank you!**



**\$200**

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- *Missions Mate:* Help us fund the day-to-day, month-to-month, and annual costs of running a ministry effectively with a monthly gift of \$10, \$20, \$50 or more.

## PRAYER PROJECTS

- *Pray for the staff* as they come back from various parts of the world to gear up for the October and January schools.
- *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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