

# Stokes Ministry Overview

- 2012-2013: Mission Training; Linguistics and Cross-Cultural Training
- 2014: Deputation
- 2015-July 2016: Served with N.T.M. in Papua New Guinea
  - ✓ Learned Tok Pisin (National Language)
  - ✓ Trained under veteran missionaries
- July 2016: surveyed the **Tiale** people in Vanuatu
  - ✓ Learned Bislama (National language, similar to Tok Pisin of P.N.G.)
  - ✓ Lived amongst the Tiale people and visited many villages
- Early 2017: transitioned to **full-time ministry** with the Tiale people
- June 2017: Nicole had her first medevac
- August 2017: started the process of **house-building**
- Moved into our house late September of 2017
- October 2017-Present
  - ✓ Learning the **Tiale language** (still *learning*)
  - ✓ Learning the **Tiale Culture** (still *learning*)
  - ✓ Involved in growth, discipleship and maturing of **7+ indigenous** churches
  - ✓ Hosting weekly Bible studies for the pastors
  - ✓ Hosting weekly Bible studies for the women
  - ✓ Hosting various prayer groups
  - ✓ Hosting a Bible study with young women from surrounding villages
  - ✓ Built several churches
  - ✓ Built various buildings for a local school
  - ✓ Helped with a water project
  - ✓ Built 7 married dorms, 2 boys dorm, and a dining hall for the Bible College
  - ✓ Discipling 3 young men to become pastors
- Late 2018: **Finished** the first songbook in the Tiale Language; over 20+ songs
- 2019: “re-started” the **Bible college** (using the national language)
- Developed **2 of the 6 year** curriculum; which Seth is writing
- Fall 2019: graduated **12** students from our first year of Bible College
  - ✓ They come from **4** different islands of Vanuatu
  - ✓ They speak **7** different languages
- December 2019, Nicole is Medevac’d again
- January 2020 arrive in the U.S.A.
- March 2020, Covid-19 occurs
- **Waiting** to go back to our country, hopefully we can go back come January 2021