



We got our VISAS! & Seth on his way to the village!

Galatians 6:9 - "and let us not be weary in well doing..."

WHAT'S NEW...

❖ **We are BACK:** It was a rather arduous journey, with many unexpected turns, but we are here in Vanuatu and on our island!

❖ **God provided us with many opportunities for more connections throughout our trip, in order that we may better serve the Tiale people.**

❖ **Praise God:** The Tiale people are eager to have us back, calling us most everyday trying to figure out when we will be back "home" full-time.

❖ **Praise God:** As we are getting acclimated back to Vanuatu, it seems that everywhere we go we see old connections and many Bible School students who are hungry for God's Word and ready for Bible School to start back up in May.

❖ **Praise God:** He got us back here, and allowed us to get our Visas!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray:** For the Tiale People; to continue to grow spiritually as we disciple them.
- **Pray:** For the Bible School Students to stay eager and hungry until May.
- **Pray:** 1) Seth's trip (this weekend) to & from our village. 2) For solar & water in the house to be in working order. 3) Smooth transition back to life here in Vanuatu. 4) To have discerning eyes as to what God would have us do & not just follow "our plan" for the people.

When God closes a door... sometimes He opens a window...

We know this is a rather cliché phrase about how one tries to discern God's will when things occur, but in our case on our trip back to Vanuatu, it not like a "typical" window we had to go through, rather more like a cellar door around the back of the house. After 26 days of "transitions", we are on our island! Seth is up at our home in the village RIGHT NOW, as you are reading this! Thank you for all of your prayers! Phase 2 of 3 are **finished** (see blog 8-25-22), we have our visas **in hand** (praise the Lord), and now we are in the phase of "renovating".

What took so long?

Our type of visa is a special "category". The country instated a "new process" July 30, so every normal step took longer, while adding other steps to the visa process, and then we had to *leave the country* to activate the long term visa. Our time out of the country was just a weekend trip, but was a wonderful time connecting with some dear friends while also meeting new ones. While in the capital, God literally sent some of our Tiale friends (who also had paperwork to do) so that we could have fellowship while being stranded. We made the most of our time there; every day was packed full of little things we had to do, while also catching up on the current affairs of Vanuatu as a whole, other mission works in country, and how the Tiale people are faring. We left the numerous conversations heavy hearted, burdened, and yet encouraged to be more focused on the ministry God has led us to do here in Vanuatu.

The next week or so...

As we said earlier, Seth is heading up to assess, fix, and clean our house that has been closed up and dormant for 2.5 years. Our solar house, that uses tanks filled with rain water for our water supply, has been sitting untouched in the hot, humid, mouldy conditions. If you recall, we left because of a medical evacuation, so needless to say, the house was not properly packed up when we left, and things weren't put into order. We had just completed a 6 month supply-run before we left, so every cupboard, cabinet, and freezer was full. So those are the conditions Seth is going back to *today*. Also, the roads have also drastically changed (for the worse), but this is the "norm" here in Vanuatu due to rain and truck usage. **Pray** that our house is able to get "in order" quickly, and that we can move in without more delays; so that we can get back to serving the Tiale people full-time. As always, we covet, appreciate, and NEED your prayers! Thank you for your partnership, we could not do our job without you, fulfilling your role! Please pray for us, dear friends. We love and miss you all! Thank you for following our journey.



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