



Discipling Our Tiale Friends

**Jeremiah 20:9 - "...But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire..."**

## WHAT'S NEW...

❖ **Getting into Routine:** Between language studies, discipleship and constant upkeep of the physicality of things here, we are slowly getting into a "groove".

❖ Many of the Tiale people are taking ownership of the work, which is aiding in having 4-5 language helpers to help us in the process of learning the Tiale language.

❖ **Praise God:** Although not many "things" progressed in our absence, many individuals stayed faithful to God.

❖ **Praise God:** Even though one of the major parts of our solar system caught fire (in our absence), our house did NOT burn down to the ground!

❖ **Praise God:** God continually affirms us through seeing some of our disciples grow in their walk, or our advancements in our language when we talk with them.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray:** That we would continue to learn the Tiale language and culture.
- **Pray:** For wisdom and that we would be continually spiritually discerning, both meeting their current needs and preparing for future needs.
- **Pray:** That we continue to model a godly marriage to the Tiale people, even though we might not be fluent in language, we can still show a distinction in our lives of Christ's greatness.

## Where Do We Begin?

There are many areas in which we still find ourselves adjusting: the language, relationships, house maintenance, property upkeep, the climate, the isolation and the constant work of discipleship. As of now, we are the only full-time missionaries in the bush on this island, which reminds us of our isolation and the enormity of the work. God is gracious in that the separation has wrought many great things in both relationships and focus amongst the Tiale people. Technically speaking, this is our second "term" with the Tiale people, and in many ways, we see our relationships have improved for better! Having survived two medical evacuations and a global lockdown, while still coming back within a month of the border openings have given weight to our ministry in the minds of the Tiale people, they see that our hearts are "for them".

The time away allowed us to prune down what our focus ought to be, instead of trying to aid in everything. By the Lord's grace and providence, the Tiale people stayed fairly faithful to the level to which we disciplined them, but as they said, they lacked "motivation, encouragement and direction". We see ourselves as constantly encouraging them and motivating them to "walk in truth". The chains of both animism and shame culture imprison them in so many ways, but we are seeing these tools of Satan and the flesh slowing losing efficacy as the Spirit matures them.

## Language, Discipleship, and Growing in Maturity.

Nicole has restarted her ladies studies! She has two studies, one in which she teaches several ladies basic Christian truths. The second one is specific for wives, which has been showing tremendous results. The ladies are so thankful for these studies as they have never had such teachings. She has been intentionally modelling fellowship and godly communication. This is a big struggle for ladies here.

Seth has been teaching a group of men various Christian principles that he sees that they need growth in, while also teaching another group of Christians specific Christian truths and doctrines to grow them into maturity. He also holds two other prayer groups and two other studies with other disciples, seeing as prayer is very much needed to help the people walk in truth.

Language is progressing, last week an older woman (with no teeth), asked a question, and Seth was able to both understand and reply to her... little achievements, are big achievements!

Please Continue to pray for our many relationships, those whom we are discipling, and for us to continue to progress in learning the Tiale language. Your feet, Seth and Nicole Stokes

