



New Year's Fun (see blog post) & Visiting the Sick

John 10:10 "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

WHAT'S NEW...

❖ Cyclones and earthquake, flooding and fellowship... none of the natural disasters slowed down the work God is doing here!

❖ Over these past 5 months we have seen the greatest growth of both husbands and wives along with kids and parents; God's Spirit is at work amongst the Tiale people!

❖ **Praise God:** Our disciples have been making big steps in their faith; starting prayer groups & teaching their families.

❖ **Praise God:** The Tiale people are learning that prayer is not just for transactionary purposes, but can also be an opportunity to Praise God.

❖ **Praise God:** From prayer, to going against the culture, to loving their family, we see God working in and amongst the Tiale people.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray:** That we would continue to learn the Tiale language and culture to a deeper level in order to convey God's Word in the most effective way.
- **Pray:** For wisdom to be able to balance all 3 full-time ministries; Language/ Translation, Discipleship, Bible School.
- **Pray:** For God's grace, in both learning the words that convey the deep truths of the Scriptures in the Tiale language, and to be spiritually discerning to see the needs of the Tiale people.

Starting at Home...

One of the greatest pleasures we get have is to live life-on-life with the Tiale people. Translation and discipleship are never an event(s) that is out of context or happens arbitrarily. Contrary to a tourist trip that is a week or two long, we get to see how the Tiale people live in their contexts, starting from within their homes, to their gardens, and then in church. As we have been investing more into discipleship and maturing of the core Tiale believers, we are seeing husband and wives grow closer together; complimenting one another in their God-given roles, as well as seeing parents breaking cultural barriers and shattering "social norms" as they engage in their kids lives; taking responsibility for them (spiritually), praying with them, and seeking God's will for their future. All of this might seem "basic" in some western societies, but we assure you this is monumental in Tiale land! God truly desires an outward flow of our personal walk, with Him first, then on to impact your first sphere, your family, then your next sphere in your local church, and lastly to the uttermost. *"If you do not have a strong core (belief) both at home and in your church, how can you go to another village (and evangelize)? The Gospel is for both here and now, on this earth, not just getting to heaven later".* This was a comment that one of the Tiale men said as we were discussing his walk with the Lord. His face showed pure joy knowing he now has a better marriage and can be a better father. Seeing him experience the abundant life is beyond satisfying!

What is prayer? What do we call God?

As we plug along with language studies, we are ever reminded that it is impossible to do this task haphazardly and devoid of both the culture and knowing the language. As of this past week we hammered down key words such as "prayer" and the name they should call God. As we walked through a myriad of words that "could mean" prayer, we stumbled upon a word that best described it, and once the people thought about it, they were elated beyond measure to not just have a word for praying to God, but to better understand what it means to pray to our Heavenly Father.

It's that time again!

We are about two months into the rainy season, one month of which one or both of the rivers were impassable. Nevertheless, we are enjoying our much needed time with the Tiale people. We are already going on month 5 being back, time flies! Also, the earthquakes have slowed down, so praise God! No one was injured here, just some landslides and several houses were damaged. As always, we appreciate your prayers! Don't forget to follow our journey (read our previous newsletter for that information). Your feet to the Tiale people & the country of Vanuatu, -Seth & Nicole



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"God... does fulfil his promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself". - D. Bonhoeffer