



Bible School & Marriage Course

John 8:31 "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;"

WHAT'S NEW...

- ❖ **Bible School** has 5 weeks left!
- ❖ We have some opportunities via projects that have turned up, which are both **praises** and things to **pray** for, if you would like more information, we could forward you the information on how to partner in these 2 projects.
- ❖ **Praise God:** We continue to see growth in the many individuals and married couples with whom we are ministering, seeing them look more like Christ in their daily walks is amazing!
- ❖ **Praise God:** There are many individuals asking about the Bible School and if they can attend the next term.
- ❖ **Praise God:** We have seen genuine growth and maturity in many of our disciples, as they are becoming more bold in their faith and turning from animism.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray:** For the 3 core couples we have, as they continue to grow into the image of Christ; as strong leaders, have a godly marriage and seeking God in their parenting.
- **Pray:** For wisdom to be able to balance the 3 full-time ministries; Language/ Translation, Discipleship, Bible School.
- **Pray:** For us personally; for health, for safety, for perseverance, for wisdom, and for an unspoken request.

Friday Night, Date Night!

One of the events we have here in the jungle of Vanuatu is Friday night date night! Well, it's not "actually" Friday night date night, it's part two of a marriage course that we are running to help husbands and wives grow deeper in their relationship with one another and with God. At 7:00pm Friday night, you will see approximately 23 different couples from various villages come into the classroom at the Bible School with just one thought in mind, "how can I have a *better* marriage?". In order to join, they would have had to complete part one of the course, and make a commitment to be present for the 9-weeks. We went through these classes with our three core families first, to "test and see" the efficacy of the teachings. We asked these couples to share testimonials of the power of the lessons in their marriages and also to assist in teaching small segments to the larger group alongside Seth. One of the things God has placed on our hearts is to have strong marriages here amongst the Tiale people, and it has been a blessing to see the fruit of the teachings!

Reaping a Continued Harvest via the Curriculum

We continue to hear stories of how of the various curriculums we have written (in the national language) are impacting other villages, both near and far, with many coming to the Lord and with many growing in their walk with the Lord. We have translated well over 400 lessons (and counting) into the national language, but the aspect we love much more is the discipleship process we have with our core disciples as we train them through the material. Three of the local pastors even translate them into Tiale as they preach to their congregations because they are so familiar with the material already. We are slowly seeing these men move from preachers, to pastors who can engage their flocks on a heart level. We are seeing women taking ownership and striving to be more involved in ministry, the Lord is moving in and amongst the Tiale people in many ways. One local pastor said this, "*it is easy to preach, but discipleship takes much more work*". This is so true! We desire to see a continual harvest.

Bible School Winding Down

We are finishing up the 15th week of classes, leaving only 5 weeks left for the students. We have been pouring into them more and more, knowing that they will be going back to their villages and will have to maintain their spiritual walk by themselves for 6 months until school starts back up. Several of them have no churches near them for hours, only witchdoctors and the occults. **Pray for them** as they gear up to be tested in their faith! Pray that they finish strong and learn well.

As always, we covet your prayers.

-Your feet to the Tiale people & the country of Vanuatu, Seth & Nicole Stokes



@stokingthefires



Seth Isaac Stokes or Nicole Stokes



stokingthefires@gmail.com



www.stokingfires.wordpress.com

"I thought I knew what "marriage" meant, but after the teaching, I found out I knew nothing". - Tiale believer