



Updates to the Bible School Property & Closing Meal

II Corinthians 3:2 *"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men..."*

WHAT'S NEW...

- ❖ This Bible School year is in the books!
- ❖ 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, both projects would be to complete existing projects that God has already begun BEFORE we ever asked.
- ❖ Praise God: We are blessed to see "changed" lives in and amongst the Tiale.
- ❖ Praise God: There are many individuals asking about the Bible School, and if they can attend in 2025.
- ❖ Praise God: We continue to see 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 to continue in their walk with the Lord.
- Pray: For the students as they will now be on their own, learning how to walk as believers until next semester.
- 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 an unspoken request!

Bible School Finished & the Place looks Different!

"We are the first to receive these teachings in Vanuatu, we should be proud, God let us get the teaching first, this is the first time in the history of the country" (a Tiale believer). We have completed the second of three years with the students, and as the Tiale believer said, these students are the first to get these types of teachings. Vanuatu does not have curriculum in the national language, so knowledge of the Bible and of God the creator are quite limited, and as we have some people who travel across Vanuatu quite often as members of the government, they are always refreshed and encouraged that our people are hosts to this curriculum. Our people desire to know God more on an intimate level, but the accessibility to teachings has been extremely limited, until now. Since the people are being impacted by the pure teachings of God's Word, the village life looks completely different than it used to. Witchdoctors are now afraid to set foot into our village, knowing that they cannot deceive the majority of our village, like they so easily do everywhere else. When kids walk around the village at night, they do not use flashlights like other villages because our people are no longer afraid of evil spirits that they used to think might be after them. When the leaders pray, they do not pray out of fear and ask God to "protect" them from their ancestors, but instead they pray to enjoy their relationship with their Heavenly Father.

If you were to visit our village, you would have to drive three hours away from the main town through mountainous terrain, cross two rivers, to a remote area where you would take note of two major things; the development of the area (both the Bible School and village), along with the temperament of the people. One Tiale believer said it like this, *"we have someone here in Mataloi (name of our village) that broke down our system... I have never seen this before... I have traveled all across the country, been in many villages, but in this village, I see husbands walking with their wives (not cultural), I see kids listening to their parents (not normally seen), and I see people talking about God's Word and not caring about animism or the witchdoctor... this village is not normal, something has drastically changed everything here!"* God's Word changes lives, and it compels believers to look different from the world. Continue to pray for the Tiale people as God molds them into the image of His Son, as well as pray for the Bible School Students (some are not from our village), they do not have the support system to encourage their faith during the off-season of the Bible School, their faith will be tested in many ways, and God can use this to grow them exponentially. We always covet your prayers and support, we cannot wait to share more "praises" from God in our next update! Your feet to the Tiale people & the country of Vanuatu, Seth & Nicole Stokes



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"We must share these teachings to our families ." - a Tiale believer who later led his mother to the Lord