



Praying over church group leaders &amp; Bible studies

**1 Tim 1:14** "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with the faith and love which is Christ Jesus".

## WHAT'S NEW...

- ❖ The Lord has blessed us with a healthy baby girl, Selah Joy Stokes!
- ❖ Nicole is doing well in recovery.
- ❖ The Tiale people have their first homegrown ordained leader!
- ❖ We would love to share at your church! If you know of a church that would like to hear about our ministry, please contact us, thank you!
- ❖ **Praise God:** Nicole and baby Selah are doing well!
- ❖ **Praise God:** The Tiale people are excited for this historical moment, and are looking forward to many more!
- ❖ **Praise God:** We continue to find new partners with whom to share our ministry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray:** For continued health for both Nicole (recovery) and Selah.
- **Pray:** For the next generation of leaders in Tiale-land.
- **Pray:** For the Bible School students as they will be coming back next month.
- **Pray:** For our three core families as they lead their homes and their respective churches to follow God.
- **Pray:** For wisdom as we embark on this new phase of life, as we seek to continue in making God's name more famous in Vanuatu.

## This Month is the Greatest Month in our Lives!

No, this is not us being exaggerative by any means. We would both agree that salvation is the number one event in our lives, second would be our marriage, but April (and first week of May) of 2024 brought us two of the greatest events in our lives within a month of each other.

### The First Ordination:

What a whirlwind! So many emotions have flooded (literally and pun intended) our minds during this event. From Seth leaving to go to Vanuatu even though baby Selah would be due soon, to having to trek through the mountains on foot and swimming across the rivers to get to our village, the agony was worth it! The reward was far greater than the hassle that came with it all. We now have a Tiale-born leader, which is a testimony to God's faithfulness, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the effectual work of Jesus on the cross. These people who were once cannibals, are now Christ-followers, shining a light in the jungle. For the full story, please read our blog: Untimely Born, and Yet Born on Time.

This story is hopefully the first of many to come! We have at least two men who are "underway" in the process of becoming leaders and we foresee them making steps and following this path in the next 3-4 years.

### Our First Child! Selah Joy!:

We are excited to announce the birth of our baby girl Selah Joy! She has already brought us so much joy! Our baby girl is doing great! Mom is recovering... We are so thankful that Seth was able to make the trip overseas and be back on time. Thank you all very much for your prayers! We greatly appreciate them and really felt them!

We will explain why the name "Selah" and her story later on in a future blog. But she was born Friday, May 3rd, 2024. 6lbs 8oz. 19.25 inches... and was born with so many levels of beauty already!

As first time parents, we will be learning the process of taking care of our baby girl during these next few months. Seth will still be going to various churches on Sundays, to both share updates about our ministry and to grow our partnership team. During the week, he will be working on Bible School lessons that the Bible School students are eagerly awaiting to hear for the first time.

As of *now*, Seth plans on heading back to Vanuatu in July, while Nicole stays with Selah to wait for her passport and positive health check ups. Everything is contingent on the health of both mom and baby, so we make all of these plans loosely.

We thank you for your prayers, as we know many of you have followed along with us on this journey. Please continue to pray for mom as she recovers. As always, Your feet to the Tiale people & the country of Vanuatu, Seth, Nicole & Selah Stokes



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"I don't care about titles, I just want to be called a servant of Jesus". - Tiale leader