



The Hirtzels

Missionaries to the people of

Vanuatu

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“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...”
Acts 26:18



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On The Field

Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
– Psalm 60:2

I don't think we've ever started a prayer letter with anything but, “much has happened” or similar. This certainly still holds for the last months. David spoke of the challenges he faced and his desire to see the people find deliverance and victory. To see their need for their God and their reliance on Him for all things. This time has us praying in the same line for the people of Vanuatu.

I must admit to finding it challenging to even know where to begin. On Dec. 17th a 7.3 quake destroyed the downtown of Port Vila and many buildings throughout the island. The damage done is being classified as one of the largest recorded disasters in Vanuatu's history. God's hand has been very evident in the lives of His people and ministry through this. The church and school properties have not suffered any structural damage. There will be a huge amount of work in repairs, but nothing that risks the safety or limits the use of our buildings. Church, school, and outreaches will be able to continue unaffected!

We have seen a great opportunity to reach families and into the lives of those who have gone through this disaster. Decisions are being made; souls are being saved! Continue to pray as we strive for the gospel. Good News is what our country needs and there is no greater news than that of forgiveness and salvation through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through His resurrection we have a hope that no earthquake can touch; this is our message in these times of need. Pray with us for the many souls in need of His strength and His grace!

Thank you for your continued faithful prayers and support for the ministries here in Vanuatu. They are always greatly needed and of great blessing to us and the work; maybe now more than ever.

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

On Our Heart



Dec. 17th 7.3 Earthquake Devastates Port Vila. In the past 48 hours we have had 13 recorded earthquakes 3 over 4.0 and 1 over 5.0.

Prayer/Praise – Steve and Lynn Spore, our colleagues and family here in Vanuatu, have been emergency airlifted to New Zealand following injuries from the earthquake.

Lynn dislocated her shoulder, fractured her arm, shattered her hip, and broke her femur. She has struggled with some internal bleeding due to the trauma of the quake and delay in treatment while organizing a medivac out of Vanuatu. She is currently recovering from the needed surgeries and is seeing great progress. Physiotherapy resumes tomorrow and we are praying for her strength.

Steve shattered his wrist and has had a successful surgery to pin and repair the damage done. The doctors believe he should keep full use of his hand.

There are daily challenges as the recovery will take time. Please pray for God's hand and strength daily in their lives as they walk with Him through this time of healing.

Prayer – Organizing repairs for the church and school buildings and for both our house and the Spore's house is a challenging proposition at this time. Damage to floors/tiles, cracked walls, and even a few external building walls that fell are among the repairs needed. Pray for wisdom to be able to complete things as time, finances, and builders allow.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ...
Colossians 4:2-3

Thank you for your prayers and support. Together we can reach Vanuatu for Christ!