



# 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

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation.*  
— Isaiah 52:7

As we move through the year at what feels to be an unprecedented pace, what a blessing it is to look back on the past few months. Thank you for continuing faithfully in prayers and support for the work of reaching Vanuatu for our Lord Jesus Christ.



Some of our new brothers and sisters in Christ

Pray for Vanuatu through the coming months as our national airline has dissolved. Life and ministry will be greatly affected by this lack of domestic and international flights. The livelihood of many of our families will be hit by the loss of jobs and lack of tourism following this closing.

The mission trip to Malfakau has been delayed due to a tropical storm that grounded all flights, prior to the dissolution of the airline. We are trusting in God’s timing through the uncertainty concerning flights in the future and ask for your prayer for the right time and a resolution to the flight needs of the nation to make this possible. Also, continue in prayer for Pastor Nekelsen and Tolsey as she is recovering from her surgery and looking to the possibility of a prosthetic to help in the village.

What a blessing indeed it is, through the uncertainties of life, to see the growth and discipleship of our new Christians. Thank you for your part in making this ministry and all its outreaches through Vanuatu possible.

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

## On Our Heart

*Praise/Prayer* – Through the outreach of the church, its faithful people, and the various ministries, we have seen four souls saved in Port Vila over these past two months. During these months we also saw one come for baptism. Please pray for these new Christians as they continue to grow through discipleship lessons and services.

*Prayer* – The school continues to have need of a new teacher trainee and/or assistant. Please pray for the right person for the ministry.

*Praise* – Ronald is back in Tanna ministering to his family and surrounding areas. Pray for him as he deals with a dispute over the land his family has lived on for many years as well.



Roger following in Baptism

*Prayer* – Air Vanuatu has declared bankruptcy and is in the process of liquidation. Our one and only international plane has been repossessed. At this point in time there is no international airline in the country. Pray for the major issues this will make with our travel and the economy of Vanuatu.

On that note, please do pray for us as we are in New Zealand for medical needs. Both for wisdom in getting proper diagnoses and travel. This was intended to be a short trip, but we are uncertain as to how things will play out with flights now that there are no flights between New Zealand and Vanuatu. Pray for God’s continued will and timing in flights as well as the medical tests being run.

*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!