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GC AID – VANUATU EARTHQUAKE

Please pray for those affected by the large earthquake yesterday in Vanuatu. **Craig & Darlene (Day 1), Matthew & Lydia (Day 1)** are currently on furlough and away from Vanuatu. Pray that God would comfort their hearts while they are away from the communities they minister to. **Jeff & Ginny (Day 1)** are currently in Vanuatu. Pray for safety and energy as they seek to show Christ's love to their earthquake-devastated community.

We don't yet know all the needs, but if you'd like to give aid for Vanuatu, we will be in touch with our partners over the coming weeks to learn the best ways to use any funds you send. For internet banking, please use our GC Aid account number 06 0729 0522196 00 and put your name, cell #, and Vanuatu E in the references. If you prefer to give with a credit card – head to [GC3 Website](#) to donate there. Search for Vanuatu Earthquake. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff & Ginny (Day 1)

We are grateful for God's faithfulness throughout the year of 2024. The recent highlights are: Jeff making good progress in Bislama that often surprises the locals, witnessing a church plant at one of our ministering bush villages, and kids finished the school year well. God is showing us more clearly the needs of moving to the mission's base next year. In this way, we will be able to work closely with the team, as well as lower living costs and contribute more towards ministry. Pray for wisdom as we put together the building plans, and the house to be ready in His time and His way.

Jack & Jemima (Day 2)

We are very grateful for the Lord's provision through many loving saints as we have been very mobile this year. We are also looking forward to a more stable year in 2025. Please pray that we get to know Jesus more and more. Please pray for believers in Southeast Asia who are often in political turmoil, to be enabled to live out their faith in a quiet and dignified way.

Ian & Judith (Day 22)

In the New Year we will both go to visit **Jeremy and Karina (Day 13)** for a couple of months. Then we attend a triennial conference for theological institutions (ICETE C25) in Albania in early March. The purpose is to encourage institutions to partner with TWB for visiting volunteer scholars where they have needs. On the way home, we visit Rehoboth Theological Institute and see **Phyllis (Day 8)** and **Sarah (Day 7)** in Kerala, then to SAIACS, Bangalore, where we will see the new Principal inaugurated before returning home in early April.

Tony & Lindsay (Day 26)

We are celebrating an amazing year of God's grace and goodness to us as we look back at all he has done. Our plans have not always worked out but through it all He has sustained us, provided in every way and used this time to expand and grow our ministry. This year, through the work of the YWAM Koha we have treated over 3000 patients in Fiji, and through our NZ based clinics, over 550. We have seen the Lord answer our prayers in the establishment of a training and outreach centre in Suva and will soon graduate the first 14 Fijian young people in the Discipleship Training School. Please pray for us as we plan for 2025 and we look to pioneer the ministry into a new Pacific nation and further grow our training centre, Bible distribution programme and oral Bible translation. Have a joyful Christmas.

Pascal & Renee (Day 3)

We are preparing to travel back to PNG in 2 weeks' time. Please pray for safe travels and minimal delays. Thank you and Merry Christmas from us both.

Nigel & Nicola (Day 25)

Please pray for the staff and volunteers serving at the accommodation sites in the South Island as they have the opportunity to share the good news concerning the promised Messiah of the Hebrew Scriptures with Israelis staying there. Also please continue to pray for opportunities to offer the free Welcome to Wellington tours and BBQS to Israelis travelling through the area.

Margie (Day 31)

Celebrating the reason for the season is a great opportunity at TFC and one we love doing. A number of newer families we are walking alongside will be experiencing a Christian celebration like this for the first time. Everyone will gather to sing carols, hear the real Christmas story, and share special food together. Would you join us in praying for every child and parent will experience the wonder of Christ. Our love and thanks to you all as we end 2024.

Graeme & Rachel (Day 4)

We are to arrive in New Zealand on the 18th December and are planning to stay in the country for six months. Graeme is to be teaching at the Lake Learning Christian training camp in January and they have plenty of translation and writing work in Philippine languages to keep them busy while in New Zealand, however they would like to advise supporters that Graeme is also to be working for most of this time in a paid job in New Zealand. Gifts received during this period will mostly be sent to the Philippines for ongoing translation and printing expenses.

Peter & Francelle (Day 8)

We have completed our first 90-day visa renewal without complications. Pray for a new home group we have started for couples who are new to Rabat and working through 1 Samuel. We have invited eight of our neighbours to a Christmas Desert evening on Sat 21st. Please pray for this as we want to share with them why Christmas is special to us! Christmas Eve service at Rabat International Church; another opportunity for the gospel for unbelievers. Please continue to pray for Daniel who continues to share the good news about Jesus with Ms. He is also in need of a passport, which was taken from him by his embassy because of his faith. Life can be very testing for some believers in this country. Pray for them.

Stephen & Karen (Day 15)

We would appreciate prayer for 'Gateway' our new staff orientation conference in early January. Karen is leading the administrative effort for this. Pray safe travels for all and for a good onboarding week for our new people. Please pray also for our regional gathering at the end of March. Since we booked the conference, unrest has developed in the country where we plan to meet. Please pray for a just resolution and that we will be able to secure the resources to have a childcare team at the gathering. We are thankful for the opportunity to spend Christmas with our son and daughter in law in their city!

Richard & Yuko (Day 7)

No startling reports yet but there is still time to pray for many Japan-wide Christmas gospel outreaches including one on 21st at my grandchildren's big church, chaired by grandson Ray. "Ye also helping together by prayer." Yuko is approaching 70 and struggles to get us two meals a day. Richard's bimonthly blood analysis showed great results; however, he does request prayer for dental healing.

Andrew & Patrizia (Day 10)

It is now wintertime here. Please pray for an evangelistic concert in Fondi programmed for Saturday evening. Various people in the church we are part of are getting ill and a relative of one of the people supposed to be introducing in the concert is close to dying. Pray for the church, the guest musicians and singers.

Sandra (Day 22)

It is time to start the new year for university studies. Two nurses and one doctor are in their final year. Pray that they will study well and continue to grow spiritually. Thanks for all the sponsorship gifts. Katoka is facing the wet season with very muddy impassable roads for the next 4.5 months. Christmas day has most of the elders going out to various areas to tell the Christmas story.

COMMENDATION

Grace Church Richmond wish to advise of the commendation of Zeke & Danielle Smith to work for Tandem Ministries within Student Life in Fiji. They will be part of a team of Student Life staff evangelising and making disciples amount the students on campus.

MOVEMENTS

Sarah (Day 7)

Departs 31st December

Jonathan & Sue (Day 5)

Depart 11th January

Matthew & Alison (Day 23)

Arrive 7th January

OFFICE MATTERS

We have one final payout to our Mission Partners before Christmas. Gifts received up to the 19th December will be included, gifts received after that date will be included in the first allocation for the 2025 year on 3rd February. As it is a long time between the 19th of December and the 3rd of February, please consider your Mission Partners needs over this time.

Summer Office Hours

The office will be closed from Monday 23rd December and will re-open on Monday 13th January. For urgent matters, please contact Michael (michael@gc3.org.nz or +64 27 522 4001)

This will be the last e-Connect for 2024. It will start up again 22nd January.

Happy Christmas