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Associates in Missions to Vanuatu



Preaching the South District Conference!



Our last Sunday with Pastor & Sis. Tahapath! We served as youth pastors under their leadership during our time here.



Saying goodbye before our flight back to the States.

Goodbye, Vanuatu

The months of December and January were bittersweet. They were filled with excitement as we celebrated the holidays and traveled around the country of Australia, but also filled with heartache as we bid farewell to the land we have called “home” for the past 8 months. When we stepped off the plane in May 2018, goodbye seemed so far away. However, God carried us safely through our time in Vanuatu, and now we have the confidence that God will lead us into the next phase of our ministry as well.

We returned to the States on January 26th. Our hearts were heavy, but only because they were filled up with the love that the people of Vanuatu had poured into us. On the one hand, we are very excited to be venturing into the next step of whatever God has for us, but on the other hand, we will forever be missing that piece of ourselves we left with the beautiful people of Vanuatu. Please enjoy this extended newsletter that chronicles our last couple months in Vanuatu (and also Australia)!

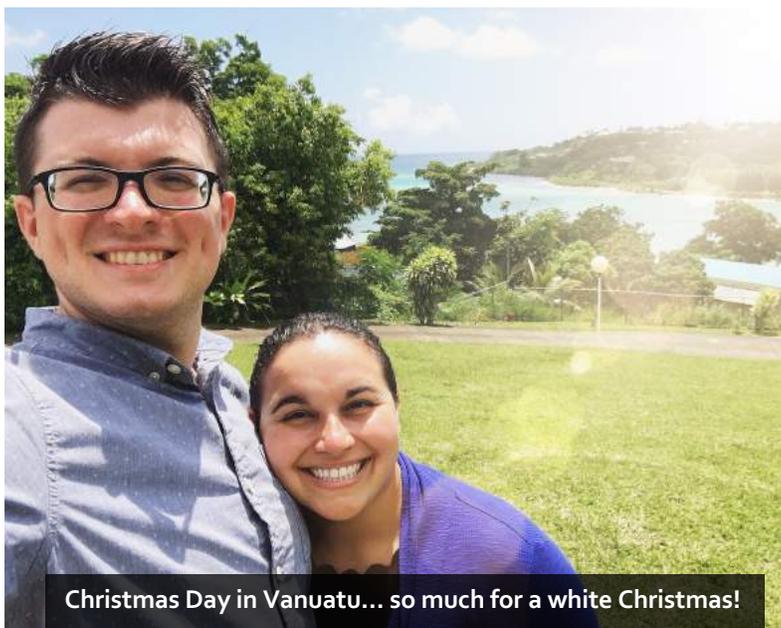
December Activities



In the early part of December, we were privileged to participate in the South Vanuatu District Conference. Johnnie preached and God moved in a powerful way!



We ended our work as youth pastors with a festive Christmas party at a local beach!



Christmas Day in Vanuatu... so much for a white Christmas!



Preaching the last Sunday of 2018

January in Australia

On the last day of December, we flew out to spend three weeks in Australia with our good friends, the Gratton's! We attended the National Conference in Canberra and also visited Sydney and Alice Springs!



Final Farewell

After our time in Australia, we returned to Vanuatu for one week to collect our things and say goodbye.

This week might have been the hardest of all. Many tears were shed, and many hugs were exchanged.

We visited familiar places for the last time and packed all of our earthly treasures into a few small suitcases. While we know we will probably return to the field one day, we are not sure when. Until then, we rest assured knowing that the work in Vanuatu remains—as it always was—safe in God’s capable hands.



Thank You For Your Support

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our sponsors who made it possible for us to go on this mission. While this AIM term is now finished, we look forward to the possibility of returning to the mission field in the future. For now, we are remaining in the States and prayerfully seeking what God would have us to do next. We are confident that if He brought us to Vanuatu, He’ll bring us safely into the next venture as well!

We claim by faith the promise in this verse: **“I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished...”** (Philippians 1:6, NLT).