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THE CHRIS POWELL TRUCK HAS ARRIVED

by Phil Herron

The Chris Powell Tanna Vehicle Fund, a sub-project of Bethèzer, started in memory of Chris Powell, has (in May 2018) purchased a vehicle! Chris saw a need for a vehicle at the school during his many trips to Tanna, and his dream was to see one purchased. This 'truck' will be used as:

- an emergency vehicle for those in need of a trip to the hospital
- transportation to and from the airport for Bethèzer volunteers and for school supplies
- transportation to Lenekel for Bethèzer volunteers to resupply their food

In August a volunteer building team completed the garage to house the vehicle. This building will be another valued asset for the school community. *Huge thanks to the following building team who made it all happen: Shane & Kellee, Jake, Ellee, Jewel Steel, Nakia Colburn, Austin Brown, Sharon MacKinnon, Jacynta Smith, Luke Kilgus and Fred Johanson*



Thankyou to everyone who donated, fundraised and volunteered to make this dream of Chris' a reality.

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A TEAM FROM MELBOURNE HEAD TO TANNA

by Bec Walker

What a trip we had! It began in Port Vila where we had a 3 hour opportunity on a very busy Friday afternoon, to get some building materials and all our food shopping done and checked into the ferry to be taken across to the Island of Tanna the following day. This was, God Willing, to arrive on Tanna Sunday morning.

We accepted the challenge, and with God's help, met it! On Sunday morning we arrived at the dock in Lenekel, Tanna with anticipation.... would our goods be delivered... would some, or all of it arrive? What an experience, a few hours of crowds, trucks, one forklift, and many hundreds of boxes and articles arriving.....it was like a treasure hunt, to find the boxes labelled "Kapalpal School", along with the building materials of roofing, cladding, screws, bolts etc... Praise God! After lots of searching and prayers, it had all arrived and we loaded the truck and headed back to the school. Our project could begin (and we could eat for the next 3 weeks!)

Over the 3 weeks Steve and Andrea Green, Andrew and Kim Boyd, James Caudery and myself pitched in. We carted ply wood, carried beams, painted ply, measured, cut beams, drilled, mixed concrete, moved heavy bricks, collected sand and cement, mixed more cement, hammered, and built, all whilst piglets ran free around us, mother hens and their chicks scratched and cheeped in the gardens and school yard surrounding us, dogs lay lazily in the sun (and the rain!) roosters crowed, wind blew, children played....and even through 8 days of rain and thick fog, we forged on. Local brothers Samson and Job, along with many others, were an immense help, and we truly loved working with the community to get a teacher's house built.



We pray this will provide much needed shelter for a teacher and their family. Living onsite at the school makes life easier for a teacher, with the alternative often being a 1-3 hour walk from their home village to and from school each day.



This trip also brought us fellowship and friendship building. Our team spent a lot of time with local families, sharing a meal, comparing lifestyles, sharing God's word and the hope we have, and in general, building lifelong relationships with our brothers, sisters, their children, and the surrounding communities. The perspective it gives to our lives is priceless and humbling. These people, who have very little, continually offered us gifts from what little they had. A truly generous and happy community. We thank God for these priceless opportunities and lifechanging experiences.



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TEACHERS' WAGE APPEAL

by Jimmy and Abi Sawell



As **2018 draws to an end**, we pause and consider the great love of our Heavenly Father and awesome support of so many, which has enabled the Kapalpal Christadelphian School to continue teaching many young minds for another year.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to help sponsor/support the teachers.

With **2019 fast approaching**, Bethèzer need to ensure that teachers' wages will be covered. Apart from a small amount of involvement from the Vanuatu Government the school runs completely on people's love and generosity.

So please consider sponsoring a teacher or donating to this cause. The link below has all the detail you need to know about our **Teachers Wage Appeal**.

[Click here to find out more](#)



'Teacher Ken and student'



SENIOR & ECCLESIAL CAMP AT KAPALPAL SCHOOL

by Jason & Stacey Lewis

In August, Carmel Hayden and her kids Ashlyn & Fletcher, Sharon and Chloe Malcomson, Jas and I and our kids Jai, Zaria and Coen headed to Tanna to run the Ecclesial Bible camp for a week at the school.

On Sunday we were all so excited to meet everyone, and the memorial meeting was one we will never forget. They sang with such passion and love in full volume and it brought tears to my eyes. The camp officially began on Monday. Each day we woke to the usual sounds of roosters crowing, and singing and laughter from all the children which was so special to hear. The theme was 'Joshua' and every morning Jas would teach them stories with lots of acting to enhance the story. Then every afternoon we did craft activities and sports games with them, and then every evening we had activities on as well. Everyone slept at the school which saved some of them a long walk (3 hours each way!)

On Tuesday we went on a day trip to Port Resolution to the beach, and we managed to fit 72 people in 3 utes! The beach had white sand which is quite different to the beaches closer to the school which have black sand due to volcanic ash from the nearby volcano. The weather was perfect, and the kids rolled in the sand, played beach soccer and swam. The smiles on their faces that day were huge!



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On Thursday we had a 'Kingdom day' where we talked to them about their visions of the kingdom, and talked about what the kingdom will be like, and you could see their eyes getting bigger and bigger! They shared with us who they would like to see in the kingdom, Daniel, Jonah, Jesus, and one of them wanted to slide down a giraffe's neck and pat a crocodile. Each day we had more and more people arriving to hear the stories and on this day we had 86 people attend.

Thursday night was our last night, as the camp finished Friday afternoon. We decided to make a special pancake supper for everyone. It all seemed easy when we were back in Australia, but time consuming in Tanna. Thankfully the camp cooks kindly cooked them for us, these ladies were amazing.

As the night got darker we let off 20 large lanterns into the night sky. This turned into a very funny night due to the wind which made things tricky. There was so much laughter from young and old and so much excitement when each lantern lit up and went into the night sky. We then sat around a bon fire and sang songs as the stars shined above us.



Friday was our last day of camp and we knew it would be a sad day as we had to say our goodbyes. Jas did a recap on the talks, and it was impressive how much they retained, and they were so keen to go home and share with their families the bible stories they had learnt. So the camp came to an end, and after hugs and goodbyes there wasn't a dry eye. These people are so beautiful and have truly become part of our family. They are such good examples to us all as they have hardly anything in life, and yet are so happy and will do anything for others, and their love for God shines.



The Kapalpal School is a truly special place that the children can come to not only receive an education but more importantly learn about God each day. We feel so blessed to have been able to go to Tanna and form the special friendships that we made, and to talk to them about Joshua, the Kingdom and our Great God. These are memories we will cherish forever!

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