

Solomon Islands

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"

Romans 10:13

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Dear Partners,

I pray this newsletter finds you well. It has been a little over 5 weeks since we have departed from Sydney and we are settling in slowly accustoming ourselves to the culture, lifestyle and weather.

It has been a joy to envelop myself to the normality of the Island life where electricity is not a sure thing and clean water is dependent upon the rain. In the midst of it all, it is the daily assurance of God's presence here that reminds me that I am where He has called me.

We hit the floor running embracing the vision of Foursquare Church Solomon Islands. The work here extends beyond the four walls of the church but aims to equip and build the national people through a program called City Missions Rehabilitation and the Light House Bible Institute.

Being briefed on my responsibilities, Ps Titus said,

'..what we are doing here is not influence but we must impact the nation..you are not just training 25 students but this nation..'

This was the moment when 'heart' was pumped into what I was doing. It no longer became about simply doing my role and performing my responsibilities, but to be part of what the Lord is doing in this nation. My first lesson in the mission field was to see the way the Lord sees, and move in that direction understanding that anything the Lord does IMPACTS NATIONS.

So, now I have been appointed as the Bible School Principial. I have the privilege to train this nation, expose the power of the gospel and share the Love of Jesus.

I am spurred on by Ecclesiastes 9:10 "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.."

It is not by my own might, nor by my own power but through the power of the wonderful Spirit of God. His heart has brought me here, its His Word that keeps me, and its His presence I find my joy.

Blessings,

Valerie Cantre



Dear Partners,

'Expect the unexpected, this is the mission field!', no doubt that this statement Pastor Titus quotes to us has been true in our first month of being in the Solomon Islands.

We have certainly seen, felt and experienced the unexpected and have soaked in all that the mission field of Solomon Islands has to offer. I'm sure that settling into a new nation will always present itself with some challenges but for me, the heat, bugs, the never ending pot holes, the lifestyle and culture of the Solomon Islands has certainly brought plenty of new memories that I will remember for the rest of my life. Although I can never see what will happen next, I can take much comfort in the fact that our purpose to SERVE the nation God has called us to remains the same.

Our heart to see the truth of God's love shine in the lives of the students, the church and everyone we meet still remains, and together with Pastors Titus



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and Aiva, we continue to be God's hands and feet to see His will to be accomplished in this nation. As I listen to just a few testimonies of lives that God has impacted in my short time here, I am reminded of the reality that all men need their Savior. I am persuaded by their Savior. I am persuaded by their testimonies that this nation has not escaped the reality that LIFE is found in Jesus and this LIFE is the light of all men!

We are here to see Jesus be lifted high and our great advantage to this work is that we are workers under the visionary and pioneer leadership of Pastors Titus and Aiva Luther. They are a faithful couple and have been serving in the Solomon Islands for over 8 years.

They have accomplished the impossible in this nation and as they continue to generously share their lessons, stories and heart, we continue to learn and be better equipped for the gospel!

So, for me, the first month here has definitely been challenging, adventurous, new, and unexpected. Whether I am helping with the management of the land/staff, English lessons, bible classes or living without the everyday luxuries of electricity and water...it is all for the GLORY of God.

Love,

Nikki Aben





LIGHT HOUSE BIBLE COLLEGE & CITY MISSIONS REHABILITATION

GOSPEL LIGHT HOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ENGLISH CLASS



The word 'disciple' is defined in the Latin as 'learner' - someone who acquires knowledge of or skill in something by study, experience or being taught. The Light House Bible College and the City Missions Rehabilitation is the platform to :

1. Study the Word of God
2. Experience the Power of the Gospel
3. Learn a profession skill

Pastor Valerie heads up a team of 3 additional full time Pastors with 25 enrolled student. The nation of Solomon Islands is being trained on this Foursquare land, educating the mind, transforming the heart and equipping the hands.

Both institutions initiate the physical and spiritual restoration. We are witnessing the character change in each student as the Word washes over them. As each day passes, they are brought closer to the heart of their Father discovering their purpose in life.

This arena is a fulfillment to the Great Commission based on Matthew 28:19.

The Gospel Lighthouse Christian Academy is the new and current project on the church grounds, its purpose is to provide quality Christian education to the local community. Over the past years, the church had successfully established a kindergarten class closer to the main city of Honiara. The kindergarten graduated over 200 students and the school's great impact and influence led to the recognition of local government.

Now on new land, the church will once again establish a new kindergarten that will accomplish even greater things as it answers the need of the nation. As efforts tirelessly come together for the completion of the classroom, we continue to assist with the administration, curriculum and the sourcing of resources for the school. We will also be assisting with the training of local teachers as the school aims to launch this coming July. Together with Pastor Titus and Aiva, our efforts work towards the vision of the school as it creates a brighter future for the children of Solomon Islands.

If I asked you what you wanted to be in the future, what would your answer be? Most of the answers from these students are 'I want to be a prophet' or 'I want to be a Pastor', some answer 'I want to be a carpenter' or 'I want to be a electrician'. Put yourself in the shoes of these students, how can you fulfill your dream if you are unable to read or write? How can you engage in the Word if you are unable to read?

We have incorporated English class as part of their schedule to enhance their ability not only in their spiritual journey but in life skills. Our goal is to partner with the students and give them every opportunity in life to excel. The elementary foundations we often take for granted, here in Solomon Islands people are eager to learn without opportunity. It heightens what we are doing here. What the enemy has robbed this nation of, the gospel seeks to redeem it back as justice is restored. Through the English class, hope is restored and faith is strengthened as they learn to "love God with all their mind" - Matthew 22:37



I want to continually extend my heart-felt appreciation to the partners who continually support Pastor Val and I through your generosity and your faithful prayers. You enable us to be here to do God's work, our fruits are your fruits. You are continually in my thoughts and prayers, may God's will in you be accomplished in all its fullness. I send my love from Honiara and pray that you are blessed with our newsletter for this month.

Love,

NIKKI ABEN

One thing I have learnt being here, that we are only the embodiment of your investment. The kingdom culture is made of resources whether it be financial or a person's availability in the hands of the Master Builder. THANK YOU for partnering with us. Nothing comforts us more than knowing there are people praying for us. We appreciate the generosity both financially and in prayer. May God bless you richly.

The kingdom of God is accelerating here in Solomon Islands.

Blessings,

VALERIE CANTRE

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