

Kiwilink Committee Changes

The makeup of the KiwiLink Vanuatu committee has changed. Sue and John Cunningham who have been involved with David Todd since taking over from Ron Bergman in 2012 have resigned to concentrate on other ministry options they have been called to. Thank you Sue and John for your generous heart and enthusiasm for this ministry. Steve Rollo, from Richmond Church of Christ in Nelson, has been a long time supporter of Vanuatu and ni-Vanuatu living in the top of the South Island has agreed to come onto the committee. He has been to Vanuatu many times and has a close association with a number of CCCV churches, Pastors and leaders. We are also talking with some others who we hope will also be involved.

Vanuatu Youth meet for National Youth Conference

With months of planning 250 youth arrived in Tanna in December 2023 for their long awaited Youth Conference, sadly only some of students could make it due to an out of season cyclone a month earlier that caused major damage to villages and schools and several Islands caused change of plans for many. Despite smaller numbers attending, the 2023 youth conference was life changing for many.



Vanuatu Churches of Christ open new Conference and meeting hall; Santo.

Converting what was originally built as a youth hostel but had been leased for many years to ministry Justice for court hearings and meetings, has now been remodelled and opened as a new meeting hall, providing much needed space for meetings and training. Completed just in time for Annual Conference Council meetings last month.

Conference President Elder Hilson Toaliu opening the new Conference Room



Out of season Cyclone causes major damage.



Cyclone Lola the third major cyclone to hit Vanuatu in 2023, again causing major damage to a number of Islands in Vanuatu including Pentecost and Malakula, sadly affecting areas already recovering from earlier cyclones. In some areas 50% of houses were damaged, along with major damage to churches and schools. On Pentecost Ranwadi High school and Pangli school badly damaged. With villages and crops damaged Churches from Santo collected food supplies and shipped to churches in effected areas, supplying a ship load of food and emergency supplies to help their brothers and sisters effected. While repairs to schools, houses and villages, rebuilding or repairing damaged churches will take time. Continue to pray for those effected.

Pastor training, Sunday school and leadership materials needed

Pastor training continues to be a real need for new Pastors, and church leaders, but also there is need for suitable resources for Pastors and teachers. A resource library is being set up at Bambam Church, if anyone has good study and teaching books that could be helpful or you would be willing to donate towards freight, contact KiwiLink Vanuatu.

Medical Santo - Hospital



This hospital regularly needs support in many ways. Here some of the current needs:

- Are you experienced at laying and welding solid vinyl floors?
- With a significant rise in patients this year, Medical Santo requires funds for medications and consumables.
- Pray that our staff will be guided, strengthened, and encouraged as they touch the lives of each patient, bringing comfort, healing, and support.
- Medical Santo needs doctors, especially from September 2024 onwards.
Can you volunteer to fill this need?

If you would like to support this work financially or apply for a volunteer role at Medical Santo in Vanuatu please contact us and we will give you the relevant details.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- There is a real need for new Pastors, Pastor training and support.
- Many do not have a bible of their own or even within a family.
- Along with new church building projects there are many cyclone damaged churches including churches with no roofs.
- Many village schools have very poor facilities (no school if it rains)
- Many churches don't have Pastors.
- Impact of young people leaving villages for employment.
- Church building projects.
- Lack of transportation in many areas is a challenge.
- Weather events impacting on food supplies.

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