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Where've we been?!? We have a lot of catching up to do...

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Several steps down, but still many to go in the process.

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Never heard that one before!



Another year in the books

It's difficult to believe that 2014 has come and gone. We began the year in Colorado, and by mid-January we were back at home in Vanuatu. After being based in Malekula in 2011-2013, we resettled in Port Vila.

During the year, we made three trips to Malekula Island, and two each to Tanna and Espiritu Santo. In between our outer island trips, we enjoyed first-Sunday-of-the-month Efate Island combined assemblies, and the initiation of Wednesday evening meal and Bible study in Port Vila.

We spent a lot of time with Jack and Anna, who were in town from Tanna most of the year for their young son's medical treatment. Jack and I studied an average of three days per week, making it from Genesis to 2 Peter in our Bible book overviews. He and Anna were truly a blessing to our family and the Vila congregation, and will serve as a strong light back in Tanna for years to come.

This year also saw the initiation of Youth Group meetings in Etas Village. We averaged 12 each Sunday afternoon, and I was very proud of Atison stepping up to lead the studies each week. He has grown a lot this year, and is being used by the Lord in many ways on a daily basis. We are gearing up for our first Youth Camp in mid-January.

Prayer Requests:

- **Flexon and Fiona**

Would you please be praying for this couple's marriage relationship. It is in a very poor condition, but they seem willing to try to keep things together.

- **2015**

We are excited about the new year, and invite to pray with us for the work in Vanuatu. We want nothing more than to walk through open doors that God provides, and commit to follow Jesus wherever he may lead.

- **School year**

Lord willing, the new year will see Alexis at public school and Titus homeschooling ... a scenario that we believe will serve our family well. We hope that we are making the right decision, and pray for wisdom as we proceed.

Prayer Updates:

- **Youth Camp**

Scheduled to take place January 19-22, this will be our first attempt at a youth camp. While this year will start small, we pray that it will grow to include more youth in the coming years and become an annual blessing to the youth and the churches in Vanuatu.

- **Grayson**

We will be looking to secure Grayson's passport, and then a US visitor's visa in the new year, and hope that our family of 5 will be able to make our first visit to the States in December next year.

Last but not least, we thoroughly enjoyed hosting groups from Harding, Oklahoma Christian, and the Edmond Church of Christ, all of whom were first-time visitors we made contact with through our semester at OC in 2013. We are looking forward to having some of them back next year!

We are praying for God's providence and leadership as we enter 2015, and look forward to seeing what He has planned. May God bless and keep you in the new year!



The ladies on Efate closed out the year with a ladies day in Eton Village



Alexis enjoyed another ballet recital this month, but truth be told, she didn't enjoy having to wear a mustache in their presentation of Peter and the Wolf (she and her classmates were hunters)

We asked Jimmy, Tino, Titus and Alexis to walk down to the store and get some boxes on moving day, and this is what they looked like when they returned...



Grayson's first Christmas means it was his first introduction to "JJ Bear" who reads *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*.

