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A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE BRANDELLS IN VANUATU

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✧ Happy Birthday ✧

It's not often that we are in the States to celebrate a birthday, but Alexis was a lucky girl this year. We enjoyed spending her 4th birthday with friends and family in Colorado. We went bowling, followed by dinner at "the cow store" (Chick-fil-a). Happy birthday to our sweet Lexi-girl!



Team Update

It was a treat to get to spend a week in Colorado with the Bakers this month. We all met with the Columbine elders to talk about and plan for the future. It was great to see them again. They are now in Fort Smith visiting Cindy's parents.

I got to talk to Mike for a few minutes this month, to get an update on his trip to Malekula and the ongoing work in Santo. He gave a good report on both fronts. We are so glad that he is there to continue on with the work. He plans to make another two-week trip to Malekula next month.

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### HAVING FUN FROM COAST TO COAST

We started off our furlough journey in California and Washington, and then moved on to Colorado. It was our pleasure to spend the weekend in Rye, with the congregation that has supported us for many years. We spent the following Sunday morning at Columbine (with the Baker family!)

and visited the Miller Street congregation that evening. It's been fun to see how much that congregation has grown from visit to visit.

We wrapped up our Colorado stay and then moved east. In fact, we flew straight to the east coast - to set sail on a Disney cruise with my parents and sisters. Needless to say we all had a "magical" time. It was very relaxing, and spending time together with our extended family is always a pleasure.

From Florida we went to Houston to visit my aunt, uncle and cousin. They have been VERY generous supporters of our work for many years, and we enjoyed the time together with them. Highlights included a trip to the zoo and Supercross races. We were able to worship and study at their congregation several times, which was a blessing. We also got to see other friends and family in the area. From Houston we headed to Duncan, OK - which is our "hometown." We enjoyed a lot of activities with family and friends. In our "down-time" I am preparing for next month's courses at Bear Valley (1 Corinthians with Earl Edwards and Revelation with Stafford North). We have a lot to do between now and then, but I am looking forward to the classes!

We have enjoyed seeing many of you already, and have plans to see most of the rest of you soon. We appreciate so much your continued interest in our work, and look forward to continuing our work together in Vanuatu.





