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LaetHaos toilet/shower block is nearing completion

## Back to Normal

Since returning to Vanuatu in late January, we had stayed quite busy getting resettled and prepping for our first LaetHaos event. Upon completion of our Men's Camp on March 4, we were able to get back to a more normal routine. After this month we finally feel like we are in the swing of things.

## Monday Night Bible Study Resumes

I was excited to get back into the groove with a small group of eight to ten young adults for our weekly study. You may recall my reporting on this study last calendar year, during which we completed a look at the 39 Old Testament books (overviewing one book per study). After an introductory study comparing and contrasting the old and new covenants, we completed Matthew, Mark, and Luke this month. I appreciate the opportunity to study with these friends again and look forward to completing all 27 New Testament books as the year progresses.

## Happy Birthday Alexis

Our little lady turned 9 on the 9th of the month. We had a family birthday dinner at the Chinese Restaurant, Shawnda took treats and a craft project to school to celebrate with classmates, and then we had several family friends out to the house for cake and fun on Saturday. Alexis is doing great academically and socially in school, loves reading and ballet, and is a great sister to her

## Prayer Requests:

- **Family travel**

We are set to make our annual trip to Tanna Island next month. Lord willing, we will spend a few days in the south with Christians in lautukun Village, and then a few more in Loun Village near the center of the island. We cherish these opportunities to visit our brothers and sisters on "their turf" and pray that we can be an encouragement to them as we know they will be to us.

- **Margaret**

Our Christian sister could really use your prayers as she struggles mightily with the effects of being married to a non-Christian. She and their kids are so sweet and we ache for them, not knowing what to do to help remedy the situation.

- **Holiday Youth Camp**

Upon the completion of Men's Camp, our attention turns to May's Youth Camp. Several from outer islands are planning to come, and we are excited about the lessons we will be able to share during the week together.

## Prayer Updates:

- **Division woes**

We continue to ask your prayers for the Christians on the east side of Efate Island, that a spirit of unity and humility would prevail.

- **Uncle Lawrence**

Shawnda's uncle is much-improved since last month. He ended up NOT needing a liver transplant, and aggressive antibiotics have proven quite effective. Special thanks to those who have been praying.

brothers. She has a very kind heart, and is a joy to be around. We continue to pray for God's richest blessings on her!



## R&R

March is a slow month for tourists, so Shawnda and I were able to take advantage of a local's rate at a resort just outside of town. Getting away for two nights was such a pleasure, and we are especially grateful to Abbie and Leimawa who stayed at the house with the kids!

## Facilities Update

I continue to spend a fair bit of time putting the finishing touches on our LaetHaos facilities. We were able to get the remaining three doors hung and painted, and the guest room tile laid and windows/screens installed this month. We are getting super close to completion.

## Monthly Youth Day

This month's youth day hit a high-water mark for attendance at 25. We met at the church building in Vila and worked hard cutting the grass and doing some general cleanup...made a huge difference in just a few hours. Then we headed to our house for games, swimming, and lunch. We restarted and reintroduced our Timeline Study wherein we breakdown history in 500 year increments: -2000(Abraham), -1500(Moses), -1000(David), -500(Silent), 0(Jesus), 500(Rome), 1000(Dark), 1500(Reform), 2000(Today). The approach helps with a general knowledge of Bible history and facts, and also helps to tie the modern day back to the events of the Bible. It was a great day and we love these kids!



March Youth Day



The happy couple

Alexis and friends  
celebrate her 9th birthday

