



# Brandell e-Scr@pbook

*A monthly report on our life in Vanuatu*



OFFICIALLY introducing...Titus Taylor *Brandell* (pictured here with his adoption order and passport). May was dominated by adoption and furlough-related activities. It was quite a month. We hope you all enjoy getting caught up on our life and work!

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## CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE: PORT VILA

Attendance in Vila continues to be high. Aaron and Flexon were in Ambae for the first three weeks of the month, which meant Claude,



Mike and I had extra duties. Mike hosted this month's fellowship lunch at his house, and several visitors joined us that day. Flexon preached and gave an overview of their mission trip to Ambae on the last Sunday of the month.

We were able to have a steel gate installed on the church's storage room this month, so things should be secure there.

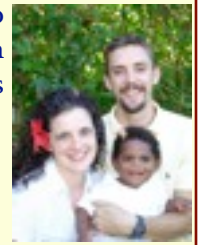
### *From the home-front...*

I am a different woman now that the stress of waiting for Titus' adoption papers is over. It was hard, but the adoption being final is every bit worth the wait.

This month we had one congregational fellowship, two ladies fellowships, and one fellowship with a Christian family at their home. Titus had his first taste of laplap at Flexon and Fiona's house. I just started feeding him baby food, but with four teeth...I figured he might as well try the national dish of Vanuatu while he had the chance. He tried it and he liked it.

Eric travelled alone to PNG to get Titus' visa. Titus and I stayed in Vanuatu where we got ready for our two-month trip to the States.

Our flight to the US was long, but Titus did great. It was harder on mom and dad than him I think. He slept fairly well and didn't fuss much. He actually did really well for a 6 month old baby - no complaints here! We're looking forward to spending time with family and friends here in the States.



We love you all.  
- Shawnda



CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE: ETAS VILLAGE

The Christians asked me to come and preach in Etas Village on Sunday the 6th. You may recall that Etas is just a 10 minute drive to the north of Port Vila.

The Christians in Etas are experiencing a very "good problem" - they are quickly outgrowing the structure under which they meet. The church started meeting in Etas in February 2006, and has grown significantly over the last year. They are currently looking into the possibility of purchasing a small tract of land in the area to construct a more permanent building in which to worship and study.



Mike and I also started talks with some of the leaders of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Etas this month. We are hopeful that these discussions and studies will result in the truth sounding forth in that area. Please be praying for this and other opportunities in Etas Village.

ADOPTION UPDATE



We had five more appointments with the judge in regard to our adoption proceedings this month. Most of them were rather frustrating (i.e. canceled or postponed), but our prayers were answered on the 23rd when we received the final adoption order from the judge. Interestingly, the Supreme Court burned down to the ground during the first week of June. If that had happened only two weeks earlier, it is likely that the adoption would have been put on hold indefinitely! We are so grateful that we were able to complete things in May.

Titus is officially a Brandell, but will not be eligible for US citizenship until he has been in our care for a two-year period. I traveled to Papua New Guinea the last week of the month to apply for a multiple entry non-immigrant visa, which allows Titus to enter and exit the United States with us freely. We had to complete the application process in PNG because there is not a US Embassy in Vanuatu.

2007 FURLOUGH

Once we were able to secure Titus' adoption and immigration paperwork, we immediately booked our tickets to travel to the United States for this year's reporting trip. Below is our planned schedule for the two-month trip. If you have any questions, please contact us at [brandell@missionvanuatu.com](mailto:brandell@missionvanuatu.com). We look forward to seeing many of you during that time, and are especially excited for everyone to meet Titus!

Sunday, June 10.....Elk Avenue (Duncan, OK)	Wednesday, July 11.....Miller Street (Denver, CO)
Wednesday, June 13.....29th and Yale (Tulsa, OK)	Sunday, July 15.....Columbine (Denver, CO)
Sunday, June 17.....29th and Yale (Tulsa, OK)	Wednesday, July 18.....Southfork (Southfork, CO)
Wednesday, June 20.....Perkins (Perkins, OK)	Sunday, July 22.....Rye (Rye, CO)
Sunday, June 24.....Chisholm Trail (Duncan, OK)	Wednesday, July 25.....Columbine (Denver, CO)
Wednesday, June 27..... [open]	Sunday, July 29.....Cherry Vista (Denver, CO)
Sunday, July 1.....Eastside (Duncan, OK)	Wednesday, August..... [open]
Wednesday, July 4..... [open]	Sunday, August 5.....Columbine (Denver, CO)
Sunday, July 8.....Elk Avenue (Duncan, OK)	Wednesday, August 8.....Columbine (Denver, CO)
	Sunday, August 12.....Ripon (Ripon, CA)