

e-SCR@PBOOK

missionvanuatu.blogspot.com

brandell@missionvanuatu.com

Enjoying the Visit

Our job description as Visiting Missionaries at OC entails interacting with students as much as possible, seeking to encourage them to possess a missions-mindedness.

One of the ways available for me to accomplish that is by speaking about our Vanuatu experiences. This month I delivered a lecture on traditional religions (animism, polytheism) in Vanuatu to the World Religions class, and another lecture on Intercultural Communication.

I was also given the opportunity to speak in Missions Chapel (conducted every Wednesday), where I talked about how we've seen God working in our own lives, getting us from the corporate world of Tulsa, OK, to a small village on a Pacific island. The takeaway isn't that God is going to send everyone into a foreign mission field, but that when we depend on God and prayerfully seek His leading, He will open doors and use us in unexpected and exciting ways.

There is a campus group called Outreach that focuses on service and missions, and I spoke at

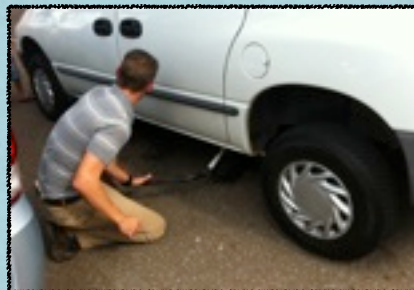
one of their meetings this month about the importance of assimilating local Christians in Vanuatu into our work plan. We've seen a tremendous growth in the local brethren who've traveled and worked with us, and believe it to be a very wise model.

We also traveled a fair bit this month, including a trip to Foristell, MO, to visit the Baker family, two OSU football games, and a trip to Searcy, AR, to visit brethren there. In the meantime, Alexis is enjoying a weekly ballet class, Titus loves his weekly session at Can Do Kids, and Shawnda is an active participant in the Women in Missions class at OC. At home, we were glad to host Mike Olson for a few days before he returned to Vanuatu, and also Mema and Papa (Shawnda's parents) for several days. It's also a blessing to have other family members and friends in Oklahoma so close during this brief time.

Our e-Scrapbook editions will be brief while we are in the States, but you can keep tabs on us at our blog: www.missionvanuatu.blogspot.com.



STUDENTS: We love having students over. When we pulled out our non-digital version of Catch-Phrase, one of them said, "this is the version my grandparents have."



FLAT: We're used to fixing flat tires in Vanuatu, so why not have one in the US! We got a screw in the tire while visiting my grandpa at the Veterans' hospital.



YEEHAW: Titus and Alexis enjoyed touring the National Cowboy Hall of Fame with Mom and Mema.

