



The Lugo Family Associate Missionaries to Vanuatu



September 2024 Update

Greetings from Vanuatu,

September has ended and while those in the northern hemisphere are enjoying cooler weather, here in the southern hemisphere the rain has returned, and the temperature is heating up. We enjoyed cooler “winter” here in Vanuatu and were thankful for lovely breezes and sunny days.

Term three of GATS Bible School began this month with courses in Spiritual Leadership, Bible Study Methods, Ministerial Development, and Family Life. Scripture is alive, and every time we teach a class we continue to grow in our own understanding as well as the students. Plans for the 2025 school year were also finalized and there is much to look forward to. Bro. Gration also led a Question and Answers session during a Saturday minister’s training, and we are pleased to see the desire for personal growth within the local ministers.

Desi was able to travel by boat, with the Southern District presbyter and some local church members, to Nguna island and be in service with the congregation there. He was honored to preach, take part in a powerful move of the Spirit during a time of prayer, enjoy kaikai (food) fellowship, and a tour of the local village. We also continue to be involved in the discipleship classes at All Nations UPC and are excited to see national teachers stepping in to teach. Desi also preached a message at All Nations titled, “Trapped by Tradition,” sporting some lovely sunglasses that he borrowed from Rachel.

The kids started the next school year with Kendall in 12th grade and Dinah in grade 8. Like most teenagers, they were brimming with excitement, the joy of learning, and anticipation of gaining new knowledge (not really 😊). Fortunately for us, they are products of their “nerd” parents and once they start, they really do enjoy learning.

As September closes, we celebrate two years on the field in Vanuatu. Thank you for all the prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support throughout this mission’s journey. We are honored to serve here in the South Pacific, but we could not do this without all of you!



Teaching in the GATS Bible School



Travel by boat to Nguna island (north of Efate) and worship with their congregation



Desi does not normally preach in Rachel's pink sunglasses... but it definitely got the attention of those who were resting their eyes 😊