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*A monthly report on our life in Vanuatu*



*In this month's issue...*

Shawnda and I spent all of our June furlough time in Colorado. While visiting her parents' home in South Fork, we took some family photos (shown above).

We thoroughly enjoyed our time in Colorado, presenting to our supporters and visiting with friends and family.

You can read all about the June-half of our furlough in the pages that follow, as well as how we are adjusting back at home in Vanuatu.

And by the way, we hope you enjoy the new format for our family's monthly newsletter.

God bless!!

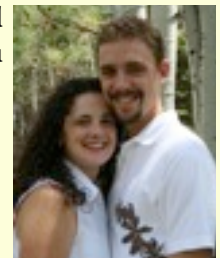
*From the home-front...*

We arrived home safely from our month-long furlough in the States on June 20. We were very excited to get back to work, and it seemed the work was glad for us to be back as well. It took us a few days, but we are finally "back in the swing of things."

We were especially excited to be back in Vanuatu so that we could start up our adoption search once again. Please be praying that the right situation would come about, as we are very hopeful to become parents by the end of the year.

We spent the last few days of June gearing up for lots of company. in conjunction with our building project in Vila and a campaign group (more about those things next month).

We love and appreciate you all!!



- Eric & Shawnda

FURLOUGH IN THE STATES: JUNE 2006

Hopefully you have already read month's issue. As mentioned above, furlough in Colorado. In Denver, we Vista church of Christ. We had a off with a trip to see the Colorado anniversary with Shawnda's parents Rebecca Korodaj. We worshiped at and attended Bear Valley's opening evening. Immediately following that



about our time in May in last we spent the June portion of our made our presentation at Cherry few days of leisurely actively, capped Rockies to celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> and our good friends, Jeremy and Columbine that Sunday morning of Bible Discovery Days that study, Shawnda's parents picked us



up and we made the four-hour drive to South Fork, Colorado where we spent a week relaxing and helping the Grays with their house there. Part of the relaxing time was spent watching the new movie *Cars*, which we all really enjoyed. We attended the Wednesday night Bible study at the church of Christ in South Fork while we were there.



Shawnda and I packed up and left South Fork early Sunday morning and made it to Rye, Colorado just in time. I preached there once a month during our Junior and Senior terms at Bear Valley, and they began supporting us financially in 2006. I presented during Bible class and then preached during the worship period. On our way back to Denver after services, we stopped by Shawnda's cousins' new house in Colorado Springs. Because traffic was so bad, we made it to Denver just in time for me to preach that evening at Cherry Vista.



Monday through Thursday were shopping days...trying to stock up on everything we need (and want) for the next 12 months. We also had a few things to get for Mike and the Bakers. It was lots of fun. In total, we must have visited Target and Wal-Mart at least 30 times! On the Wednesday before we left, we made a presentation at Miller Street church of Christ in Denver. We flew out of Denver on Thursday evening, arrived in Los Angeles an hour late because of a dust storm, and barely made it to our connecting flight (we were literally running the entire way). Because of some last minute scheduling changes by Air Pacific, we ended up spending Saturday to Tuesday in Nadi, Fiji. We enjoyed seeing the Christians there on that Sunday (I preached there as well). We arrived back in Vila on Tuesday morning...SO glad to be home.

Except for the traveling portions of our trip, we had an absolutely wonderful time. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all our friends and family, able to get caught up on the past year. Thanks again for all the continued support!!

BACK TO WORK

During our trip back to the States, Aaron had made a two-week trip to Duviara Village (on Ambae Island) and Mike had made a three-week trip to Luganville (Espiritu Santo Island). Our team had dinner together at our house shortly after our arrival to get each other caught up on that had taken place during our journeys. There were ups and downs for all of us, and it was such a pleasure to have the team back together again to encourage and strengthen one another. We hadn't realized how close we had become until we were apart for so long.

LOCAL WORK: LADIES' DAY IN ETON VILLAGE

The ladies in Port Vila meet together once each week for a time of Bible study and encouragement. Each month, one of those meetings is held in a nearby village in an effort to encourage the local Christians in that location. This month the ladies traveled to Eton Village, which is about a 30-minute drive from town. A great number of local women from Vila

attended, as well as some of the Christians from Etas Village, and a few visitors. Cindy spoke on the importance of a woman putting God first in her life, especially in regard to the worship assembly (proper preparation, handling children, etc.) A great time was had by all.

