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*A monthly report on our life in Vanuatu*



We all enjoyed having Cindy's sister and brother-in-law in Vanuatu for a visit this month. We watched the Baker kids one night while they went out to eat, and had a "movie night" complete with popcorn. The kids really enjoy being together on a regular basis.

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VILA BUILDING PROGRESS

We took another step towards project completion this month, when the congregation hired four Christians (Jethro, Tamata, Alick, and George) from the Marou Village congregation to come to Vila and



*From the home-front...*

I really enjoyed teaching PBK this month, and our trips to Etas and Epau were encouraging. Having the men from Emau over for fajitas was nice. We had such a good time laughing and eating. I even showed them how to make tortillas & sent them home with the recipe.

Speaking of recipes, Titus has really gotten into *Blue's Clues* lately, so when we saw a banana cake recipe on one of the episodes, we went right into the kitchen and got to work. It was yummy! Titus is quite the little helper in the kitchen these days. Sometimes he gets a little anxious to "dump it" and we have a mess, but that's just part of cooking with kids.

We have had roadwork on our road for several days this month. This means we spent most of those mornings on the road watching the digger. They even left a big ditch out in front of the house that has become a favorite place for Titus to play (supervised, of course) in the dirt with his digger and hunt for treasure (including a marble, a rusty matchbox car and a AA battery)!

We inherited a double stroller a few weeks ago from a friend here in Vila. It's huge, but I love being able to take both kids on a walk by myself. I am starting to get brave enough to take them both on outings to parks and a nearby beach as well. Sometimes it's great, sometimes it's not...but at least I'm trying to get out with both of them!

Love to all...  
- Shawnda



render the perimeter wall. I enjoyed getting to spend a little extra time with these men each day, and Titus loved “picking up the workers” every morning and afternoon (not to mention an opportunity to play in the sand pile during each visit to the work site). It was a real pleasure having them over to our house for fajitas. This was their first time to have that sort of meal, and it seemed to be quite a hit. They all had very kind words to say about the evening. They worked hard for two weeks straight, and their efforts are appreciated. Next up will be painting the wall, which we hope to be able to complete by year end. The finishing touch will be a gate at the entrance of the property, which Aaron has graciously taken on as his special project.

SUNDAYS IN THE VILLAGE

Since the Bakers had family arriving from the States on Sunday morning, we had the opportunity to worship with the brethren in **Etas Village**, where I took Aaron’s place preaching. These trips are always exciting because the brethren in Etas are so full of life. Unfortunately, a couple of men there have really let the world pull them down lately, but it so encouraging to see men like Timothy and Miswel step in the gap. These two men have attended some of our Truth Bible School classes, and are now preaching regularly for the congregation and taking on other responsibilities. I really enjoyed preparing and delivering a sermon on the character of Esau from Genesis 25 and Hebrews 12 - what a valuable lesson we

learn from this “immoral and godless person.”

We also enjoyed another trip to **Epau Village**. There was a larger-than-usual crowd that morning, made up of several visitors. This was encouraging, and we hope that some of them will turn into Bible study prospects.

We were also encouraged to hear that Cathleen had been baptized into Christ two Sundays before. She is the daughter of one of the Christian couples in Epau (her brother is Willie, who was baptized a few months ago).



*Shawnda helps Leimarwa and Salome dish the plates after worship in Etas*



*Lexi and “Abu” (her favorite in Epau)*



*Lexi admires the flowers with Mary Beth*



*Titus and his good friend, Thomas*



*Titus found the sand - surprise, surprise!*

PREACHING IN THE PARK

In an effort to promote our upcoming Pacific Islands Bible College courses, we held another session of "Preaching in the Park" during the common lunch time (11:30-1:30) at the end of this month. Several locals come to the Seafront Park during this time to enjoy their lunch and a break from the day. Our speaker system is able to project our preaching throughout most of the park, and the production always draws the attention of people in the area. We have enjoyed great responses to these preaching sessions in the past, and this month's effort was no different.

We distributed 300 invitations to attend the free Bible classes, as well as brochures that highlight the church. We were able to strike up conversations with passers-by and those who were lunching in the park. Several people gave us positive comments and expressed their appreciation for our commitment to the truth, and a few said that they would make it a point to attend the classes. We also came away with a few more Bible Correspondence Course students. It is our prayer that some of these prospects will obey the gospel.

Our team was happy to welcome this year's PIBC instructor, Tom Bailey, from Altus, OK. He and Mike will be teaching in both Vila and Eton Village during the first two weeks of October, and we will give a complete update of the PIBC courses in next month's report.

