

Rebuilding of the William Gray Memorial Church, Tanna Island, Vanuatu Project



From Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

With God the Way is Easy (Waisisi)

When I wrote to Neville Jones (PCANZ Global Mission Worker in Vanuatu): “Just wanted to share the wonderful news that we have reached our fundraising target for the Waisisi building project – as a matter of fact, we have exceeded it to such an extent that we do not need to use the \$9,000.00 of the Moderators Fund! It is amazing and I am quite overwhelmed with how God has provided far beyond expectation.”, his response was: “What wonderful news and we seem to always be surprised of what God does, but we shouldn’t be surprised.”

God first whispered into my heart that the rebuilding of this church in Waisisi will bring hope, encourage faith, will be an example of the Body of Christ caring for each other, and have significant missional value, while I was standing in front of the brothers and sisters you can see in the photos. Back home, when I got disheartened, God sent Iain Dickson and Ann Owen to stir me up again. I saw the enthusiastic endorsement of the project by the Global Mission office and the Kaimai Presbytery as God’s confirmation and blessing on the project.

The fact that Global Mission was prepared to underwrite the project with the last \$9,000.00 available for work in Vanuatu, and a generous

matching of the amount by the Mission in Motion group of Matamata, was further motivation and brought a sense that God is doing this.

God moved in people's hearts and donations came from individuals, congregations and even as far afield as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in the USA. Every dollar is going to encourage the faith of a small congregation who has been praying for very long that God may restore their beloved William Gray Memorial Church. A very generous donation from Cambridge Union Church stirred deep emotions and again gratitude for God's goodness through his people. **A heartfelt THANK YOU to each person, group and church who responded to this call! You were part of God's love in action.**

We await God's guidance as to the application of the \$4,337.00 raised in excess of the quote we based the target amount on. It will cover inevitable variations in costs and perhaps buy some Bibles and a few chairs for the congregation to sit on. *All money raised will be used for ministry in this congregation.*

Neville has flown over to Tanna, from Port Vila – where he is based – to assess the situation on the ground and get the project going. He will keep us updated.

Please pray that God will bless the building process and that the congregation will be able to give thanks to God as they welcome the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu in their building in August next year.

However the project proceeds from here on, I know God is leading the way. May this project encourage many people on their journey to eternal life. "And this is the way to have eternal life—to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth." (John 17:3)



