SOLOMONS: May 14-26th 2016
$2200 CALLING ALL TRADIES...(Please note date change) this team will be working on the permanent house for David Collins. Tradies and handy people needed. Register now. Great opportunity to make a difference for the future of the church.
Just 15 mins walk to a downed WWII Japanese plane and amazing snorkelling.
(If you have trade skills and can come at another time please let us know). Southern District team is scheduled for later in year. Contact awsom@wwm.org.au

PNG: Date TBA $2200
This team is a combined World Hope team. Help Alan and Cecelia Anderson as they mentor teachers in the remote area in PNG Contact awsom@wwm.org.au for further details.

SOLOMONS: June 25th-July 8th 2016 $2200
Almost full! Help David Collins with the next training session with the local leaders. This would include sitting in on the course and helping group discussions and tutoring of students. Incredible opportunity to get to know a group of leaders.
Contact awsom@wwm.org.au asap to book in.
All prices are ex Brisbane, and include all airfares, accommodation, food and insurance.

Follow Your Dreams...
Rev. Nakalo Ngumi had been planning for this day for over 9 years. Back then as a young pastor he had a dream for his new Church building, he originally set out with a written project meticulously outlining the way to raise funds, cut trees, mill timber, purchase roofing iron, windows doors and have them all brought in by boat over the years.
He personally cut most of the timber with his own chainsaw, milling it by hand with the chain saw often going away and working for others for months on end and pouring all the money he earned into the project, till finally it was completed a couple of years early and brightly painted it in the colours of the Solomon’s flag!
And so came the opening of the largest and most colourful Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Solomon Islands in Namatoa on Ranongga Island. This also coincided with the celebration of 100 years since the Gospel came to the island.
Boyd Baker and Ken Hills visited from Australia along with David Collins and Jeff Davies for the days festivities and thanks giving to God.
NEVER ALONE!

Recently, I’ve found myself reminded in God’s Word that I’m never alone, despite how it may seem at times. Often times, I’m conscious that I don’t have in myself the knowledge and skills I need to fulfill the responsibilities I’ve embraced in this world. But the One who is with others and myself always provides the wisdom and strength I require to find His will and desire for my life.

Anyway, this kind of provision is what I believe I recently received after a few of us had a day of prayer together back in October. Out of that, I sensed the need to suggest we run Christianity Explained as a Pilot Course with the Noro Church. We had a number of workers on site at the time and I wanted them along with others in my local church to develop a deeper understanding of the Gospel so they could effectively share it with others.

So what resulted from this training? Out of that course we saw 5 believers baptised just before Christmas (see photo). One was always well ahead with a machete; finding some path we would take through overgrown jungle that receives over 5000 mm of rainfall a year. A second guide stayed only a few steps ahead of us, keeping us on track and giving us a hand when our way was too steep and we needed assistance to take our next step. A third guide patiently brought up the rear making sure we weren’t left behind, even though it was hard at times to maintain any sort of pace. Of course, whatever place we find ourselves waiting at the Fugwa Wesleyan Health Centre to find out if she would be a suitable candidate for the eye surgeon. We are currently overseeing the renovations and extensions for this health centre.

Indeed, this appreciation of grace must pervade our entire thinking when it comes to ministry. It was something that particularly came to my mind when Ian Bull and myself climbed a dormant volcano, 1700 metres high, just after the baptisms. As we walked 47 kilometres up and down Mt. Rano together in two days, we had three guides, each assisting us in various ways (see photo):

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Catastrophic storms are very common. As with anywhere in the world, age is a factor. However, PNG Highlanders also live with the constant irritation of wood smoke and dust particles in a bush house, which can contribute to the development of cataracts.
The Ship is almost ready to Sail

It’s almost impossible to believe that over $40,000 was raised for the tractor with backhoe and front end loader for the Noro Training centre. This will be an enormous help in taming the jungle by clearing land, digging drains and smoothing tracks.

We are finalising the purchase of building material for the construction of the permanent house for David Collins, plus a scooter for David to get around on without the need to use the 4x4. Plus a stack of other donated goods, Hymnbooks, Bibles, school books, school clothes, notebook computers, an excellent photo copier, radio microphones, craft materials and much much more.

Much will be used to assist the with the running of the training centre or be sold to raise funds for the site. The huge generosity of all those individuals who have given funds, goods or time to help pack have been greatly appreciated. The ship sails at the start of the March.

at any point in our lives, we need people like these guys to forge the tricky and dangerous routes that make up our lives. Without such support, I know we couldn’t have made it up this mountain. But despite the difficulty of the climb, we succeeded in our endeavor even reaching a destination of great satisfaction where we could appreciate an unbelievable view, one few actually see, because they don’t have others to encourage them along the way in a manner like they need (see photo).

Anyway, the biggest mountain I’m actually climbing in the Solomons is seeing a ministry training centre established here. In this, I have others to aid me like Kerri Burton and Kathaleen Ball (see photo), two ladies who dropped by in early January to organize a Children’s Ministry Course that taught students how to develop discipling resources using bush materials. In running this event, they partnered with Wycliffe, who provided two teachers from the Solomon Islands itself, who have done much work with providing Scripture Use programs across this country (see photo).

And it’s these kinds of partnerships that I believe will stand us in good stead in the future as we draw on the expertise of others who have as much to teach us, as we have to offer them. I’m thinking that it’s relationships like this that will actually make it possible for us to complete the Great Commission that God has given us to fulfill in our own lifetime. Certainly, we have every opportunity to reach our world with the people God has given us, for His presence in their lives allows Him to minister to and through us via them!

Commemorative plaque for the 100th year anniversary of the coming of the gospel to the island of Ranongga

Celebrating 100 years of the Gospel in Ranongga Solomon Islands
in Honiara straight after Easter.
Work to commence on another residence at Noro in the near future.

Floyds - PNG
Pray that the 2016 academic year will begin well at the PNG Wesleyan Bible College in February. Pray for the ongoing building renovations and extensions at the Wesleyan Health Centre at Fugwa. Our next visits are February and again in April. On each visit, Don helps the local carpenters understand what the next phase of building will be. Then the work continues without us there. Praise the Lord that all three of our boys have made a good start to a new year of studies. Stephen at Southern Wesleyan University in America. William and Jono here in PNG, doing NSW distance education. Pray that the Wesleyan Church of PNG leadership will have wisdom, patience and courage as they continue to face ongoing problems with a former leader. May each of us seek to know God’s will and find our joy and security in Him.

Davies-Solomons
Shelly has just returned to Noro after time back in Australia over Christmas with family and especially their Grandson. PTL for safe return and pray for her to quickly get back into Noro life. Pray for ongoing daily decisions to be made on site with regards to work program, workers and priorities for building. Pray for safety on site with sawmills operating, trees being felled, building at heights and people constantly working. Praise the Lord that all three of our boys have made a good start to a new year of studies. Stephen at Southern Wesleyan University in America. William and Jono here in PNG, doing NSW distance education. Pray that the Wesleyan Church of PNG leadership will have wisdom, patience and courage as they continue to face ongoing problems with a former leader. May each of us seek to know God’s will and find our joy and security in Him.

Thank the Lord for the many generous donations of funds and goods for the Noro Training Centre. May the Lord continue to provide all that is needed in the months and years ahead as the centre makes an impact in the region.

PRAYER POINTS FROM OUR USA PARTNERS
Brazil
Missionaries Tom and Grace Ensz sent the following praise report from January’s Spiritual Retreat—Intensive Evangelism event:

“What does spiritual warfare look like? It is seeing the hearts of 50 people caught in the grip of sin surrender to the love and power of God. There were 80 in all who came seeking a way out of their darkness. Ten drug addicts surrendered their drugs. A drug lord gave up his profession. The gun on the altar spoke of a heart redeemed and a life literally saved. A woman gave her testimony saying she took a gun with her on the retreat because she had planned to shoot her husband. But the Lord had other plans, and she gave her heart to the Lord instead. Praise God! In March another retreat will take place. Pray for more lives to be redeemed.”

Equatorial Guinea, Africa
The ministry in Equatorial Guinea affiliated with The Wesleyan Church in 2000. Rev. Damian Asumu is church founder and current superintendent. This is the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa. I have had the opportunity to visit and minister there over the past 15 years. What a blessing! Since 2000, the church has grown from 4 to 18 congregations. The JESUS Film Partnership has been used of God to spark evangelism and church planting. The mother church is located in the city of Bata, the second largest city in the country. The congregation has outgrown the facility. Through a miracle of God, the government donated adequate land to the church in a prime growth area of the city. A sanctuary is under construction that will accommodate 2,000 people. The building will also serve as the central office and training center of The Wesleyan Church of Equatorial Guinea. The walls of the building are in place at this time.

On March 1-4, 2016, The Wesleyan Church of Equatorial Guinea will host their first national conference with international representatives planning to attend from the African countries of Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Swaziland. Representatives from the Ibero-America area and North America will also be in attendance. Dr. Dennis Jackson will be the keynote speaker. Pray for the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit to be upon all those in attendance. Pray that the Equatorial Guinea church would continue to be a mighty light shining in spiritual darkness.