SOLOMONS: June 25th - July 8th $2200
ONE SPACE LEFT
Help David Collins with the latest 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.

PNG: Sept 15th - Oct 1st.. $2200
This team is a combined World Hope team. Help mentor teachers in remote areas of PNG. This excellent program has been developed over 5 years and is making a huge impact into the teaching level of local school teachers. Teaching training not a requirement. Contact awsom@wwm.org.au for further details.

Over 523,000 Wesleyans worship in 4722 churches in 97 countries. We train in over 30 Bible Colleges and have three hospitals and assist in innumerable schools and local clinics, all making a difference in local communities.
The three General Conferences are North America, Philippines, and Caribbean.
Australia and New Zealand with our respective mission fields, Solomon Islands and Bougainville make up the only Established Regional Conference, The South Pacific Conference.
Wesleyans are making a difference all round the globe and we are a part of it.
This map can be downloaded on our website wwm.org.au.

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New Beginnings!

David Collins writes from Noro.
What a joy it is to begin anew!
Each day gives us a fresh start.
Each new person we meet gives us opportunity to serve those we’ve never known before. This year has been one of new beginnings in more ways than one:
First, we have a new office (my first one in the Solomons for that matter) set up in that part of the training building which used to be the container that found its way to Noro from Australia last July. In my office, you'll see I have electricity, a window view to the rainforest outside and space to pray, imagine, study and create. More work needs to be done to better fit the space for the purpose it serves, but what I have gives me opportunity to comfortably do my work and for that I’m thankful!
Second, we have a new library (including volumes from both of the first two containers sent to the Solomons). After a number made the effort to sort through many of the books we have and arranging them on the shelves, we now have a system in place for students to borrow such items and use them in their study.

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Enjoying coffee alongside the results of our cooking class this afternoon. Coconut cake baked in the oven and Coconut cake steamed for those without ovens. The non-oven version was our favourite today.

World Water Day!

Working with World Hope Australia to improve Teacher’s skills

Don helping the World Hope team get to their workshop destinations.
Snaps from Shelly Davies in Noro

And so our day ends with this beautiful view out the front of the church at Munda. For several weeks now we have travelled to Munda (25 min drive away from Noro). We leave at around 6 and pick up students on the way. The back of the truck is covered with a tarp because it is often raining. Usually we finish the class at 9 but often don't get home until about 11pm because we drop students home. This is often interesting as we go down all sorts of bush tracks to people's homes. One day soon We will try and get a picture of the truck with all the students in the back. We are doing "the Inductive Bible course" with about a dozen students. It's good

Clearing land by land for the new container. That has the tractor in it. It will make this a lot easier!

Hurry up and wait! Often the task of the day gets interrupted by rain, death in the extended family, unexpected meetings. So waiting is part of the process

The Goodwood Mill is gaining a great reputation in the area. And contracts are coming in, with potential to assist with funding

This is one of the greens we eat here. It is called "fern" and looks just like its name. It is more delicate than the decorative ones that we sometimes use in flower arrangements. To prepare, all the leaves are pulled off the stems and steamed or lightly boiled.

Third, we have new students, joining others doing courses we've held in recent months in both Munda and Honiara. Many of these students have work and family commitments making it difficult to attend short courses/intensives we've held in Noro these last couple of years. But I think, we'll see some of these students considering more study in the future, even full time study when we have that available at Noro in the next year or two

Cuban Church Reaching into the Capital of Havana

Pastor Yonis came to know the Lord in 1994 and his wife, Yenisbel, followed in 2008. They love evangelism and began ministry when they were young. God blessed them in the Villa Clara church. While there, they developed an extensive cell group ministry.

Four years ago, they felt led to plant a congregation in the capital city of Havana, and in 2011 Aposento Alto, the first congregation of The Wesleyan Church in Havana, was formed. The challenge was huge. Ministry in metro Havana was very different from the rural areas. By faith they began holding Bible studies in their small apartment. Since the space was very limited, they developed a cell ministry and have opened in two new areas. The goal is to reproduce the cell ministry throughout the city of Havana. They have 50 people in the congregation. The church is dedicated to prayer and the Word. The congregation has a strong faith in God and a tremendous spirit of worship!
Prayer
--For my trip to Australia through April, time to relax and prepare for future ministry
--For preparations being made for two courses held back to back in June/July in Noro
--For the AWSOM team preparing to join us in ministry training for the Godliness course in June/July
--For Jeff and Shelly Davies- Solomon Islands proper use of hand tools.
--PTL for quick recovery home from injury.
--For the many new students enrolling in courses we’ve held this year in three locations
--For Richard Soto’s one-year internship program commencing in preparation for him and his wife, Justina, to return to study in PNG next year
--For the new training room getting set up with the principal’s office and library now in use

Collins- Solomon Islands
--Praise for various PNG Wesleyan church leaders travelling overseas in May and June. May their overseas experiences be used of God to further His Kingdom in Papua New Guinea.
--Pray for a cessation of tribal fighting in Hela province. Pray that God will protect the ministries of the Fugwa schools and health centre
--Pray for decisions to be made with regard to future personnel to assist with the management of the Noro Project.
--Continue to pray for each person working on site that they will be protected from injury.

Davies- Solomon Islands
--Pray for Jeff and Shelly as they head to Honiara for a couple of weeks before returning to Australia for May.
--Pray for the many projects underway on site in Noro, that these will be done in Gods timing with Gods people.
--Continue to pray for each person working on site that they will be protected from injury.

Home Office- Thomas
--PTL for quick recovery of Rev. Frank Midavaine after recent major heart attack. God provided many miracles on day of the attack. It is expected he will make a full recovery with no operations needed.
--Continue to pray for young men in the proper use of hand tools.

From our USA Partners.
 Mozambique
Missionaries Jesse and Selinda Van Horn sent the following praise report:
“Easter in Mozambique is not a holiday. With a history of communism, it is only the church that celebrates the significance of the day. The Xai Xai District of The Wesleyan Church of Mozambique gathered at the Bible college on Saturday for lessons and services that continued through the night.
“Early on Sunday morning they had a baptism service, and more than 40 people were baptized! For the service Sunday morning, there were more than 300 people in attendance from many churches in the district. The place was full, and people were standing outside looking in the windows. It was a great time of worship with a message on the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead. We then shared a time of communion.”

Ecuador
A series of seminars for our children workers at the church plant, Jehovah Gibbor is being conducted. It’s exciting to see teens showing up that are expressing an interest to be teachers. The seminars will continue over the next couple of months.

Sonnet 10: ‘Iele ino mo laikim pinga blong mi’
Long taim mi paitim ‘ilele bilong mi fopla string stap long pinga bilong mi mekim swit mo yet singings bilong mi.
Bihain mi raun long paitim trabel man long narapela hap, Buka ailan.
Mi stap long oda bilong ol kaptan, Pinga bilong mi pulim masin gun.
Mi kamap olsom wanpela ‘ilele string, open faia long oda blong gavman.
Mi no save long ol–ol no save long mi.
I tru mipela wanpela kantri?
Ol tu paitim ‘ilele olsom blong mi…”
Bihain mi kam bek long as ples bilong mi ‘ilele ino mo laikim pinga blong mi.

Sonnet 10: My ukulele loves me no longer
Once I played my trusty ukulele
Four strings obeyed the touch of my fingers
How so sweetly we would sing together

But I was sent to fight against rebels
At a faraway place, Buka Island
There I lived under my captains orders

My fingers now caressed a machine gun
I had become a ukulele string
To open fire on government command

I did not know them – they did not know me.
Is it true, we are from the same country
They play the ukulele just like me…

When I returned to my home lands at last
My ukulele loved me no longer.

MICHAEL DOM

On International Poetry Day, Cheri Floyd shared this Tok Pisin poem. As with most poems, it is most meaningful as written. However, an English translation is included!