Sri Lankan Flood Disaster

Over the last month the devastation of the flood in Colombo and surrounding areas has caused unprecedented devastation.

Cedric Rodrigo the National Supt. noted on May 19th..

“I think this current flood water disaster is as big as the tsunami with the exception of the loss of lives. This morning Sharlini and I prayed for housing for 80 people. Immediately we started receiving calls from people offering a place of refuge. Suran a young man from our church offered to take in 40 people. Praise the Lord. It is believed that the water has reached the upstairs of our house. I just can't get there to see it. The waters still continue to rise.”

So far the Australian Church has rallied and sent over $2700 to support the many families that have lost everything.

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If you can help please visit wwm.org.au and go to the donate page to give.
All gifts are being sent directly to help the Church as it serves those in the community in dire need.
The Rodrigo’s house itself was affected and the church has had substantial damage. All gifts are greatly appreciated.
PTL for the great help received from other local churches. The many people that needed emergency accommodation were catered for. The ongoing work to help people get back on their feet is huge. Keep Praying.
Thankyou Jeff and Shelly Davies

After 2 years and six months, Jeff and Shelly are finishing their ‘six months’ of volunteering with Wesleyan World Missions in Noro at the start of August.

Their work permit with the Church expires and they have accepted a position with the solar company in Honiara that has helped immensely with the solar setup at Noro. This means that Jeff and Shelly will still be in the Solomons and are willing to assist with any paperwork or logistics required by the church as the Noro Training Centre continues to grow and develop. It is expected they will be in Australia for a couple of months from August as their new work visa is processed.

We currently have another Australian couple (semi retired builder) who may be available to move to Noro early 2017. We are waiting on this to be confirmed. They are expected to be fully funded for the year of their service. Please pray with us for them as they finalise their decision regarding this important step in their lives.

If you have been supporting the Davies during their time of service, thankyou! It would be great if you could transfer your financial giving to David Collin’s support, or directly to assist with ongoing costs of the Noro Training Centre. All future or surplus funds for the Davies will be redirected to the ministry in the Solomons as our NBA directs.

During the time the Davies have made themselves available in Noro, huge inroads have been made. The sawmill has been set up and running, the 4x4, Tractor and copious amounts of other equipment and tools and supplies have been tracked down and shipped. A whole local house has been pulled down and relocated via many canoe trips, houses and class rooms have been built, wells dug, solar systems set up, generators put into effect, great contacts made into the community and the list could go on and on.

The foundational work on site that has been accomplished during their time has set the church in good stead for the many more years of development, work and ministry to come.

Thankyou Jeff and Shelly, the Lord bless you in your future endeavours.
SOLOMON ISLANDS: David Collins

Praise: For Richard Soto's progress with his internship program this year in preparation for his returning to study at the Christian Leaders' Training College in PNG next year with his wife and children.

For God's enabling with the preparation of both the Basic Christian Beliefs and Godliness Courses.

For the students enrolled in these courses that they might effectively use what they are learning to both live for God and serve Him in their local community.

Pray: For an increase in funds to support the Australian ministry in the Solomon Islands.

For the development of personnel and income generating projects within the Solomon Islands that would enable the Wesleyan Methodist Church here to operate their own training centre without financial support from Australia.

For all those from Australia visiting the Solomon Islands on mission trips this winter as they serve in both training and construction ministry opportunities.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Floyds

Praise God for safe travels for two PNG Bible College lecturers, who attended a leadership conference in the Philippines during May.

Pray for our family and Rev. Roy and Elise Mung, currently travelling in America. May all these overseas experiences be used of God to further His kingdom in Papua New Guinea and beyond.

Sadly PNG has made international news for the wrong reasons recently. Pray for peace and stability to reign as the nation of Papua New Guinea debates how various matters of national political leadership should be handled.

Pray for the Fugwa Wesleyan women who were trained by Cheri in teaching a Bible study on basic Christian beliefs. The teachers are now rolling out the study in the tribal language Huli, throughout the district.

Praise God for those who have already come to faith through this. And pray that many more will believe and be established in sound doctrine.

Davies Solomon Islands

Pray as Jeff and Shelly finalise their time in Noro, that all loose ends will be sorted and farewells made.

Pray for their future work and plans that God will bless and encourage them.

Praise the Lord for their willingness to serve in the extension of His work in the Solomon Islands and for what has been accomplished for His Glory.

Pray for potential replacement couple that God will clearly guide and direct in the months ahead.

Home Office.

PTL for the Flood Relief support for our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka. Continue to pray for Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo as they cope with the many demands of those around them whilst still sorting through their own personal house damage and losses.

Pray for the upcoming AWSOM teams. June 26th to July 8th as they work with David in the training courses.

Then July 13-26th for the work team that will finalise shelter/workshop for the equipment held on site.

Pray for security on site at Noro as a pump has been stolen and other small items.

Pray for the Lords continued leading as we seek the right long term personnel to support the practical ministries on site at the Noro Training Centre.

Pray for Dallas as he heads to Solomons to meet with the National Executive and pay a site visit from July 8-14th.

Pray for extra financial supporters for David Collins. A number of current faith support pledges have not been forthcoming so replacement supporters are needed.
Turning 50 recently highlighted a truth to me that none of us really live all that long. I can race around chasing experiences associated with some bucket list I have tucked away as a mental picture in my head. But do I fully encounter all God desires for me in one short lifetime, is a question I ask myself. How trapped am I in finding myself caught up in a tread wheel of activities that does little more than keep me busy and awake into the night?

Of course, as followers of Christ, we like to think we can find more meaning to life than just this! We believe we can both discover and fulfill God's purpose in the Great Commission. In turn, we believe any associated sacrifices are entirely worthwhile. Yet, nothing inspires us more than when we actually find ourselves used in surprising ways to reach out to others. The Holy Spirit certainly seeks to work through each of us to minister to the world. I've often seen this in my own life since I first moved to the Solomons.

Even this last week, as we commenced the Basic Christian Beliefs Course, I recall surveying the faces of different ones involved in the class. At times, I could see that moment when an idea made sense to an individual and they realised its significance in terms of the destiny of their lives.

Those experiences remind me of that 'genuine intellectual excitement' the Church Father Augustine talked about, which each of us can witness as we wrestle with the reality of truly knowing God. Like the psalmist, our longings for the Divine go beyond any comprehension of His mystery. But we keep seeking Him believing He has so much more for us if we would fully accept His leading and trust in His enabling for our lives.
Classes at Noro, taught by Richard Soto and Oliver Poloso

Latest developments on site in Noro

land clearing for container tractor arriving!

New ablutions block for students

Vegie gardens started
Floyds Conferencing in USA

Don & Cheri Floyd have been in USA attending the Missionary Conference for all Global Partner missionaries from around the world. This was the first time that the hundreds of missionaries have met at one time and in one place. It was a great time of inspiration and fellowship for each team serving the Wesleyan Church around the globe.

This was followed by the General Conference of the Wesleyan Church of USA.

Rev. Roy Mung the National Supt. of the PNG Wesleyan Church and his wife Elise have also been attending these events with the Floyds. They will continue on till the end of July as they visit churches and District Conferences to raise awareness of the work and ministry in PNG.

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SOLOMON ISLANDS LAST MINUTE! July 13-26th...$2200
Get in now as a couple of spaces are still available.
TRADIES and handy people needed to help in Noro to construct a workshop and shelter for the new tractor, 4x4 and sawmill. Great chance to work with local team, see WWII sites and learn what God is doing in the local community. Contact now awsom@wwm.org.au.

PNG: Sept 15th -Oct1st. $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. Teacher training not a requirement completion of year 12 and willingness to assist is.
Contact awsom@wwm.org.au for further details.

All prices are ex Brisbane, and include all airfares, accommodation, food and insurance.

CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY
Do you have skills and a willingness to serve God in a volunteer capacity? Many options are available to serve short or even longer term in our own fields but also in fields across the globe where the Wesleyan Church works. Contact Dallas Thomas on awsom@wwm.org.au or phone 0424223333 to see where you could contribute.