SOLOMONS: May 13-25 2016 $2200
Tradies Needed.
Come and make a difference on the Noro Training Centre site. All Tradies plumbers, chippies, sparkies, handy persons, anyone that can help with the practical development of the training centre site. Live and work on site with local volunteers. See WWII crash sites and enjoy snorkelling in the pristine tropical waters.

SOLOMONS: JUNE 25-JULY 7th
$2200
Be a part of the Homiletics class with David Collins. This would include sitting in on the course and helping group discussions and tutoring of students, you will effectively be doing the course! Incredible opportunity to get to know a group of Solomon leaders.

PNG: Sept $2200
This team is a combined World Hope team. Help Australian Educators as they mentor teachers in the remote areas of PNG. Dates to be confirmed.
Contact awsom@wwm.org.au for further details. All prices are ex Brisbane, and include all airfares, accommodation, food and insurance.

DATE CLAIMER ~8-16 JAN.2018
National Conference and Youth Camp in Noro Solomon Islands. Youth Leaders and Young Adults are encouraged to come to the Solomons to participate in this event.

They Presented Him with Gifts...
The Magi brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to celebrate the birth of a baby King Jesus. I have often wondered what happened to these lavish gifts that Joseph and Mary received.
As a poor carpenter (in those days not the tradies of today that can earn top dollar!) Joseph would have struggled to provide adequately for his family. It can be assumed that they may have used part of the gifts to support the family as they fled to Egypt. Surviving as refugees in a foreign land for a couple of years would have been expensive.
Some say that the education that Jesus had would have required considerable investment. Others suggest that Jesus itinerant ministry supporting 12 disciples could also have been funded all those years later by money held in trust by his parents. Indeed they may well have held them for him for this very thing, knowing of the special calling upon his life.
All of this is pure speculation but whatever the final use, the fact was that the Magi come, they worshipped and they brought gifts befitting a King. They gave no thought of what might happen to the actual gifts, their act of worship was the gift.
This year we will no doubt be giving gifts to those we love, maybe not in worship of them! But as an act of love, caring and acknowledging family and friendship. May we this year also take a moment to present the gifts of our heart, mind and soul, to the King as our act of worship to Him. Knowing that he will readily accept this gift and allow us to be used by him for the extension of his Kingdom and for His Glory.
Blessings and Merry Christmas.
Dallas Thomas
National Missions Director
Christmas in Three Countries

David Collins from Solomon Islands writes.
This year I’ll celebrate Christmas in three countries—well not on Christmas Day, but through the Advent Season. Right now, in the Solomons, the trees and trimmings have appeared in public places, along with the carols competitions, a big event in these parts.
In the lead up to Christmas this year, I’ve just returned from

meeting up with the members of nine out of ten Wesleyan Churches on the island of Choiseul (the death of a local chief prevented me from meeting members of the other Wesleyan Church). Before that I travelled to the Vella District, where I conducted the Godliness Course over 8 days.

At the conclusion of that course, we saw a number baptized as believers, in the sea out the front of the chapel. This represented a special time, as many felt challenged to publicly identify their allegiance to Jesus as one of his loyal followers.

As I write, we have Julie and Cecilia Tyler, from Victoria, visiting us for three district women’s rallies. The first rally has concluded already, but next week we will travel to two other islands to meet up with women gathering from the other districts.

On the 12th of December, my parents and I will travel to the Philippines to catch up with our sponsor children in different provinces. This will also give us a chance to meet up with other we know there, prior to our flying back to Australia on Christmas Eve to celebrate our Saviour’s birth, as we join with my three sisters and their families.

Please pray for Richard and Justina Soto’s student visa application that it may be approved in time for their commencing study in PNG early January. And for Safe travels over sea, on land and in the air through the Christmas period.
Merry Christmas from the Floyds Serving in PNG

Emmanuel. God with us. How glad we are for our God who travels with us through time and space. This year we travelled extensively within PNG, as well as visiting America and Australia with PNG church leaders. In addition, we have marked the milestones of 25 years of marriage and 25 years of serving in PNG as a couple. God has been with us each step of the way.

William, our middle child, has begun NSW year 12. This will mean a trip down to Australia for his HSC exams in 2017. Jono is now a teenager and is passionate about ancient Greece and Rome. If you ever need a lecture on mythology, we can recommend someone! J

For Christmas we will travel to Coffs Harbour to spend time with Don’s 90 year old father and the extended family. Our eldest son Stephen, who is finishing up his second year at Southern Wesleyan University in America, will join us as well.

We expect that 2017 will be a continuation of serving PNG churches and communities through a diverse range of activities: building project management for a Wesleyan health centre, helping women’s groups find Bible study resources in their heart language, assisting the national church with land title issues, computer classes, carpentry classes, helping a local church with milling timber for building, and the list goes on.

You have our deepest gratitude for so many years of faithful prayers, friendship and giving. Happy Christmas!

Merry Christmas from the Brisbane Office

Mission Director Dallas Thomas writes.

During my recent trip to PNG to attend the NBA meeting there I was excited to hear the way in which the PNG Church has been reaching out to new areas. They have created their own Missions Fund to support church planting efforts in Popondetta over the last three years with great success. To see the PNG mission field reaching out to plant churches in a new region with a new language group is truly their own missionary endeavour.

Bla worked with us when we served in PNG 26 years ago

We have had another event filled year as a couple. Ruth a super busy year, continuing on with Kingsley Courses part time, she was recently elected as the District Women’s director for South Qld. and most recently accepting the new full time role of CEO of World Hope International here in Australia. This role will start at the end of January. She concludes as Office Manager of the National/District Church office in January.

My work as General Manager of Vonex Telecom keeps me on my toes. 22 years ago I started in the Telco industry, a LOT has changed in that time!

We plan to have a low key Christmas with our immediate family before Christmas and then heading to Melbourne to celebrate with my Mother and take her to the Boxing Day cricket match. This is long held desire for me and my mum’s first return there since going as an 18 year old 65 years ago!

We then are heading to Sri Lanka for holidays and will spend some time catching up with Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo whilst enjoying the highlands Tea plantations and then the wonderful beaches.

God is good and we thank him for keeping our whole family in His care for 2016.