What On Earth Can I Do?

Australian Wesleyans Serving Overseas Missions
TRADIES NEEDED IN NORO NOW!

With all the timber cut ready for the new staff duplex building chippies and handy people are needed in Sept/Oct or Jan/Feb/Mar.

10 days to 2 weeks approx $2200 all inclusive ex Brisbane

This building and other upgrades need to be in place for the full time residential program starting during 2019.

Sparky needed for 2-4 weeks to help with re wiring current under par wiring, and new duplex housing. Experience with Solar a bonus. If you can help or know someone that can contact us on awsom@wwm.org.au

Some assistance for costs may be available for a qualified sparky if needed. Timing can be arranged to suit your circumstances.

If you can come by yourself or with a couple of others at a set time, please contact awsom@wwm.org.au, or call Dallas on 0424223333/ Rod on 0434731967

WORLD UPDATE
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2018

The Next Level

We are excited to see the progress of the Still Waters Training Centre in Noro Solomon Islands to the point that during 2019 fulltime residential training is expected to commence!

Rev. Oliver Poloso who trained at the Nazarene Theological Training Centre in Brisbane, and Richard Soto who is just finalising his BTh at Christian Leadership Training Centre in PNG, will be moving on site as Lecturers to assist Rev. David Collins in the training program.

This year’s Self Denial Offering will help support these efforts. Promotional material will be available at the upcoming District Conferences for your church as we work towards giving up to a day’s income to support the work of WWM. Your gift can be given through your church or via wwm.org.au.

Regular support towards these new costs that are part of this next level of the training centre is now also needed. Go to wwm.org.au to set up monthly sponsorship for students and/or national lecturers so the work can go ahead as planned.
Happy Reunions

These last two months, I've witnessed many happy reunions as I've met up with people from 25 churches across South East Queensland. Certainly, I'm finding numerous individuals interested in, praying for, faithfully giving towards and keen to visit the ministry in the Solomon Islands.

As I continue my deputation involving other church districts and all the Australian Conferences, I'm aware of the trust placed in me as I spearhead ministry training for the Solomon Church. These are times of opportunity that we need to seize as we prepare God's people to serve Him in the days ahead.

Please pray as I continue to travel and seek to encourage God's people in their place of ministry. Our partnership promises even more as we value our shared journey.

-David Collins

The Soto’s Leave PNG Soon

We are counting down now knowing that graduation is just a couple of months away. Our two years in Bachelor of Theology study (2017-2018) are quite challenging than the first two years in Diploma in Ministry study (2013-2014). Despite the many changes on the management of the college that affects our study we continue to see how the Lord continues to work with us to fulfill His plan. And now we are just about to finish. Our great thanks to the World Mission Australia for the full support for our study right from the Diploma study through the Bachelor programme. Our special thanks to Rev D. Collins for his full support on the requests we send. As we are so excited to welcome our graduation day (1 December) we also feel the pressure of the need to meet the final requirements, especially for myself, to complete and submit my thesis paper by 27 September. I trust the Lord to help me do it. Our word of thanks to all who contributed for our study here at CLTC. May our loving God bless us all. Richard S. Soto, CLTC-PNG.

Ten Years Service Completed

We are thankful for over ten years of faithful service as WWM finance officer by Gordon Kuss who has stepped down from this role recently. He has been the backbone of the financial reporting and bookkeeping. Ensuring our missionaries get paid on time and all data was accurately recorded. The National Treasurer’s office now handles the missions financial affairs.

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Imagine lying in your hammock over the still waters of the Noro Lagoon.

A mid-term plan for supporting the training centre at Noro is to build a holiday unit out over the foreshore of the Still Waters Training Centre in Noro, with this actual view! Aussies are invited to ‘pre-purchase’ 10 weeks of holidays for just $2950* so this project can go ahead. As tourist accommodation in an idyllic location that can easily command $200 per night, this will give great support to the local community, providing training in hospitality, employment and cash income to support the training centre.

• Amazing diving
• WW2 Relics nearby
• 2 Bedroom accommodation
• Fans in each room
• TV- laundry- kitchen
• Car and boat hire available
• Day trips to idyllic islands can be arranged for swimming and diving
• Prepared meals available

Full details are in the brochure online at https://wesleyan.org.au/noro-training-centre/
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*price for Wesleyan Pastors $2750 (till the end of 2018). Deposit of $950 plus ten monthly $200 payments can be made. Ten weeks off peak, 5 weeks peak, split evenly over 5 years starting 2020. See full details in the brochure

News from the Solomon Districts

Rev George Velopide National Supt.

It takes a lot to provide a place for worship: time, money, working together, willingness and commitment. But this is what the Sugai Wesleyan Methodist Church (Vella District) brought to the task—despite tough situations and many challenges—with completing their new church building. It has now been dedicated as a house of prayer for all who love the Lord!

According to the pastor, whenever they came across difficulties, regarding finances, materials and labour, someone willingly offered something unexpected. As he said, “God was working and we can praise Him for what He has done, because He makes all things possible.”

Commonly, Wesleyan Methodist Churches in the Solomons meet for combined services, like the recent new month service in the Roviana District. Often, the different local churches will bring a contribution to the service, like choir items.
Stories from our USA Partners

The Beaded Bracelet
Author: Fred Cromer, missionary to Uganda
Aug 22, 2018
*Nomen omitted for security reasons.

We had been talking for about 30 minutes before I noticed it. My friend was wearing a beaded bracelet that, at first thought, I assumed her son had made. I asked her if the bracelet was new, and I reached out to touch it. Giving it a closer look, I realized that it wasn’t just a beaded bracelet—but a beaded bracelet made with very significant colors to those of us who believe in Jesus.

As a young child my grandmother taught me how to share the gospel using the Wordless Book. Black, red, white, green, and gold—representations of our life before and after meeting Jesus. My friend’s bracelet also had purple and blue, which I hadn’t seen before, but it was clear that what she was wearing was a Wordless Book bracelet.

She went on to say she received it for free while on a trip to a monastery to make wishes at the top of a hill. At this point, I just knew I had to share the special meaning of what she was wearing! Even though I have shared with this friend before what I believe as a follower of Christ, this was yet another chance to share the gospel with her. For many Muslim-background believers of Jesus, it takes them many times hearing the gospel message before believing in Jesus.

After sharing the bracelet’s Christian meaning, I asked my friend if she would continue to wear the bracelet since she now knew its meaning. She laughed and said, “Of course I’ll wear it. I have my own meanings for the colors.” I could have felt defeated, knowing that once again she has rejected Christ, but instead I counted it as just one of the many, many times she will need to hear the gospel until the day Jesus softens her heart and she accepts him.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would remind her of Jesus and his sacrifice and his love for her each time she wears the bracelet.

“... for those who lived in the land where death cast its shadow, a light has shined.”—Matthew 4:16b NLT

Celebrate A New National Church!
Author: Fred Cromer, missionary to Uganda
Jun 19, 2018

The Wesleyan Church has been in Brazil for over 50 years. With two districts in the Brazilian church, a third district is being planted. The Bible college is totally self-sufficient, with 25 teachers and 70 students throughout three states.

Now the Lord has led the Brazilian church to take up the cause of world missions. Cross-cultural mission is a necessary step, a natural step. Where is the Lord leading Brazil to begin her mission? We think it may be East Timor, a small island just north of Australia. Therefore, pray for the Brazilian mission team as they go to East Timor in January 2019.

But that is not all! This September, The Wesleyan Church of Brazil will form a national conference. They will elect a national leader and a national board. They will also establish departments of missions, evangelism, and Christian education. Dr. Dennis Jackson, Executive Director of Global Partners, will officiate.

It’s time to celebrate!

Building A Church—Empowering Men
Author: Fred Cromer, missionary to Uganda
Aug 22, 2018

Rev Yusuf Oyo is one of the three national lecturers at the Wesleyan Bible Institute in Uganda. Rev. Oyo and Robine, his wife (pictured above), have also been pastoring the Bwuni Wesleyan Church for almost two years. When they first started the Bwuni church, they put up a temporary place to worship—and then a strong wind blew it down. They persevered by rebuilding it, but it was still a semi-permanent building.

By the time the fathers/sons team from America departed Uganda, the church was up to roof level with trusses. The only thing left now is to put the iron sheets on top. Soon the congregation can begin using the building as a worship center. During that week, the fathers/sons work team helped to build a worship center, helped fathers develop better relationships with their sons, and left some new believers in the church.

Pray for The Bwuni Wesleyan Church to reach the following goals they have set by 2027:
- to have 500 covenant members
- to plant two churches
- to train 20 leaders
- to establish a primary school on their property

Fathers and sons from other churches in Uganda and Kenya also came to help build the church and to learn how to develop strong relationships in their families and with God. Evangelistic teams went out into the town to share the good news of Jesus.