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Sparky and Tradies needed in Noro

Tradies and handy people needed during 2019 to finish off the duplex staff house. Great News with direct flights a two week trip is now approx $1700 (subject to the Saturday flights being available). contact awsom@wwm.org.au if you and some mates can come help. Timing to suit you.

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NORO VILLAS

Great opportunity to pre book cheap holidays in paradise and help support the Noro Training Centre, through funding for the site, training in business and hospitality. Why not get a group of up to five from your church to buy the 10 week allocation at $2950. See the link at wwm.org.au to get full details. Now with direct flights from $800 return to Brisbane, it makes a great opportunity all round. When the Noro Villa is built, commercial rates would be around $150-$200 per night. contact wwm@wwm.org.au

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It is not easy to travel overseas for a mission, but when you trust God with all of your heart he can give you whatever you ask in his name. I thank God that he made it possible for 11 members of SI Wesleyan Women to travel to Australia for a 3 days Rise Up National Wesleyan Women retreat held in Sunshine Coast on 24th - 26th Aug and a 2 weeks mission to Mary Valley WMC and Three Sixteen WMC in Brisbane.

Firstly I would like to thank the National director of Australian Wesleyan Women Annette Dobson and her executive members for supporting us financially towards our retreat fees, God will continue to bless your ministry. We are really blessed by a powerful message from Dr JoAnn Lyon, the three days Rise Up retreat was very special to us, we have seen, heard and being part of the program. God is really working in each of us. We give back all the glory and honor he deserves. I believe we have lots to bring with us to our sisters in Solomon Islands. It is very encouraging to meet some of our Melanesian sisters from PNG, Samoa, and Fiji together with our sisters from Australia empowering each other in God’s word.

Thank you very much Rev Kay Fulcher and Pastor Brendan and Pastor Bret for welcoming the SI ladies into your friendly church. Our two weeks mission was very well organized. Thank you for our visits to Christian schools and visit to the zoo. We have learned many good things from both churches. Special thanks to our host families both Mary Valley and Brisbane the hospitality you shared with us will always be remembered God bless us all.

Next year, the dream is to mobilise Solomon Islanders in seeing Richard Soto and others serving full time at the training centre at Noro (Still Waters).

Full and Overflowing Christmas Greetings from David Collins

As another full year comes to a close (as well as my deputation for the Solomons Ministry around Australia), I’m looking forward to having a short break over Christmas with my extended family in Queensland. This will allow me to finish up my preparation for returning to the Solomon Islands in January as the ministry powers up again at the training centre at Noro (Still Waters).

The plan is to have personnel and facilities in place for full time ministry training to recommence in July 2019. This will allow us to more effectively prepare ministers for disciple making leading to additional ordinations in 2020 and beyond.

“The vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.” Habakkuk 2:3

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Serving Helps Me Grow—
an interview with Keith McLauchlan.

Why have you gone to the Solomon Islands?
I remember the time when our mission work started. Since then I have followed with interest the development and have prayed for our missionaries and their work.

When I learnt of the commencement of Noro for a training campus and that a National Conference was to be held there I felt God was calling me to attend.

This was in 2013 and it was an amazing experience. The AWSOM team members God raised up were a blessing. I along with others had the joy of teaching and sharing the gospel.

To see the beauty of this tropical country and to meet these friendly people and witness twenty-two leaders be ordained, commissioned, licensed or installed to office was indeed a moving experience. One lay pastor I had met at our National Conference 2012 in Brisbane was one of those ordained at this National Conference.

This year I went again to the Solomons, this time to help teach Wesleyan Theology.

I witnessed the progress of buildings at Noro and learnt of courses that had been conducted there. This trip David and I were teaching on Vella Island. I also preached at the Supato village church. We travelled by boat via Gizo where I met the previous National Superintendent, Hall Malasa and his wife Dora whom I had met a number of times before and so it was so good to meet up with them at the Gizo church and at their home.

It was a joy to see nine baptised in the ocean and to hear testimonies of lives changed for God’s glory.

How have your trips impacted your life?
David said that he finds he is up against a brick wall at times – because working with government departments and local tradesman can take so long to get things done. To know how to assess students especially those with little formal schooling along with other issues that arise have impacted my life.

These trips to the Solomon Islands for me has given me the opportunity to grow in grace and understanding of how to pray and support this work more effectively.

Why would you recommend others to take the opportunity to serve in the Solomon Islands?
To serve in another country cross culturally will always be a blessing. I can recommend such a ministry as it will enrich your life. It broadens your understanding of what God is doing on the mission field and that God is faithful in answering prayers and providing resources.

If God is calling you to serve, then obey His call. Obedience always pleases God and His church. As you give you will receive back more than you gave. This is a wonderful spiritual principal. We are all called to be engaged in Great Commission ministry.

Praise
• Thanks God for travelling mercies and memorable meetings with various people across Australia these last six months.
• Thanks God for those commencing and/or continuing their prayer/financial support for the Solomons Ministry ensuring it can continue.
• Thanks God for the Sotos finishing their studies in Papua New Guinea and their return to service in the Solomon Islands.

Prayer
• Please God help us to always give all the glory to you for Jesus is the reason for every season.
• Please God give us grace to love others like you love us; may this coming year become one where learn to love like never before.
• Please God lead us by your Holy Spirit so all our decisions next year will lead to effective outcomes as we embrace the coming of your Kingdom to our world.
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from the Mosses

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