



What's Up With the Widups?

November 2019

Malachi jumping into a blue hole

Will There Be a Next Generation of **Senders** for the **Goers**?

In the front-page article of our last newsletter, we expressed a desire to see our kids be part of the **next generation** doing missions and making disciples for Christ in Vanuatu—and of the powerful testimony they will have as a continuation of the relationships and values we have spent the past 15 years developing. It remains to be seen whether all of our children will end up serving the Lord as adults here in the South Pacific, or elsewhere, but we pray that no matter what, they wholeheartedly follow God where He leads. We also pray for the Ni-Vanuatu youth in whom we are investing years of time, energy, resources and love: that *they* would mature into men and women who are able to bring light into the hard-to-reach areas by preaching, teaching, discipling, translating—living out the Great Commission!

How will the next generation go, if they are not sent? We are so thankful for the examples in our *own* lives—those of our parents and grandparents who modeled faithful giving not only to a local church, but to missionaries, throughout their lives. It is up to parents and other involved adults to teach children—young and grown—the privilege and responsibility of supporting missions. Of being directly connected to “goers,” ordinary people who have stepped out in faith to make the love and truth of Christ known through full-time, full-on service. Of committing to be one of the vital “senders,” ordinary people whose ongoing financial love gifts and frequent prayers enable the goers to do *their* part. Perhaps, to be goers themselves. If future generations fail to embrace this vital role, missions will suffer, and so will the Church. Let’s spur one another on as ambassadors for Christ’s return!

We realize that our ministry is only as enduring as our network of senders. THANK YOU for your faithful support in funding, in prayers, and in promoting the importance of partnership with missionaries like us, to those who may not have otherwise considered it!



On Mission With Us!

Send us a note at wrw@usa.com if you would like to receive **monthly email updates**, or to notify us of changes in postal/email address.

Online financial giving must go through ServiceU; click here or email us. **Checks** (note “for the Widups”) can be mailed to: Bethel Church & Ministries, 10202 Broadway, Crown Point IN 46307 USA

Prayer Points

Field Team Update:

Liliords

Tony, Maxine and their four sons returned in late September from New Zealand. Little Xavier is now four months old! Conner, Zachary and Keegan had fun seeing relatives and experiencing things not found in Vanuatu (like snow) but they were all glad to come back to their home and friends.



Nacisses

Lemy and Megan have a full house with their four young ones (Kelubai, Kalea, Eliam, Amayah) and Lemy's teenage niece (Morine) living with them. They open their home for ministry especially with families in the community who want healthy interaction with other kids and parents. Lemy had a recent trip to two rural villages, translating for a visiting team. Megan started homeschooling Kelubai, and Morine.



The Other Widups

Sierra finished her student teaching earlier this month in Indonesia, yay! Marcus joined her for the transition from there to our island of Espiritu Santo (it took 5 flights). They are now in 8 weeks of language and culture learning for Sierra, interacting with the field team, and school, and setting some groundwork for their longer-term future mission here.



Maxwell & Xavier Liliord



*With gratitude to God for you,
Bill & Christina,
Marcus & Sierra, Mikaela,
Maxwell & Malachi*

Bible Translation

Praise God for the progress made this year in *Rral* language—almost 60% of the NT has been drafted, plus 300 OT verses! Their team is working hard to have Exodus, Acts, Matthew and John ready to be checked by next April. The *Merei* language project has a majority of NT books translated, and is promoting use of a *Merei* Bible story series.

Pray for

- *Rral* team to receive funding to print the Bible books they've finished
- The *Merei* translation project to continue to completion, for spiritual transformation of villages in this language group, even as Adam and Hester Pike move back to Australia for son Joseph's final years of high school and to help elderly parents

Team Ministry

Praise God for Nacisse's interaction with a visiting team of "next generation" missionaries! Praise for opportunities for evangelism and discipleship. Praise that Nabanga Skul has almost completed its 9th year of kindi, and that we are one step closer to expanding to 1st grade.



Nabanga Kindi class 2019

Pray for

- Unity, love and fruitful labor as we all have different roles and styles
- Wisdom to make plans for Nabanga, and other projects that honor Christ
- Spiritual, emotional and physical health and protection for our team

Personal

Praise God that we can gather friends and family (including Marcus & Sierra!) for Thanksgiving 2019, to celebrate His providence and faithfulness in our lives. Praise that Marcus & Sierra survived her four months in Indonesia (apart from each other most of that time), and that Mikaela is able to visit both sets of grandparents more often during this 2nd year of university.

Pray for

- Dependence on the Lord, not our own energy, logic or resources
- Additional Home Team financial partners for us, and for Marcus/Sierra; and Mikaela to be able to spend Christmas with us



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