

PROJECTS

Pastoral Care - In association with the United Church of PNG (Bougainville Region), Tehillah is training local church pastors in a 7 Module Course, tailored to the specific needs of this developing country.

Project Schoolbags - Providing school supplies to primary students.

Project Baby Bundles - Providing baby needs in remote areas

Village Libraries - Providing second hand Christian books

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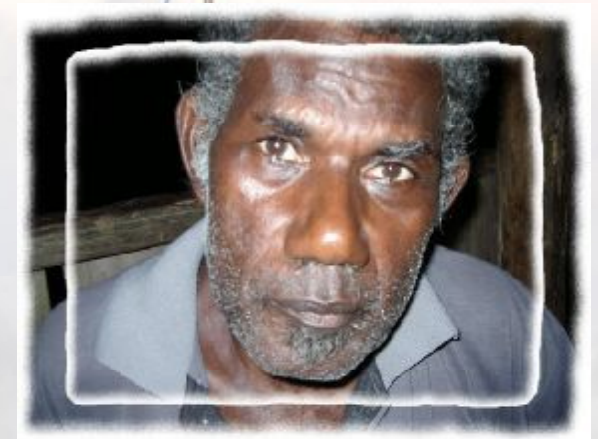
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Our Story ...

Who?
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Why?



WHO ARE WE?

Tehillah is a not-for-profit missions organisation, incorporated in Queensland Australia, and a registered Australian charity, formed in January 2000.

We exist to provide Christ-Centred Ministry for the relief of poverty, suffering, distress, misfortune and helplessness of people spiritually, emotionally and physically, in the South Pacific.

Our motto is "Equipping the Church".

WHY ?

During the 1990's, some of our missionaries were deployed in Papua New Guinea. They observed first hand the difficulties faced by the leaders of the emerging National church as missions handed over total responsibility to them, then withdrew from their country.

Gradually, through lack of finances, resources, on-going training, encouragement and sometimes discipline, some leaders faltered. Others gave up, and some succumbed to the temptations of power and authority. The majority however, continued to faithfully serve the Lord, but under growing difficulties.

OUR AMAZING STORY -

Ernie & Marilyn Gunders, at the end of a term of service in PNG, debriefed with mission leaders and shared their vision for future service. They were encouraged to pursue this God-given plan, and wait on Him for guidance.

They needed a boat, specifically a sailing yacht, something not readily available to a typical missionary. Perhaps they'd misread the Lord's leading? They tried to walk away - the call remained - they tried to make it happen - unsuccessfully.

For the next 18 months they prayed and waited patiently on God. What was His plan and purpose for them? They undertook sailing lessons, formed Tehillah Ministries, and became affiliated with Coastlands Ministries, an organisation which facilitated the operation of Christian boats operating in the South Pacific. Now they were ready to continue their ministry - but there was no boat.

And then it happened. Unexpectedly, an email arrived at Coastlands from an unknown couple in the USA. "We have a 32 foot yacht, could you use it?"

Coastlands immediately contacted Ernie, and together they discussed a possible response. Ernie emailed a resume to America and 10 days later came the reply, "My wife and I would love to give our yacht to Ernest and his ministry."

Some weeks later Ernie and Marilyn found themselves on an aircraft bound for the USA, looking for a man named Brett, and his wife!

So began a wonderful relationship with Pastor Brett and Leigh-Anne Monk which continues to strengthen today.



Brett and Leigh-Anne had a similar vision: to use a yacht in a ministry to isolated people. They purchased a suitable boat, named it "Special Effects" and spent some years refurbishing and preparing it for the work ahead. By 2000 they were ready to go, when Brett was ordained and took up the leadership of a new church. Now they had no need of their boat. Had they misread the Lord's direction to buy the boat? Or was it meant for other missionaries?

They searched the internet for a mission organisation who could use their boat and found Coastlands, thinking it was based in the USA.

And that was the boat Tehillah was praying for!

It came "home" from the USA on the deck of a cargo ship and was unloaded in Brisbane. Because we were a charity, there was no Customs duty or import tax to pay. Friends of Tehillah sent their semi-trailer to Brisbane, loaded "Special Effects" and delivered her to Hervey Bay.

Since then she's operated in the Torres Strait, north of Australia, and in Bougainville, PNG. She's proven the point - this is a very effective way to minister to the isolated - in a "Mobile Resource Centre", actually a floating mission station.

THE FUTURE -

Tehillah has continued to grow in size and commitment.

In 2003 our missionary contingent grew to four when Shane and Karen Cavies joined us full-time, and others have served in a number of part-time positions.

At that time too, the United Church of Bougainville invited Tehillah to participate in a long term program to strengthen, train and equip their leadership.

Tehillah has agreed to serve with them in this challenging plan.

Many hurdles remain for us in bringing this work to fulfilment, but the Lord has brought us faithfully this far by many miracles, and we confidently put our trust in Him to complete all that He has begun in us.



To Christ Jesus, Who is building His church, belongs the honour and the glory!