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DVD'S For Bougainville..... In 2008 and again this year, our students asked Ernie if it would be possible to put our training course on to DVD. Their reasons were that although they enjoy the teaching, and can easily understand it, there is far too much material to remember after only one hearing. When we consider that Melanesian people are story based learners, not literacy based learners, it made perfect sense to accede to their requests.

In July this year Tehillah purchased some editing equipment to allow Ernie to begin what is a mammoth, though achievable task. This work is presently under way with the spare bedroom at the Gunders' house transformed into a temporary video recording studio.



Additionally, students asked us about sheep, shepherds, grape vines, figs and olives - all of high significance in Biblical metaphors, similes, parables and allegories - but all unknown in reality in Bougainville. Ernie and a colleague have spent several hours with a local flock of sheep, videoing shearing and their behaviour in general, and Ernie is turning that footage into a DVD lesson based on Psalm 23, Isaiah 53, and John 10. Next on the list is a twelve month project to document on video the grape growing cycle from pruning to picking.

A short (11 minutes) DVD depicting the work of Tehillah in Bougainville, and a one minute ad for "Partner With A Pastor" suitable to screen during a church service has been produced, and you can request a copy from Ernie (snow4655@gmail.com).

Tehillah remains focused on training teachers in Bougainville. If we can instil the essence of the Scriptures in our students, then they can convey that teaching to the people more effectively than we ever could. In that regard, it's estimated that we're presently reaching about 2,500 people with our teaching program. Recently requests have come from other areas to link in with our course and we're investigating the most appropriate ways to facilitate these new ideas.

We remain excited and challenged by the unlimited possibilities open and opening to us. Please pray with us for the leading and enabling of the Holy Spirit in all we do.

Marilyn visits Missionaries in New Zealand.....



Marilyn had the opportunity to spend three weeks during September/October in New Zealand. This was a very special visit as she was able to catch up with many of the missionaries she had worked with in Bougainville in the 1960's. It was a time to meet old friends again, to remember days gone by and to give an update on what is happening in Bougainville now.

Quite a bit of New Zealand was covered with travel to Christchurch, Blenheim, Masterton, Te Puke, Auckland, Whangarei and many places in between.

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Saturday 27 February, 2010
Hervey Bay Baptist Church
BYO lunch at 12noon.
Followed by the meeting at 1.30pm.
Annual membership fees of \$10
will be due at the meeting.

Marilyn was also able to share at a home group meeting and at a church service.

These words from Marilyn sum up this special trip.

"Spending time with these amazing ladies, who have dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord, has been a desire of my heart for many years. To be able to finally make this journey was a dream come true."

Great News!

**25
Pastors
have
been
partnered.**

**14
Pastors
available
to be
partnered.**

For further details or to partner with a Pastor -
Email: info@tehillah.org.au
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A New Home For "Special Effects"

After prayerful consideration and discussion, the board recently agreed unanimously to pass the ownership and responsibility for "Special Effects" to Don and Aileen White in Brisbane.

Some of you will know Don's name as the crew member who sailed with Ernie and Marilyn from Bowen to Thursday Island in 2001, then from Bougainville to Townsville on two occasions.

Don has many years of experience and qualifications as a "yachtie" and together Don and Aileen bring new and exciting prospects for future ministry with the boat.

They have offered to help us in the future, so Tehillah still has access to the benefits the boat can provide.

We pray for wisdom and guidance as they plan their future ministry with this asset that is dear to their hearts and dreams.

Read on for Don and Aileen's story.

Don and Aileen White's Story—My Passion is sailing.

Aileen and I completed a world circumnavigation in 1981 with "Clair De Lune", a sail boat my Dad built. He died in 1974. We had to sell the boat in Canada when we immigrated to Australia in 1986 due to the very high import tax at the time.

I first met Ernie and Marilyn in Bowen in 2001 and helped sail "Special Effects" up to Thursday Island. I also then helped sail "Special Effects" from Bougainville to Townsville in 2004 and 2006.

In May this year after 22 years at the Volvo Truck factory I was offered and accepted a voluntary redundancy. Wanting to do something other than work in a factory and also to use my professional skipper qualifications, I responded to an advertised skipper position with Day-spring Yacht Ministry in Fiji. I returned from Fiji in July as the boat "Seahawk" was still undergoing a major refit and not yet ready to go to work in the mission field. God opened a full time skipper position the day after my return from Fiji and I'm now one of the standby ambulance boat skippers for the Southern Bay Islands in Moreton Bay.

You need to know I like boats, I have wanted one since we were forced to sell "Clair D Lune". We thought and prayed about it and were moved to make an unconditional cash offer for "Special Effects". Ernie and Marilyn were happy with the offer but needed Tehillah board approval. As part of the offer, I made it clear that we would not take offence if our offer was declined. A few weeks went by then one morning Ernie phoned to inform us that the board had decided not to sell us the boat. I think I said "oh" or "oh ok", he then said they wanted to give us the boat! I took many moments to collect my thoughts. "Just give me a minute", I think I said to Ernie. I still have tears welling up when I think about that phone call.

So there is work needed to be done on "Special Effects", but I must say she is in very good condition for a boat that has not been used for a while. Our goal is to use "Special Effects" and have her ready to go to work in the mission field as a support vessel if and when she is needed keeping in mind her size limitations. I'm sure that the Lord will open doors at the correct time and opportunities will become available even within the local church.

A SAD FAREWELL - Karen and Shane Cavies who have been Tehillah missionaries for a number of years have announced their resignation from Tehillah Ministries effective 31st December 2009.

Together they have made substantial contributions to the work of Tehillah Ministries.

Shane has been the moving force behind the scenes ensuring the smooth co-ordination of supplies, transport and maintenance prior to and during team visits to Bougainville.

Karen has given unstintingly of her time and talent in compiling the very presentable and readable newsletters you enjoy. She has also helped with administrative duties with a ready spirit and attention to detail.

Karen and Shane are embracing an opportunity they believe the Lord has placed before them. As time and circumstance permit, they are willing to continue some involvement in Tehillah Ministries.

Will you please pray for them over the coming months as they resettle into their new and exciting (challenging) journey?

They will be missed not only for their contributions but for the friendships that have developed.

The Board wishes to thank them for their willing and much appreciated input with Tehillah Ministries, with the prayer for God's continued guidance and blessing on their life. Chairman

A Word from the Chairman.....

Abiding in Him!

As Christians, we do not need to make animal sacrifices to atone for our sins, and I am thankful for that. I am thankful to the Lord that He came, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood to enter the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

The most important thing we can do as a result is simply to walk daily and humbly with our God.

John 15:4, 5 NIV {4} Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. {5} "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

(Psalm 1:1-3 NIV) Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. {2} But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. {3} **He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

I thought this insight from Bob Gass was worth sharing.—*"If you are not growing and bearing fruit, it doesn't matter how long your life is. David said the Blessed man doesn't just grow; he's planted! (Psalm 1) God plants him at a definite time, in a definite place to accomplish a definite purpose. You may ask, "How can I know I am planted?" Because you will grow down before you grow up, and you'll grow fruit. God is not concerned about how high your trunk grows, He's concerned about how deep your roots go. That determines what you produce!*

God will take every struggle, and every experience you've been through, and use it to cultivate the soil needed to make you fruitful. He'll even remove those who stand in the way of what He wants to do in your life. Jesus said, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away." (John 15:21) Did you hear that? He took them away, so don't go running after them! He knows what is best for you!

Listen to Paul, "Live in vital union with him. Let your roots go down into him and draw up nourishment from him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught." (Col 2:6-7 The Living Bible) Remember, the richest soil, uncultivated, can only produce weeds. There are no shortcuts to any place worth going. Ask God today to strengthen your roots, cause you to grow up in Him, and bear "much fruit" (John 15:8). He will do it!"