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GUNDERS DEPUTATION REPORT....

Wow—what a fantastic 7 weeks of deputation! Nearly 4000kms, 12 different churches representing 7 denominations, a Christian school, a Christian teachers college and a missionary training centre, - and 11 different beds. Phew!

In every place and in every way we were overwhelmed with hospitality and sweet fellowship. We now have many more brothers and sisters we are privileged to count as friends. Much of our journey evolved as we travelled, our hosts graciously flexing with our changing plans. A special thanks must go to Bill and Kris who looked after us for 12 days at 2 hours notice! Onya guys—we love you.

It's an awesome privilege to stand as a visitor in a pulpit and preach the word. We sincerely thank those ministers and pastors who "took the risk" and allowed us to speak. In other places we were given free reign in home-groups and study groups to share our video and lead discussion.

And oh the joy and blessing, as many different individuals and groups gave so generously to our work. God bless you! Philippians 4:19 says "And my God will liberally supply your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Indeed. Do you trust Him to do that in your circumstances? Go for it!

Our appeal for items for the Bougainville church has had a wonderful response. The boat will be loaded to capacity with books, bibles, teaching materials, schoolbags, baby bundles, solar lights, an electronic keyboard, 2 guitars, medical supplies, tools, balls,

toys, plastic buckets, and even more stuff. Oh yes, and there'll be three humans in there somewhere too. This year Paul Hazelgrove, a qualified yachtie and good friend from Laurieton in NSW will crew with us to Bougainville, spend hopefully a week there then fly home. This is a great blessing to Marilyn and myself, and we are grateful to Paul, and to Melinda and the kids for allowing him to come. We're advised that the church is ea-



The team hopes to catch up with Abraham & Helen Toroi again in Bougainville.

gerly awaiting our arrival, with plans in place to keep us busy. Shane and Karen will arrive before the boat and expect to have arrangements in place to unload when we arrive. "Special Effects" will be required immediately, to sail to the atolls east of Bougainville, taking Bishop Nopei of the United Church for a week or so of ministry, and possibly also to pick up a stranded SIL missionary lady and return her to Bougainville.

Please pray with us for favourable weather to give us a quick voyage to Townsville, then a weather window to cross the Coral Sea safely. We expect to return to Australia about the end of November, then be ready to do deputation again from next February.

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS:

** Pray for obtaining the necessary paperwork for Work Visas as quickly as possible.*

** Pray for safety whilst travelling.*

** Pray for good health prior to departure from Australia and whilst in Bougainville.*

**Praise God for the great response and generosity of people from all over Australia for the projects and support of our missionaries.*





A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR...

Hi everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the words of encouragement I receive when I read your notes that come in the mail and when I get the opportunity of speaking to you directly on the phone or face to face. It is great being part of God's family and even more so when we are involved with a team fulfilling God's plans. It is exciting to see the possibilities there are for Tehillah Ministries. I get frustrated at times when I can see the needs and opportunities out there, but I am unable to do things straight away, due to time, funds, manpower and materials. That's where God teaches us patience and after all His timing is always right. I enjoy doing the administration work for Tehillah, I

just have difficulty with finding enough time for everything. Perhaps you could pray for me in that way. I would like to thank my husband, Neville for the help and support he gives me. He plays a big role in the computer side of things too—keeping the databases and website up to date.

Please continue to pray for the work that God is using Tehillah to do, along with the financial support needed to continue this work. There is still more support needed. I look forward to seeing what God does through each of us.

God bless you all.
In His Service,
Marlene Clifford.

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(Treasurer/Secretary)**

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**Don't forget to check out
our website!**

www.tehillah.org.au

**All the news from
Bougainville will be updated
regularly so you know
what's happening!**



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



SHANE & KAREN CAVIES' TRAVELS...

Praise God for He keeps His Word. No matter how you approach each day with an open mind and an expectation of what God will do, the lessons to trust Him more or to find praise in every situation are always there to challenge us.

Our year with Tehillah's work as our focus has shown that God's blessing in all the events of that year, whatever came our way to deter us or make us doubt, God overcame. The Bougainville people are rebuilding themselves body and spirit and we were witnesses to the gifts of the Spirit at work in them. In Bougainville the Tehillah team were looked after very well and the church in Bougainville were enthusiastic about what the future would hold with us working together.

We have shared in Australia on deputation the appreciation of the people that were met and fellowshiped with in Bougainville. The prayers of the body of Christ in Australia and the heartfelt work and sacrifice that has gone into making the Schoolbags and Baby Bundle Projects an ongoing gift of love have been received warmly in Bougainville.

In Australia we travelled over 7000 kms through QLD, SA, VIC and NSW to visit and encourage supporters of Tehillah's work. The generosity of God's people filled our car to overflowing. Arrangements had to be made to transport what couldn't fit into the car back to Queensland. Thanks to Shane's Mum and Dad for helping us get everything home. We celebrate God's provision as

we travelled in Bougainville and Australia for finances, healing, faithful friends and supporters.

At the beginning of June we plan to fly back to Bougainville. We hope to be in Bougainville for 4 1/2 months and then we will return to Australia for Shane's medical tests.

*"Keep your eyes on Jesus,
our leader and instructor.*

*He was willing to die a shameful death
on the cross because of the joy
He knew would be His afterwards;
and now He sits in the place of honour
by the throne of God.*

*If you want to keep from becoming
faint hearted and weary,
think about His patience
as sinful men did such
terrible things to Him."*

Hebrews 12:2 & 3
Living Bible