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Tehillah News

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2005 AGM REPORT

Despite the extreme heat on Saturday, 10th December about 35 members gathered at the Hervey Bay Baptist Church for Tehillah's Annual General Meeting. Members travelled from Townsville, Toowoomba, Dalby, Nerang, Brisbane, Maroochydore and Gympie, to join with those from Hervey Bay for this yearly event.

Annual reports were presented and the Board was elected for the coming year. Current Board members are Dot Vincent (Chairman), Marlene Clifford (Administrator), Rob Ellem, Ron Parry, Geoff Vincent and new appointee

Neville Clifford. The meeting praised God for His un-failing love.

Rich fellowship developed during lunch, overflowed into afternoon tea and for those who could make it, continued well into the night. Fish and chips at the Hervey Bay Marina somehow seemed very appropriate. The cool breeze from the bay was a welcome relief after the heat of the day.

While at the marina there was also opportunity to inspect "Special Effects" and everyone was duly impressed with her new furnishings.



During 2005 Ernie & Marilyn refurbished the interior of "Special Effects". Nineteen cushions were re-upholstered, and 15 curtains replaced. (Picture: Main Cabin)

BOARD REPORT

The first Board Meeting for 2006 was held at Maroochydore on 6th January. The Board, together with Ernie & Marilyn, discussed the plans for the coming year and many positive decisions were made.

With the receipt of the signed MOU from the Moderator of the United Church of PNG we are another step closer to obtaining our work visas.

The Board discussed the problem of communication between Bougainville and Headquarters and the possibility of purchasing a satellite phone.

Tax deductions for contributions towards the Train-

ing Centre on Buka are being investigated and the Board hopes to have some positive information about this soon.

New Brochures were approved for distribution - please contact Marlene if you need a supply of brochures for your church or group.

Praise & Prayer Points

- *The Bishop on Bougainville has advised us that the United Church of PNG has officially endorsed the construction of the Pastors Training Centre.*
- *Tehillah has received the signed MOU from the Moderator in Port Moresby.*
- *It's planned for "Special Effects" to depart for Bougainville on May 28th.*
- *Please continue to pray that the UCPNG will quickly make application for the relevant work visas.*
- *Ernie has surgery scheduled for April 10th.*



Contact Details

Your contact details are important to us.

If you change them could you please let us know.

Email addresses in particular seem to change regularly and

we don't want to lose you!



BOUGAINVILLE PROFILE



Timothy Sesen is featured on our new Tehillah brochure.

When we first arrived at Tung village in 2003 a very excited group of children greeted us and then ran to tell their parents that some white skins were on the beach. Timothy hurried down to see what all the

fuss was about and could hardly believe his eyes when he saw Marilyn standing near the 'Haus Wind'. "*Mi save dispela meri*" he cried. (I know this woman.)

Timothy had been a student at Hutjena High School in 1968 and knew Marilyn as 'Miss Bignall' – Rev Brian Sides' secretary.

It was a joy for both Timothy and Marilyn to meet again and many hours were spent catching up on the intervening years.

Timothy holds an important position within the

community and is often the spokesman at village meetings. He is also on the Committee that runs the nearby Tukihing Primary School which caters for children from Tung and Poka Villages.

We delivered 120 School Bags to Tukihing in 2004.

Timothy is married to Muriel and they have five children as well as some grand-children.

Please pray for Timothy and his family as they serve the Lord in Tung Village on the island of Buka.

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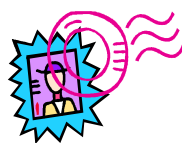
Postage Stamps

It was decided at the last Board meeting to collect used postage stamps to sell to help raise funds for Tehillah.

We know many of you are collecting stamps for other mission organisations and we do not wish to take away from them, however if you do not already save your stamps **we would encourage you to make a start now.**

Roy Vickers, a new member of Tehillah, when in Africa many years ago, worked on a project that raised enough money from the sale of stamps to purchase an aeroplane that was used on the Mission field in northern Zululand.

The enclosed flyer has all the details.



Members of Missions Interlink will be seen by all concerned as those who value the integrity of their organisations and are prepared to accept the scrutiny of their peers with regard to their activities.

Washing day!

Easy you say - throw it all in the washing machine! No such thing in the villages.

Washing in Bougainville calls for peak physical fitness. The water is fetched from a well by pulling a bucket up 5 metres then all the washing and wringing out is done by hand.

It really makes you appreciate your washing machine at home.



Shane & Karen Write ...

Staying in contact with Bougainville is at times difficult. Letters sometimes go missing, never to be seen again or arrive months later, however on rare occasions they arrive within 8 days of being posted.

Our friends in the villages do not have access to email or even the humble telephone unless they travel to

the main town of Buka (overseas calls start from \$5.00 a minute) so we were very surprised one morning when we answered our telephone to hear a heavily accented voice. It was our friend Felix from Ieta village ringing to report on his improved health.

When we first arrived in Ieta village last year Felix

was close to death and by the time we left he was improving but very underweight.

His report to us was that Bougainville was going OK and he was almost back to his normal weight. He had an extra worker helping him with his plumbing work, which is raising the money he needs so that he

can come to Australia, perhaps in 2006 to learn more about music ministry in Australia.

We look forward to hosting Felix, Wendy and Naril (their 10 year old son) during this important mission exchange trip.

