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SPECIAL EFFECTS ON THE MOVE

On 29th May, a beautiful autumn day, *Special Effects* motored out of the harbour at Urangan beginning its first leg on the voyage to Bougainville. On board were Ernie and Marilyn and crew member Robert Chalmers, all excited about the 5 day journey to Townsville.

The first night saw *Special Effects* around the area of Seventeen Seventy with a clear dark night sky full of sparkling stars. It was fairly light conditions but a beautiful day on the water.

A stop was made at Cid Harbour in the Whitsundays to anchor for a night

to break the journey.

Special Effects arrived in Townsville at lunchtime on Saturday 3rd June. The crew were all well but looking forward to a good nights rest.

Robert flew home to his family in Sydney with many tales to tell and he was a great help with the trip.

Paul Hazelgrove will join Ernie and Marilyn for the trip from Townsville to Bougainville. Paul is an old hand having sailed to Bougainville in 2004. Weather permitting the planned date for departure will be 14th June.



Special Effects and crew ready to cast off!

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Being on the Board for Tehillah Ministries is a tremendous responsibility which we do not take lightly. Praying for the work our Lord has opened up and led us into is of paramount importance, especially when decisions have to be made.

A major decision of late was whether or not to send Ernie & Marilyn off to Bougainville at this point in time. Political unrest, a troublesome motor, diminishing finances – were these to stop us, delay us, or to be overcome in the Lord's strength – the One who has dominion over ALL things?

Unanimously we believed the latter. The motor problems were solved with perseverance by Ernie; if there

is political unrest, we know the local people will do everything possible to protect Ernie & Marilyn, plus the boat is a great means of escape; and as for the finances – we continue to pray that you will be able to help us in this, keeping in mind Paul's exhortation in 2 Cor. 8.

We have stepped out in faith trusting in our Almighty God, and are excited at how He is providing for us.

Dot Vincent

Praise & Prayer Points

- *For the safe travel on the voyage from Hervey Bay to Townsville.*
- *For the availability of Robert and Paul to help with crewing *Special Effects*.*
- *Suitable weather conditions for the voyage from Townsville to Bougainville.*
- *Health, protection, wisdom and strength for Ernie, Marilyn and Paul.*
- *Receptiveness by the Pastors in Bougainville to the training that will be commenced.*
- *Good health and safety for Shane and Karen as they travel to the Western Province.*



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BOUGAINVILLE PROFILE



Rev Emily Saeron

Home Village - Tung

Schooling -

Skotolan Primary School
Kihili Vocational Centre
Deaconess Training - Banga
in the Solomon Islands.

Marilyn was present at Emily's dedication as a Deaconess in 1968. Follow-

ing is part of the article written for the Open Door Missionary Magazine in December, 1968. *"Sister Emily Saeron was dedicated as a deaconess at Skotolan on 9th June. The Church was crowded with Synod representatives and village people. Emily's elderly father, who is also a servant of the Church, was present to see his daughter make her solemn promises to God and His Church."*

After her dedication Emily returned to work at the Kihili Vocational Centre training many young women in the ways of the Lord.

In the 1980's Emily went to Rarongo Theological College near Rabaul to complete her training for ordination as a Minister within the United Church of PNG. She became the first woman to be ordained within the UCPNG. Emily ministered in various circuits around Buka and Bougainville until her retirement from full time ministry in 2003.

Now she is as busy as ever with her work for the Women's Forum on Buka with literacy work.

The Tehillah team met up

with Emily on the streets of Buka Town in September, 2003. Marilyn and Emily were excited to renew their friendship after so many years.

Emily has been a great help to the Tehillah Team.

What's The Weather Like?



Postage Stamps

Thank you to all those who have sent stamps to us - in the 3 months Feb-Apr we were able to reduce Tehillah postage costs by \$55.00 through the stamps sent to us.

In addition we also have some money due from a Stamp dealer for other stamps sold. It is quite amazing what can be achieved through the humble postage stamp

which most people just throw away. PLEASE continue collecting these little pieces of paper.



With Bougainville being only 5 degrees below the equator the weather is fairly constant all year round. At this time of the year we are all starting to feel the cold but in Bougainville you could still expect the daytime temperatures to be in the low 30's. The humidity is perhaps a little bit lower than Summer at about 80%. You would generally still get rain every day or every second day and if it didn't rain for a week it would be considered a drought.

REMINDER

If you would like to assist us by trimming stamps please leave about 5 - 6mm (no more than 6mm - 1/4 inch) of single thickness envelope around the stamp. Don't trim too close to the stamp.

Shane & Karen Heading West ...

God has opened the doors for Shane and Karen to be involved with some work in the Upper Fly Region in the Western Province of Papua New Guinea.

The Bedamuni Scripture and Overseas Development Trust has seconded Shane and Karen to do four weeks work with them in July, 2006. Tehillah is only too

happy to be able to assist with this work.

The work will involve helping with computer work and teaching typing for Karen while Shane will help with milling up timber for the construction of a double classroom and assisting with erecting a radio tower and satellite dish for a local Christian radio station. There are also all those un-

expected jobs that come along.

Whilst in Papua New Guinea Shane and Karen will also have meetings again with the United Church in Port Moresby. This will be a good opportunity to make contact with the Church leaders and to follow up the full time work visas for the work in Bougainville.

Date Claimer

Tehillah Ministries
Annual General
Meeting
Saturday
2 December, 2006

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Email addresses in particular seem to change regularly and

we don't want to lose you!

