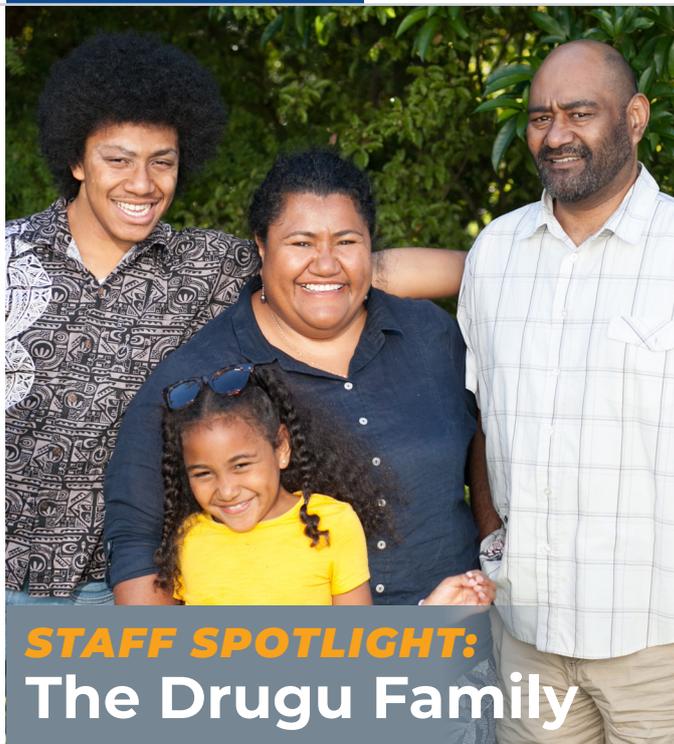


Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



STAFF SPOTLIGHT:
The Drugu Family

In July 2020, longtime Marine Reach staff members Nesi and Api Drugu sensed the Lord prompting them in a new direction. The couple met aboard the M/V Pacific Link in 2005, married in 2006, and settled in Tauranga that same year. They welcomed their son, Emmanuel, in 2008, and their daughter, Elisha, in 2016.

Over the past several years, Marine Reach has noticed a trend of staff and students recognising the need for support around their mental health and wellbeing, and at the Lord's leading, the Drugus had already begun preparing to serve those in need of that support.

Since 2021, Api and Nesi have been enrolled in Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, Bachelor of Counselling program. In 2022, they were able to start their practicum experience for their studies, which has allowed them to begin to meet the counselling needs of many Marine Reach participants.

Nesi shares, *"This study has been a gift from the Lord and we have seen firsthand God's sovereign provision: when He calls, He equips. This study has not only blessed us as a family, but it's been such an honour and a privilege to be a support for our staff and students during our practicum. We can see why God called us to counselling. He cares not only for our spirit man but also the other areas of our lives, like our well being mentally and emotionally too."*

The Drugus are living examples of how God uses all circumstances and seasons for His purposes if we allow Him. ***We are so thankful for this family and all the ways they serve Marine Reach.***

KICKSTARTER FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN

We believe that, with your help, however big or small, God will release enough finances to rebuild the physical aspects of our ministry that need it. We're calling it the \$1-2-3k Kickstarter Campaign, because ***we need \$123,000 NZD to get Marine Reach back to where it can physically sustain the dozens of young people headed our direction, all in desperate need of God's healing and equipping in their lives.***



Dental service provides opportunities

Did you brush your teeth this morning? For most of us, basic dental hygiene and the ability to have routine dental care is easily accessible.

But this is not the case in Vanuatu. Currently, there is one dentist for every 35,000 people in Vanuatu. Given that Vanuatu's entire population (as of 2020) was a little over 300,000 people, there are only about 10 full time dentists in the entire country.

For the past four years, the dental clinic at the Family Care Centre has been open three days per week, with Dr. Carol serving as the dentist in residence.

Among the Nivan population, periodontal disease is a common problem due to a high instance of diabetes. Other frequently presenting issues are dental abscesses due to delay in seeking early dental care, and the need for root canal treatments in patients' front teeth.

The challenges are not only dental in nature, however. One of the biggest hurdles for the FCC is the lack of dental equipment technicians in Vanuatu, so when something breaks that cannot be creatively fixed by the FCC staff, a technician must be flown over from New Zealand to perform the repairs (a particularly difficult task over the last several years with border closures).

Looking toward the future, one of the biggest needs at the FCC is for a replacement dentist as Dr. Carol finished her commitment to the FCC at the end of November.

Dr. Carol recently reflected on her time at the FCC: *"This service provides opportunities for ministry not only on the physical aspect of dental treatment but also on the spiritual aspect, listening to the patients emotional needs, supporting them, loving them, encouraging them and praying with them. It has been an honour and an amazing opportunity to be able to love and care for this community. I am so grateful to God for this journey. I am going to miss this ministry."*

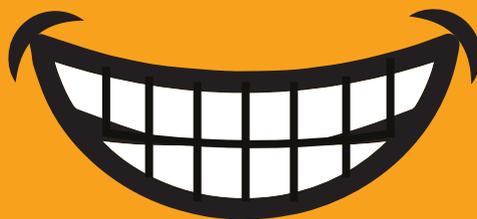


Dr. Carol

If you or someone you know is a dentist and would be interested in learning more about how to be involved at the FCC, please visit www.familycarecentre.org



TO TRAIN, EMPOWER, EQUIP AND SEND

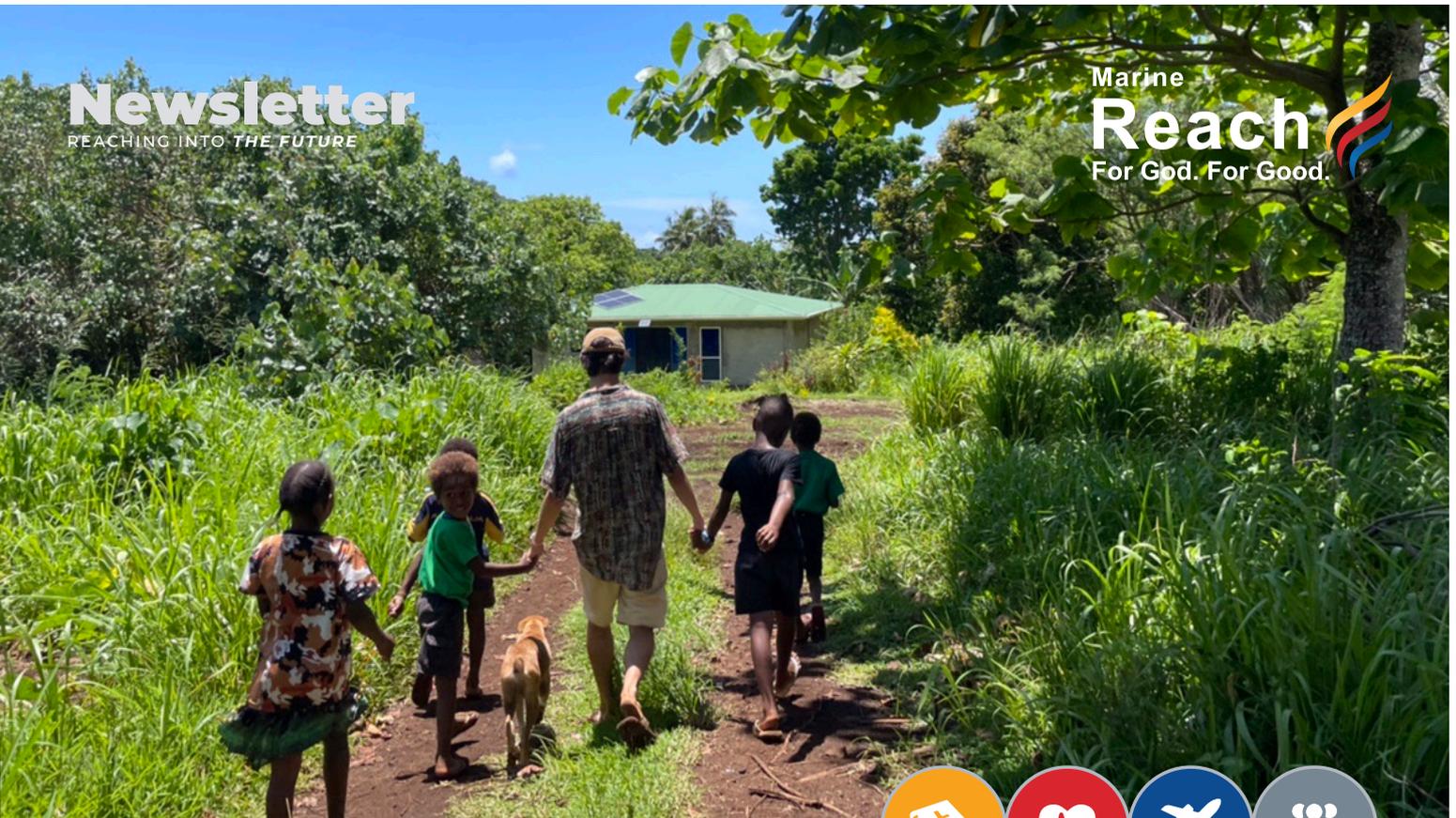


DENTIST NEEDED

At The Family Care Centre

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Leadership and Pioneering DTS Stream Launches

Marine Reach has a long history of pioneering visions: from converting ships into mobile medical clinics to undertaking the task of discipling a nation, we have many crazy-God-ideas-turned-reality types of stories.

Linda Cowie, as co-founder of Marine Reach, shares about her and David's experiences as ministry pioneers: "Pioneering is one of the most challenging and exciting opportunities in which one can be involved. The challenges of course are always immense and one's dependency on God is a cornerstone in pioneering. It's an opportunity to see God do the impossible."

The Discipleship Training Schools that Marine Reach runs provide students with an opportunity to focus on specific areas of interests during their time at Marine Reach, which we call "streams." Several years ago, in recognition that Marine Reach has a lot of experience in pioneering and leading new initiatives for ministry purposes, we developed a DTS Stream around the topic of Leadership and Pioneering.

The stream focuses on principles of leadership and the character of a leader who is called to pioneer new things in new ways. Its heartbeat is to allow God to breathe life into dreams and visions through creativity.



Equipping

Seeking

Sending

Discipling

Joelle Wills, a Marine Reach staff that has participated in several pioneering initiatives of the ministry over the past few years, volunteered to lead the inaugural session: *"I have never really seen myself as much of a leader or pioneer, but I'm grateful for the privilege to head up this stream and allow God to shift my perspective. Even since 2020 when our former staff, Jonas, was writing up the curriculum, I was fascinated by the idea of joining in. I've learned so much about what it looks like to model Jesus and how to dream with the Lord."*

If you or someone you know has a heart to pioneer a ministry or serve the Lord in a leadership capacity, we invite you to visit our website to find out more about the Leadership and Pioneering Stream:
www.marinereach.com/leadership-pioneering-dts

LEADERSHIP & PIONEERING^{DTS}

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



DONOR PROJECTS

- **Washer/Dryer:** keeping an entire base of people's clothing and tea towels clean is a lot of work! Our machines have worked overtime and need to be replaced. \$10,000
- **Couches:** Although "broken in" couches are homey and comfortable, our "broken down" couches are nearing the end of their lifetime. \$8,000

PRAYER PROJECTS

- Pray for the October DTS students and staff as they head on outreach to Vanuatu, Australia, and the Philippines.
- Pray for the upcoming February school, that the Lord will open doors and direct the staff and students who will benefit from the school.



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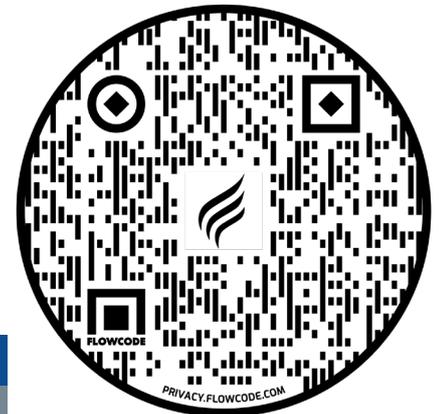
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Thank you!

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Your support is crucial to us as we seek to double our efforts and reach out across the Pacific into the lives of those who need us the most. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera, and click the link that appears on your screen to set up a monthly donation. Even a few dollars can go a long way.



These are some examples of how recent donations have been used



\$63

One box (50 cartridges) of dental anesthetic



\$120

One week of room & board for a NiVan staff member



\$300

NZ Outreach Team ministry tools (ie: Bibles, kids ministry, teaching material)



\$500

Sponsorship for a NiVan DTS student

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