

# Newsletter

## REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



### Blessed are the Flexible: the Bauers Help Out

There is a saying in YWAM culture that occasionally surfaces as an add-on to Jesus's famous list of "blessings" from Matthew 5:3-12: "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken."

October 2022 saw the launch of the largest DTS Marine Reach has facilitated in several years, with a very small staff team at the helm. Two of the staff members, in fact, were students of the July school that accepted invitations to delay outreach and serve as staff first.

At the same time, Silas and Amy Bauer were on a trip to visit their respective families in the USA and Germany, meeting each other's parents and siblings in person for the first time since they had married in New Zealand in 2021 to the backdrop of the pandemic and closed borders.

The Bauer's arrived back to New Zealand in early December, anticipating a season of listening for the Lord's direction in how to serve at Marine Reach going forward.

As DTS coordinator, Anika Hochstedler, and Training Director, Cheyne Hosking, waited on the Lord's

leading for how best to arrange outreach, the Holy Spirit planted an idea: the Bauer's could jump into the midst of outreach and help support the outreach team leaders.

Sensing the Lord's confirmation of this plan, Silas and Amy booked tickets to Vanuatu for three weeks to join one of the Medical Compassion teams. They've been able to participate in wound care clinics and healthcare education outreaches, support the FCC staff by driving vehicles for the outreach teams, and offering pastoral care and outreach guidance.

Amy shares: "As we prepared for this time, we didn't know exactly what to expect, but it's definitely been a high point for us. I felt God saying that we would have joy and passion in our work; and we truly have. I'm so thankful for this amazing opportunity."

The Bauers have shown themselves flexible, and they are living proof that there is blessing in remaining available to the Lord and his purposes.

For more information about the **Medical Compassion DTS** or how you could get involved, please visit: [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com)

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Alexia Whitfield



Across the top of the Marine Reach website, there are several icons that say, “Apply Now” and “Contact Us.” If you scroll further down the page, there is a “Free DTS Starter Pack” with information about DTS’s.

For people that land on the Marine Reach website, either via a shared link on social media, a google search, or from an advertisement somewhere, the next point of contact is with one of Marine Reach’s hard working registrar team.

Currently, one person is serving in the registrar office, Alexia Whitfield. Her role is essentially to serve as the face of Marine Reach until a student walks into the Training Centre during Welcome Weekend.

Specific tasks that the registrar performs include speaking with people who are interested in doing a DTS, calling prospective students about their applications, guiding incoming students through the process of leaving their home and landing in New Zealand, and managing arrival weekends.

Alexia, a student of the October 2019 DTS who came to join the registrar team in July 2022 after waiting out New Zealand’s border closure and the pandemic’s

interruption to her staffing plans, shares about her role: “Being the registrar at Marine Reach has been one of the most rewarding and fun roles I have had in my career. I love that I get to know a school and interact with the students, helping them to feel welcome long before they ever step foot onto our campus. It is an honour to show hospitality to people who will soon be joining the ministry.”

Marine Reach Registrars undertake their responsibilities with intentionality: Alexia prays over each applicant, discerning whether Marine Reach is a good fit for them, and our core values of loving, honouring, and valuing each individual is applied from the first point of contact, including blessing and releasing those who start the application process but ultimately decide to not come.

Since the registrar role is detailed, strategic, and busy, Alexia is praying for another full time staff member to join her in the registrar office. *If you are interested in serving in this way, please visit: [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com)*





## Hosting Missionaries: Clean Beds, Good Food, and Friendly Faces

If you are interested in learning more about what opportunities are available, please visit: [www.familycarecentre.org](http://www.familycarecentre.org)

The Family Care Centre in Vanuatu operates out of a beautiful, large facility that was built with many purposes in mind, but one of the primary roles intended for the structure was to host outreach teams. The large dining room, industrial sized kitchen, and spacious dorm rooms are all intended to be able to host up to 50 people at a time.

Marine Reach Training Centre in Tauranga frequently sends outreach teams to the FCC. In January, the FCC welcomed 20 outreach students and staff coming in from New Zealand. The FCC served as a landing and launch point for the teams heading out into other areas of Vanuatu.

Due to the currently small staff team at the FCC, when teams arrive at the FCC, hosting them is an all-hands-on-deck operation. In the past six months, the FCC has hosted 6 teams, totaling 54 people.

Anna Harris, the FCC's Director, shares about the week leading up to the teams arriving: "The FCC is a hive of activity the week before a team arrives. Staff from all

departments pitch in to get beds set up, write welcome cards, clean the centre, plan out transport and ministry opportunities for the teams, and prepare the welcome dinner and orientation.

The FCC continues to need more staff to support the work happening in Vanuatu. Anna comments, "We are very short staffed at the moment, so each person is having to cover a lot of different areas. **We urgently need more people to join our staff team** so that we can fully do the things God has called the FCC to do. ***We are looking for people with all different kinds of talents and skills who are committed to serving the Lord, experiencing new cultures, and love having fun.***"



**TO TRAIN, EMPOWER, EQUIP AND SEND**

## DONOR PROJECTS

- **Vans:** Transporting students and staff on town trips, evangelism outings, and New Zealand based outreaches requires a fleet of functioning vehicles. We downsized during the pandemic and are now in need of restoring our fleet. \$25,000
- **Granny Flat Reno:** Providing adequate staff housing is an ongoing challenge for the base. The house that came with the new property purchase has a partially built Granny Flat that is in need of some renovation and updating to make it a healthy and liveable space. \$15,000

## PRAYER PROJECTS

- Pray for the October DTS students and staff as they finish their outreaches and return to their homes or move on to new ministry opportunities.
- Pray for the February school students and staff as they undertake their lecture phase.



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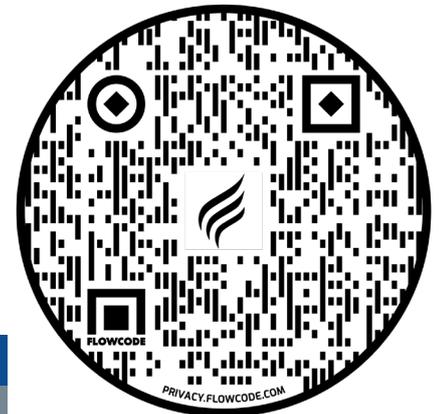
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These are some examples of how recent donations have been used



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**\$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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