

# Newsletter

## REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*

### 4th Marine Reach DBS Graduates

In early 2018, Marine Reach Training Leader, Cheyne Hosking, began to notice a desire for an increased understanding and familiarity with the Bible. For some time prior, the new YWAM Discipleship Bible School (DBS) program had been popping up on his radar, and he began to explore the possibility of bringing the DBS to Marine Reach.

Cheyne shares, "I had a deep conviction that if we prioritised and emphasised The Word on the base, we would see the benefits. I see the DBS as another way to bring Jesus, who is the Word, into our community. I envisioned people sitting down and reading the Word together throughout the base, talking about the Word, and seeing Jesus in the Scriptures."

In July 2020, Cheyne's dream of a DBS at Marine Reach was realised, which was truly a God-led operation with New Zealand's borders firmly closed to international students. In the two years since, four Discipleship Bible Schools have been run at Marine Reach, the most recent of which concluded last month.

Abigail Case stepped up to coordinate the DBS this time after staffing last February's school and participating in a DBS in July 2021. Over the 12 weeks of lectures,

the students read through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation and sat through topically organised lectures about the themes and focuses of the Bible.

Abigail reflects, "I love being able to gain a richer understanding of the gospel through studying God's Word; it always continues to amaze and transform my life, no matter how many times I go back through the scriptures. I saw our students encounter God's faithfulness through a deeper understanding of the Bible and the revelation of His character through the story."

**Marine Reach plans to run the DBS again, starting in March 2023. If gaining a greater understanding of the Bible and allowing the Word of God to disciple you is something that you're interested in doing, please visit: [www.marinereach.com/discipleship-bible-school](http://www.marinereach.com/discipleship-bible-school)**

DBS students and staff



## 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.**





Balloon fun during intercession; the Kirkwood family; kitchen helpers.



For more information about what we do here at the base, please visit: [www.marinereach.com](http://www.marinereach.com)

## Families in Ministry at Marine Reach

When most people think of Youth With A Mission, they picture young adults between the ages of 18 and 25, wearing sports sandals and carrying oversized backpacks or guitars on their back.

And at Marine Reach, that is a fairly accurate portrait of many of our students and staff!

However, one of the ways Marine Reach has grown significantly is in the presence of families among the staff team. As evidence of YWAM's foundational value #15 "Value Families," there is usually a bib on the dishes trolley, several high chairs are permanently on standby in the corner, and the bean bags used for lounging and hanging out have a well-known alternative career as landing pads for childhood antics.

The base regularly rings with the excited squeals of children, and occasionally the dining room morphs into something like a skating rink of cardboard boxes being pushed around with kids catching rides.

Dani Kirkwood, mother of three, comments on the experience of raising kids in a YWAM community:

*"My entire experience as a mother has been within the Marine Reach community, and I so appreciate what it has offered our family. My children are regularly able to participate in the community and the base's spiritual practices. And as a parent, it is also really special and encouraging to see young adults value and invest in my kids. There have been many days when I come to base feeling a bit wrung out and impatient with my children, and watching others interact with the kids inspires me to be more like Jesus in how I speak to and act toward my children."*

As the children on base grow, it is a special challenge to figure out ways to make regular practices like worship and intercession relevant and kid-friendly for the youngest members of the community.

But every challenge is also balanced with the gifts that children carry so well: unbridled joy, eagerness to play, contagious enthusiasm, and authenticity and genuineness.

We are so thankful for the families God has brought into this ministry, and we count it a blessing to serve alongside these children and their parents.





Joelle's baptism

## Vanuatu Student Participates in DTS



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In 2015, Marine Reach leadership felt the Lord urge them to invest in discipling the nation of Vanuatu. In the years following, multiple outreach teams visited many of the inhabited islands, and the Family Care Centre outside of Port Vila was pioneered.

During that time, former Marine Reach staff, Armin Gieger, became the Youth Pastor for the International Christian Church in Port Vila.

Port Vila residents and ICC attendees, the Guillain family, sent their daughters to participate in youth group regularly, and through the influence of Armin, Marine Reach outreach teams coming through Efate and serving in the youth ministry, and other church members who had completed DTS's, the idea of completing a DTS in New Zealand was planted.

In 2019 the eldest Guillain daughter, Emma, completed her DTS at Marine Reach. Now the second daughter, Joelle, has concluded her lecture phase and is currently on outreach with the Wild Heart stream.

For Joelle, DTS has provided the opportunity to build deep, rich friendships as well as growth in her relationship with God. Last month she was baptised in

the Pacific Ocean as a declaration of her commitment to love and follow Jesus. Coming to Marine Reach, she had hoped to gain a deeper understanding and relationship with the Lord, as well as direction for her future. Although her five or ten year plan isn't worked out yet, she is growing in her capacity to wait on the Lord and trust His leading in His timing.

For her outreach, she will spend several weeks in Brisbane followed by the final month in Port Vila. The Wild Heart stream will partner with the Family Care Centre and the International Christian Church to serve, teach, and disciple others, and Joelle will get to invest back into her own community as part of her outreach experience.

Reflecting on her time at Marine Reach, Joelle comments, *"I definitely have enjoyed doing a DTS at Marine Reach. Throughout my time here, I've thought of many different individuals I wish I could bring here with me to learn what I've been learning."*



Equipping



Seeking



Sending



Discipling



## DONOR PROJECTS

- **Cool Room:** to maintain health and safety protocol and maximize efficiency for the kitchen staff during the summer months with large schools; \$15,000
- **WiFi System:** to facilitate smooth and efficient communication in our digital age; \$5,000

## PRAYER PROJECTS

- Pray for our staff and leadership teams as they navigate transitioning back to large schools.
- Pray for the DTS students and staff who are currently on outreach in Australia and Vanuatu, and the October DTS underway at the base.
- Pray for the FCC staff team in Vanuatu, that God would send people to fill in the gaps that have developed over the past few years.



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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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