

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



David & Loren, 1991, Cook Island & Pitcairn Island

In Remembrance of Loren Cunningham

Recently we lost one of the most respected Christian leaders of the 20th century. Loren Cunningham and his wife Darlene pioneered the work of Youth With a Mission with thousands of missionaries in over 200 nations around the world today. In the process he pioneered YWAM's ship ministry with the purchase of our first ship, the M/V Anastasis.

Loren was an enthusiastic supporter of Marine Reach from our birth in 1990, serving on all four of our ships at one time or another in the Pacific over the last 30 years. We had the privilege of taking Loren and his family to some of the most remote areas of the Pacific, including Pitcairn Island in the east to Swains Island in the west.

We were honored to have the opportunity to introduce Loren to New Zealand once again on our "Activate Tour" in 2014 when over 10,000 people heard his message and

vision for the Great Commission, inspiring thousands to take up the call to missions whether at home or abroad.

Over the past year, since Loren's cancer diagnosis, he devoted his time and energy to sharing about and encouraging the work of Oral Mother Tongue (OMT) efforts throughout the world via Zoom. The OMT movement seeks to have the Bible translated orally into every Mother Tongue language on earth. Loren saw this final season of his life as an opportunity to prepare for "going home," and in that, praying over the next generation and blessing them in their onward progress of taking the Great Commission into all the world.

Loren Cunningham was to missions what Billy Graham was to evangelism. Both Generals in the Kingdom who, in the 20th century, brought a message of life and hope to millions. He will be greatly missed.



Refreshing the Training Centre

During the month of August, the Marine Reach staff took time for a sabbath rest, with the doors of the Training Centre remaining closed to visitors and regular activity for much of the month.

In July and September, leading up to the month off and coming off the month off, the base had weekly “working bees” to tackle some large projects.

While some staff chose to visit home or pursue activities of interest for health and restoration during August, there was a small group of staff that enjoyed getting to be creatively productive during the break. For them, their month off included painting, sheet rocking, mudding, building furniture, and decorating. Sometimes being creative with our hands is actually restful for our minds and hearts!

As we approach launching the October school, the Training Centre has had a bit of a face lift: the administrative offices have been relocated to the Training Centre’s main building, taking up a wing which was previously mostly dormitories. There is also a new welcome desk inside the front door of the

Training Centre, and a dedicated staff lounge/meeting space has been established.

The building known as “The Heights,” which previously housed the accounts, communications, registrar, HR, and base director’s offices, has now been converted into additional housing options, featuring four additional bedrooms, a 2nd shower, and a co-ed lounge.

Linda Cowie, base director, reflects on these changes: “When I think of all the changes that have taken place, two words come to mind: ‘synergy’ - working together for a result greater than what we could have imagined. And ‘cohesion’ - sticking together in close agreement and working well together. As we’ve depended on God, He has done remarkable things and is building us into a dedicated team for His honour and glory.”

We look forward to welcoming the new school and seeing how these changes positively impact the culture and atmosphere of Marine Reach.





Dental Clinic Temporarily Reopens When Families Come to Help

One of YWAM's foundational, unifying values is "Value Families." The Family Care Centre has been blessed to uphold this value over the years in many ways, including hosting families, working with Ni-Van families through the clinic, antenatal classes, Mat Time, and outreaches, and even seeing marriages develop through involvement at the FCC.

For many of the staff, living long term far away from their families, it is a special joy to get to host their own family members. A close second to this is getting to host families who come to serve in ministry together.

Recently, a family of three was able to come visit and help out. Karen, John, and Michelle Heslop were quick to jump in however they could contribute toward the activities in the ministry. With the help of Karen, a trained dentist, and Michelle, serving as dental assistant, the FCC was able to open their dental clinic doors and see 51 dental patients during the Heslops' visit. John was also able to help with some urgent maintenance and plumbing needs around the FCC property.

Incidentally, an ongoing practical and prayer need at the FCC is a dentist who can work with the ministry. Unfortunately, without a long term dentist in residence, the FCC is unable to see dental patients on a regular basis. The Heslops' visit was only the second time this year that a dentist has come and the dental clinic has been able to see patients.

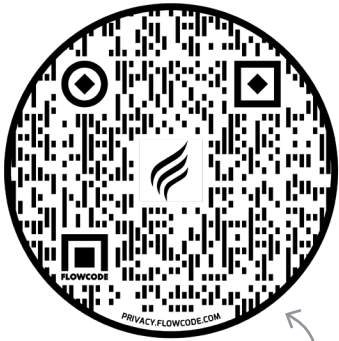
Another set of family visitors were the parents of one of the staff members. Rien and Marjet Zorge jumped in to help in the clinic, worked with the primary school run by YWAM Vanuatu (V2 Life) down the road, and also helped tackle many maintenance projects.

And a very fun set of visitors were the van der Kooij family from the Tauranga Marine Reach base. Tim and Elzeline helped in the kitchen, did some teachings for spiritual development, participated in life group times, and filled gaps in housekeeping and hospitality. Little Leilani was a joy to have around with her bright smile and eager high-fiving.

For more information about how you can get involved at the Family Care Centre, visit: www.familycarecentre.org

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Thank you!



Thanks to a recent donation of \$500, we were able to purchase timber to build steps and a small deck for the new Tiny House on base. This Tiny House will first house a family of four coming to Mission-Build with Marine Reach over the next few months, and will then be used as an additional staff housing option. Thank you to our donors who have helped make getting into and out of the Tiny House a safer, more enjoyable experience!

DONOR PROJECTS

- **Staff and Student Housing Septic System:** with the recent move of the administrative offices down to the main base building, and the addition of several bedrooms and a new shower in the house above the main base, the septic system that services this building will need to be upgraded very soon. \$10,000
- **DTS Scholarship Fund:** a new school is starting in October and we would love for finances to not be an obstacle for students in need. Any amount is a blessing to help mobilise these students into missions. Suggested \$50-\$500

PRAYER PROJECTS



- **October DTS:** Please pray for the October DTS staff and students as they embark on the journey of lecture phase. We are running a Pilgrimage DTS as well as a Classic DTS, so some students and staff will spend part of their time on trails hiking and camping around the North Island. Pray for unity among the staff team, hearts that are open to what God is teaching and how He is moving, and safety and health for the students and staff.

Starting March 1, 2024, ANZ will no longer accept cheques worldwide. Please consider using online transfers or credit card donations for your support. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing assistance. **For help, reach out to our Accounting department at 07 543 3787.**

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