



The Hirtzels

Missionaries to the people of Vanuatu

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“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...”
Acts 26:18



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On The Field

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
— John 6:40

I serve a risen Savior; He’s in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

What amazing words and what a testimony God has given to us! Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for the ministries here in Vanuatu. It is through your partnership that we are able to see more hearts cry out, “I know He lives!”

We were blessed to, just recently, have a young girl in grade six come down to my office and exclaim, “Guess what!? I’m saved!” This overabounding joy is why we are here and your prayers being answered.



A group of national pastors, along with pastor Gabriel whom the church in Port Vila supports, had an amazing outreach into Santo with 7 souls saved. Continue to pray for these preachers, their works, and these new babes in Christ.

As we prepare for the 26th anniversary of the church in Port Vila with a big mission conference and gathering of pastors, pray for God’s guiding hand and wisdom in all that is done. Please pray the same for our upcoming furlough from Sep-Nov 2026.

The work and ministries here are the fruit of your labours together with us. Thank you for faithfully supporting both us and the many ministries here in Vanuatu!

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

On Our Heart

Pastors and Churches – We will be returning Sep-Nov for a short 3-month furlough. Primarily we will be in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and possibly northern California as many meetings were missed due to the complications of covid and protests last furlough.

As we pray for the right timing, please contact me at the_hirtzels@hotmail.com as soon as possible with schedules or opportunities to share what God has been doing through your partnership with us here in Vanuatu!

Praise – Bible college, school classes, youth with over 70 in attendance! (photo below), and young adults are all back in full session. Pray for the training and discipleship of those who know He lives, and for the salvation of those who do not yet know the truth of salvation in God’s Word.

Prayer – Continue to pray for the need for national workers.

Pastor Nekelsen is in need of a young man to surrender to train in Bible College. He is travelling between Malekula and Efate islands to try and care for both the church and to be with his wife, Tosley, and her ongoing care and recovery.

The school in Port Vila is also in need of a national teacher and/or teacher’s aide for our secondary classes.

These are God’s works and His ministries. Pray for labourers to be willing to surrender to His will.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ...
Colossians 4:2-3

Thank you for your prayers and support. Together we can reach Vanuatu for Christ!