



# Build Aid MISSIONS

## February 2017

## Projects and Partners

It is always encouraging to join with others in any mission or project and that is a lot of what Build Aid Missions is about. Over the past year we have teamed with various organizations to work together to assist with building projects, water supply and medical interventions. We have partnered with and worked for Wycliffe missionaries and scripture enrichers, a medical ship, the Vanuatu Education department, the Summer Institute of Linguistics and YWAM to name a few.

We were able to work with Wycliffe Associates in Papua to convert their training facility into multiple room accommodation for mother tongue



translators to stay in while making the Jesus films in each language.

At the SIL Port Vila complex, we were able to use a team of men to completely reroof units used by missionary families who come in the capital for meetings and some rest.



By far our greatest challenge was restoring and rebuilding the Catholic Manse in the village of Olal for the Ellis family. This very old house was derelict and required substantial work to make it liveable. But with a good team of workers and with the help of the Ellis' themselves we are a long way to making it a great home.



Around the same time we began work at Olal school that was badly damaged in Cyclone Pam. We were able to reroof one of the large classrooms and then prepared the walls for new coats of paint.



# Medical Interventions

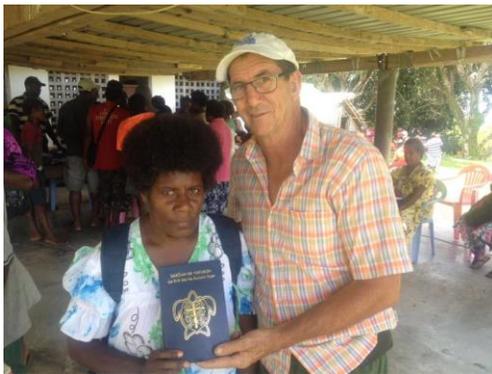
Often when we work in this local community there are medical emergencies or cases that need intervention. In 2016 we agreed to work closely with Marine Reach Medical ship, the staff on board and on the ground here in North Ambrym to ferry patients to and from the many villages to a central meeting point where a clinic was set up. We were also able to transport any very ill or dental patients out to the ship for treatment. The result was many villagers were able to have a health checkup.

In addition, in the last few months we met Ben – who has cerebellar palsy. We were able to build a ramp at his home so that gave him access in the wheelchair provided with the help of Marine Reach and their contacts. We also helped young Richard have surgery on his badly lacerated finger that required a partial amputation, and little Patricia who was born with a hair lip and cleft palate that required immediate surgery and feeding intervention in Port Vila.



## Translation support work

Supporting missionaries and bible enrichment workers is one of the most rewarding roles we have. Late in 2016 we were able to witness the distribution of the Children's story bible to the people of North Ambrym. We are pleased to have had a small part in this accomplishment.



### Pray for

Safety - travel & on site

New Volunteers

Funding & Donations to continue coming in

## Volunteers Needed



Would you like to be involved? Volunteers are needed to join with us this year. You don't have to have any particular building skills and there are opportunities for women as well as men to come along.



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