



Build Aid MISSIONS

April 2013

Getting started & beyond

To say that the past few months have been some of the most exciting, scary but rewarding of our 33 years of marriage would be an understatement!

Many of you know that we began our not for profit organization after Ian's love for "helping out" grew into a desire to make this a permanent thing. After several trips to Papua New Guinea to help out a missionary family make their home more livable and a trip to investigate building a new house in Vanuatu, we decided to scale down our building business and make this our new occupation. That was August last year and since then we have worked to finish off jobs in our construction company and have made one trip to Vanuatu to commence building. Deciding to

give up much of what we have or have been doing for many years has not been easy. We have been scoffed at, talked about (to our faces and behind our backs), pitied but mostly applauded for doing a worthwhile thing. Many people have expressed their amazement at our commitment to make this happen. Comments like – that's a wonderful thing to do are nearly always followed by "I hope it works out", "glad it's you not me but good luck anyway" and "wow – that's great" are common. But by far the biggest concern for most people is how we fund this. Some think that we must have loads of money in the bank ready to pay for our mid-life crisis, others are

genuinely worried for us and our family but WE are not worried! We trust that God will provide the necessary funds to keep us and BuildAid going long into the future. So if you would like to help out then visit our webpage to find details of how you can help out financially.

We would also appreciate your prayers and your interest by sharing our ventures with others. They can like us on Facebook or register to receive our newsletter via email. We really want to share what we are doing far and wide!

<https://www.facebook.com/BuildAidMissions>

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Ian & Joanna Walter

Team Vanuatu

Houghton, Gretchen & Laura

Houghton & Gretchen Richards (and family) and Laura Thulesen are bible translators working in Ambrym Vanuatu. They live in the small village of Ranvetlam, located on the North side of the island. They are originally from America and work with Wycliffe. They live amongst the local people and virtually have no accommodation to speak of and are in need of home/office from which to work. We agreed to help out and work began in November last year and will continue over the coming months. We hope also to assist them with building some small medical facilities in the future. In addition, we are installing a small solar lighting system & eventually solar power. There is an opportunity to contribute to this project also and /or to volunteer to join a working team in the coming months.



Volunteers Needed

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



Pray for

Safety - travel & on site

New Volunteers

Funding & Donations to continue coming in



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