



## Vanuatu Update

Wow! Wow! Wow!

What a tremendous privilege it has been to accompany another team to Vanuatu. Just over four weeks ago we have travelled to the Pacific Island of Ambrym, Vanuatu to continue the work we began late last year. Of the four team members only Ian had been before and so for the rest of us it was quite an adventure. And what an adventure!! After spending a couple of days in the nation's capital Port Vila acclimatizing to the heat and the humidity, we headed out by small plane to the island and then ventured by boat to the village. Not before we stopped in at the local market to check out what was on offer! These



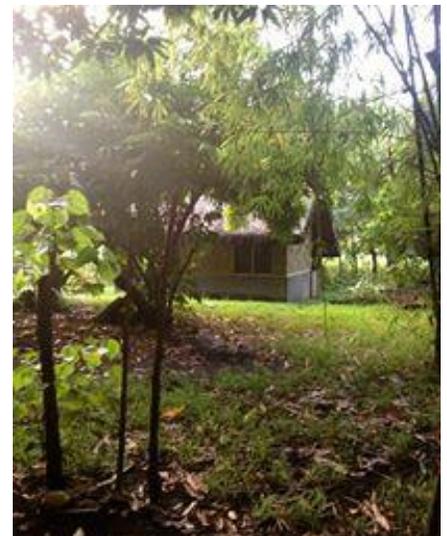
would most likely be an indicator of the type of vegetables and fruits on the menu on the island.

We were especially pleased that the plane was on time and we were met by the boat Chief who took us to Ranvetlam, via the hot springs to meet up with Houghton.

Once at the village we were shown to our accommodation. Our hosts (Willie & Isaiah) made us welcome – and yes we had a comfortable dry place to sleep. It was also time to say hello to Richards's family again and to Laura.



What a beautiful place to live and work. What beautiful people to work with. The villagers made us very welcome and we are very grateful each day for the warmth and encouragement they showed us as we passed by their huts to go to work!



We were also able to help with some home schooling, painting, playing with the kids. So much to learn and do in such a beautiful location!



## Building Progress

Many of you may have seen updates via our Facebook page of the progress of the construction.

Work had continued since our last visit and the house slab and the first couple of rows of blocks were laid. Our aim was to continue to lay blocks up to ceiling height both internally and externally. As you can see we pretty much got there but not without the help of some locals who came and made blocks and others who helped lay and fill them. It was such a blessing working alongside these men.

Some work will continue on site over the next few weeks with the arrival of another group from the USA and we will continue on when our next team arrives in early July.



## Island wonders!



We were able to spend some time visiting local events and seeing one of the most amazing sights on earth!

Mt Marum is an active volcano and is accessible from Ranvetlam village. We were able to hike to rim of the volcano and witness red-hot lava bubbling away inside the crater. It was definitely worth the many kilometers we hiked to get there!

## Support & 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. Ongoing and one-off support would be greatly appreciated. Please check details on our webpage or email us direct.



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