

## Kiwilink Vanuatu Report April 2014

2014 sees the beginning of a new era in the leadership of Kiwilink Vanuatu. For a number of years Ron Bergman and his team have wanted to hand the ministry over to a new group of people. Following the visits to Vanuatu in 2011 and 2013 by members of Unite Church (formally Nelson City Church of Christ), the church has decided to take on the leadership of Kiwilink Vanuatu.

The team will be John & Sue Cunningham, Stefan and Catherine Herbst and David & Bev Todd, who went on the last trip with Kiwilink in October 2013. The Unite Team was greatly impacted by the local people they met and their dedication and devotion to God and His kingdom.



The new team has learnt a lot from Ron, seen in him a dedication to the people of Vanuatu and caught his “heart for God’s mission” there. Ron had so much confidence in the Unite team that he told us “we could go to Vanuatu without him”. That we did and we were welcomed by the Ni-Vanuatu people just like Ron is.

The team met The General Secretary of Churches of Christ Vanuatu, Richardson Toka last year and got to know him and Ps Lewis Wari, the development officer. Richardson has kept in contact with us and sent a report of a visit to Tanna that they made in February. He comments below about their visit to Imarap. This is a one of the new church plants visited by the Unite Team last year.

*I and Ps. Lewis with the accompany of Ps. Sam Garae , his wife, Elder William Lomae and other members Visited Imarap Churches of Christ form the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of feb which is Sunday. Imarap is a new mission field with over 500 people living in that area. Willie an young man from Imarap who is convince to received and work with the Churches of Christ he is a very energetic young man. He also attends the leaders’ training as well that was held in Leniai Village. Mr. Willie is very keen to develop the new area, he even witness to their Chief and the chief accepted the churches development and encourage the people in Imarap to attend whatever the Church is organizing. I present the simple Gospel Presentation using local materials and the chief repeatedly thanking us for the visit.*



**Above: Chief of Imarap gave a welcome speech during –Church of Christ Vanuatu leadership visit, interpreted by Elder William Lomai.**

#### MOTUEKA CHURCH VISIT TO WOWO

A team of five from Motueka Church of Christ will be travelling to Wowo, on the island of Malekula, at the beginning of June to complete the community hall. They will also be involved in encouragement to the local church, and the official opening of the Wowo Church of Christ Community Hall following completion.

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

As we look to provide relevant support to our brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask you to consider how you can support Kiwilink Vanuatu. We currently provide regularly to the mobile bible college run by Judith Vusi. We also financially support other needs as they arise.

Ron Sali, pastor at Banban Church of Christ would like to continue his theological study at Fiji College of Theology & Evangelism. Kiwilink was able to support him in 2012, and we would like to provide this again in 2014. The overall cost he needs is \$2,000. If you would like to support this or any other need please send your donations to Treasurer, Alan Tear.

The new Kiwilink Vanuatu team is looking forward to working together and will continue to seek Ron Bergman's advice and guidance from his 30+years' experience and strong relationships he has built in Vanuatu.

We greatly appreciate your continued support to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Vanuatu.