



# 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



Jim, Ari,  
Rashelle, & Terra

## On The Road

We are back in Washington and we are cold! What a contrast between summer in the tropics and winter in the Northwest. It has been a blessing being able to fellowship with our sending church and we look forward to the opportunity to use this time of furlough to share how much God has done and is continuing to do in the lives of the Ni-Vanuatu.

I had encouraged Ari to bring back something from Vanuatu to share with everyone here, however I do believe she took me a bit more literally than I had intended. Shortly after returning she was hit hard with cerebral malaria and spent a week being a celebrity in our local hospital. All is well now and fortunately we didn't find it in our hearts to share this portion of Vanuatu with others!

## On The Field

The reports back from Vanuatu are of progress and more progress for which we are so thankful! The building rafters were going up this week, after some re-engineering for cyclone ratings, and tile and paint are picked out and ready to go.



We weren't sure where the funds for the tile and paint were going to come from, but a couple who support the Spore's (our co-laborers in Vanuatu) sent a special offering to help offset that cost, Praise God.

Praise God also for Georgina, our trainee for the 2009 school year. One of the youth, who was saved just about a year ago, applied and has been accepted to train for the Class Four teacher's position in 2010.

Your Missionaries to Vanuatu,

Jim and Ari Hirtzel

## On Our Heart

*Prayer* – Continue to pray with us for the ongoing needs of the building projects, the school, and for new Trainees in addition to Georgina. Others have told us they know it is God's will for them to train, but they have yet to fully surrender and say "Yes, Lord, I will."

*Praise/Prayer* – We are back to share what God has used your prayers and support to do in Vanuatu. Please pray that this will be a time of blessing for us and all our churches.

*Prayer* – Please pray that we would be able to share what is happening in Vanuatu with new churches and gather the additional support needed for the work in Vanuatu.

*Prayer* – Pray for our new teacher trainee. Pray that God would give her wisdom in her preparations. Also pray for others to surrender to God's will and just say yes!

*Praise* – Ari had a resistant strain of malaria that caused quite a stir in the local hospital. Praise God she is feeling well and ready to go again!

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## Kids Corner

*Rashelle* – How did Christmas go for you? I hope it went well, because our Christmas was awesome! I think it was one of the best for me and Terra. It was so cool!

Mom was in the hospital for five days because she had malaria, but she is better now. It is freezing over here! The snow is melting, but we still have a good two or three inches.

*Terra* – Hi! This year 'Shelle wanted a lot of snow, so instead of just a couple of inches, we got about one and a half feet! There was even enough to make probably around like 20 snowmen, but instead we just made two.

It's nice to come back and have a whole ton of friends waiting.

I can't wait to see the rest of the weather. Well, I gotta stop, so BYE!



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