## 2021 IN REVIEW / December 2021



### God Will Provide Vanuatu



# GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU DEAR FRIENDS!

Though 2021 was filled with many challenging and difficult times, I think we are not the only ones for whom this year flew by quickly. But thanks be to God who fills us with joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can always abound in hope! As we approach the New Year, we can look back in thankfulness for all the Lord has brought to pass this last year, and want to share some of these things with you in this newsletter. Rebuilding Selei Mission base We have finally concluded the repair and upgrade of the clinic in Selei! We were able to rebuild it so it can withstand upcoming cyclones, install solar lighting around the facilities and provide water access inside. We are thankful for the service of our two nurses Fiona and Miriam, who have served the community in Selei faithfully, while enduring many difficulties and resistance.



Top: Clinic after remodeling, Bottom showing during and before the storm



Yelena with Mamas at the clinic

More and more babies are being born inside the clinic and many people are receiving medical care instead of going to the witch doctors as before! At the end of November, the villages organized a feast to celebrate these achievements and demonstrate their gratefulness for the service provided by our team. We want to also extend their "thank you" to all of you for contributing to all the expenses of this work! Your contributions are making these things possible and are bringing health care and the light of Jesus to these tribes!



Chris with Nurse Fiona

The church in Selei was destroyed by the cyclone, but is almost ready for a re-opening after being rebuilt. Thankfully, that has not stopped Pastor Ritg and his wife from continuing to serve and reaching out to the people.



Receiving gifts at the Thank-You ceremony

We are trusting and depending on God to help us bring many people into His kingdom through the mission base and Selei!

#### School

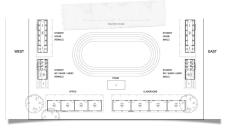
This year we were able to launch a Christian Kindergarten at Selei, with Estella serving faithfully as the teacher. They are currently using a small 3x5 meter room, but we are getting ready to build a separate building and playground in order to be able to take in more children. The local chiefs gave us permission to cut down and use hardwood trees for all further construction and the building of the school. This will aid our mission base greatly, as we will be able to utilize local materials in the future. We were able to purchase and order a professional



Inside the Kindergarten "Lucasmill sawmill" from Australia this year, but due to shipping delays

it still has not arrived and is due to come in January 2022 now. The kindergarten is the first part of the school project in Selei.

We have big plans for building a boarding school in order to reach many children from different tribes at once, but this is all in the hands of God for now. Currently there are local groups that are trying to stop this work from moving forward and gain influence over it to their own gain. We are trusting God for



Plans of the boarding school

wisdom and understanding in this matter. May His will alone be done, and His kingdom come in Selei!

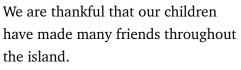
#### Personal

We are so grateful for how God's blessing and protection over our family this year. Our children are growing up healthy and strong, and we went through this year without any accidents or major sicknesses.



Naomi and Jane at the beginning of the school year

Naomi successfully finished her First Grade of home schooling whilst Jane went through kindergarten.



Ava is growing up quickly and is just about to walk, taking her first steps already.

#### **Niva Studios**

When God called us to Vanuatu, one of the things He showed us is that provision will come through Yelena's passion for photography. This year we saw how this came to pass, through our family business "Niva Studio". Yelena was able use her photography skills to shoot different projects, families, and school pictures and teach photography classes in Luganville and Port Vila, building relationships with many new people along the way.

We seek to be self-funded as a





Yelena with some of her photographystudents

family through this venture so that



all support money can go fully into our mission projects. We are glad to see this desire slowly come to pass!

#### Looking forward to 2022

We are looking ahead to this coming year with much anticipation amidst many uncertainties.

Vanuatu is finally set to open their borders at the end of 2022, which would finally allow us to welcome fellow missionaries and medical teams.

We also hope to have the opportunity to visit friends and family overseas again, as our last visit as a family was in the beginning of 2019.

Above all, we seek for God's will to be done through our lives, our families and the ministry of God will Provide Vanuatu. We pray that many people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and become wholehearted disciples and that those who do not know the Gospel will have a chance to hear and respond to it!

Thank you all for joining us in this journey.

Thank you for praying for us and with us.

Thank you for sowing into the work of this ministry with your finances.

May God bless you and guide you in this new year to the praise of His glorious grace!

"Our God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:19-20

In Christ, Christian & Yelena Isaak



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