



MISSION NEWS

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GO THEREFORE

Editorial

Rev. A. Souman

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore...”

After our Lord rose from the dead He appeared to His disciples, preparing them for their task to be His witnesses. In Acts 1 He told them that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. And then we read there that thereafter He ascended into heaven. He ascended to be seated at God’s right hand. This shows that indeed, to Him has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Matthew writes about the same in Matthew 28:18-20. There also the Lord sends out His apostles to all nations and commands them to make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The reason that He sends them out is that He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

The Lord had been offered all the kingdoms of the earth, in Matthew 4, when the devil tempted Him. He did not accept it from him. Because Satan demanded that the Lord worship him. Jesus as the second Adam stood firm where the first Adam had failed. This temptation from Satan was about the same as the one of Adam and Eve in Paradise. Adam was given, as the head of mankind, the authority over God’s creation (Genesis 1:28). However,

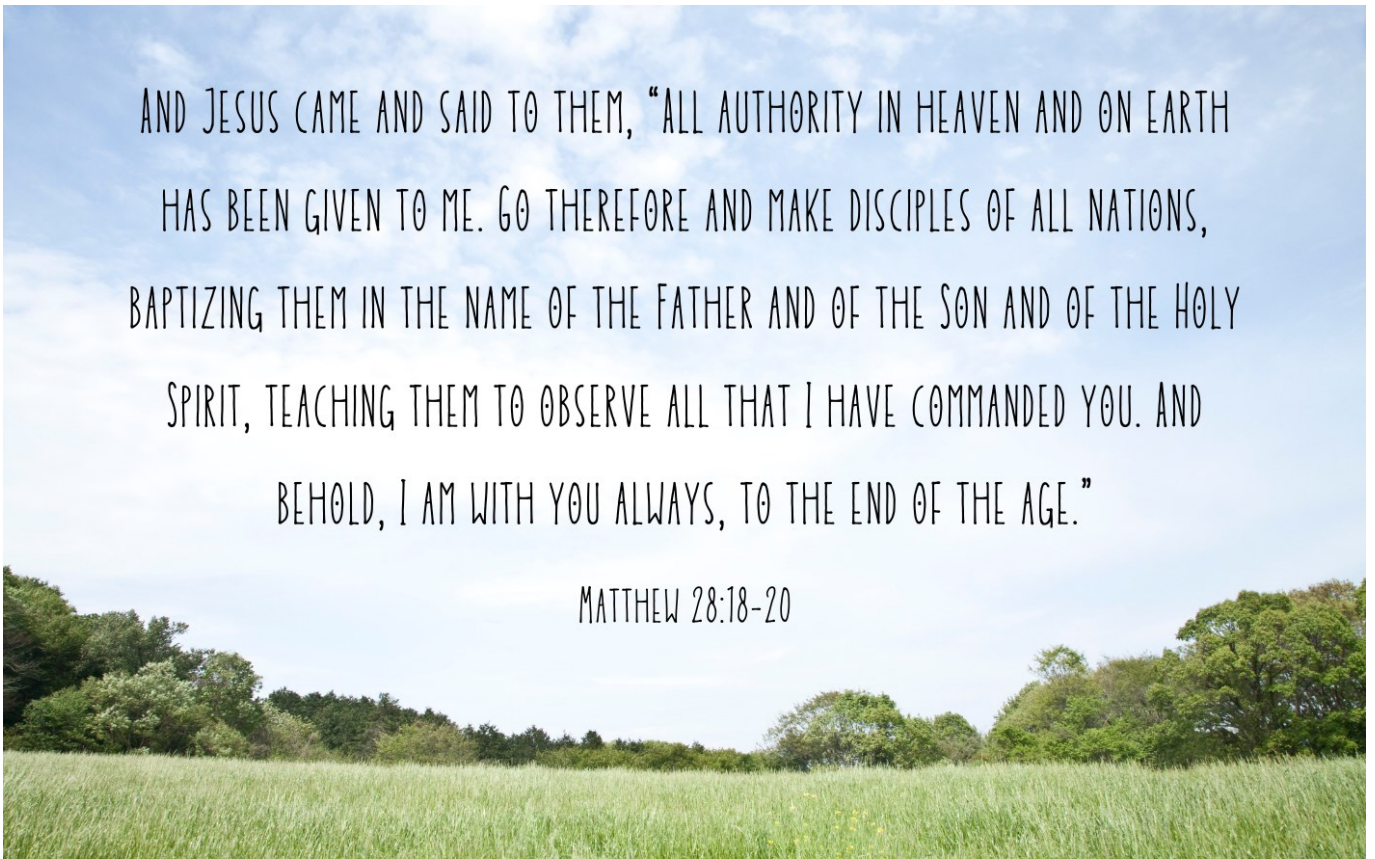
when Satan came and wanted to take power over this creation by tempting Man as the ruler over this creation, Eve and Adam listened to him and gave Satan power over all the earth. They abandoned their task as God’s image to care for and defend this creation and allowed Satan to have power over this earth. Since then, the world has been in the power of Satan. Throughout the Old Testament, we can see how Satan deceived the nations and set them up against God’s people. The worship of God was mainly limited to the land of Canaan, and even there it was under constant attack.

In the New Testament, when Jesus Christ came on earth as the Seed of the woman, to take back from Satan this power, the Devil knew that He was the promised Seed who came to bruise the head of him, the ancient serpent. He therefore tried to make a deal with Jesus. He offered Him all the kingdoms of the earth. He could do so because he had them all in his power. However, Jesus knew that Satan did not have the authority to do so. There is a difference between power and authority. Satan had the power, but not the right to rule over all nations. Now the Lord Jesus came to take away the power from him, and with that the Lord also received the authority from God, as the second Adam and as the Son of God,

to rule over all creation. He has all authority now, in heaven and on earth. Satan is bound and can no longer deceive the nations (Revelation 20:3). Now all authority has been given to Christ, and He sends out His messengers ('apostles') to all nations to claim them for Christ.

That is the time in which we live. The Church, built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, continues the task of making all nations into Christ's disciples. Jesus Christ Himself supports the preaching ("And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.") The apostles went and preached the Word boldly, first in Jerusalem, and then also in the surrounding area, Judea and Samaria. And some of them went out to other parts of the world and the gospel spread, all over the Roman Empire and beyond. And when they died, the Church continued. The gospel spread, from the Middle East, to Africa, and Asia, and Europe, and later also to America and Australia, all over the earth. And also now the Word of God goes out, to all nations. We see Christ's Word being fulfilled: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age".

Let us now also boldly proclaim the Word of God, whether it is in other parts of the world, or in our own area. We have nothing to fear because Christ has all authority. Even if human beings or institutions are threatening us, don't fear, because Christ supports the preaching with His Holy Spirit. We have seen an abundance of examples, in the Bible and in the history of the Church, of how the Word of God is more powerful than earthly weapons. We see people coming to church, in sometimes wonderful ways, that we did not expect. We see the Spirit working, Christ gathering His Church, all over the earth, even though Satan may threaten the believers. But he has no authority and has lost his power. He is bound. Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth, go therefore, and make disciples of all nations.



AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND
BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:18-20

NORTH-EAST PNG MISSION

Chairman's Musings

Frank Janssen

I would like to start these Musings at the Free Reformed Church of Cardup Brook. I appreciate its an interesting place to start as they are currently neither a supporting nor co-operating church of the mission work in PNG. However, the FRC Cardup Brook at their recent congregational meeting, invited the Southern River Mission Board, along with three mission opportunities to present the work being done in our respective fields. Whilst I understand this meeting was for the members of the FRC Cardup Brook to get a better understanding of the various works, I really appreciated the evening, and the fact that I got to learn more about these fields then what one would glean from this magazine. It gives food for thought that the various Mission boards in the FRCA should collectively be doing more together to promote the work of mission in Australia and to learn from each other. Dr de Visser, in his recent articles in the Clarion has some interesting comments and thoughts on how Foreign mission specifically could be better approached in Canada, and in the articles is clearly food for thought for us too in Australia. We hope and pray that the FRC Cardup Brook can make a decision on which mission they would like to support, and we hope and pray that each and every church in the FRCA is also fulfilling the mission mandate whether directly or indirectly.

A lot of missionary movements have happened in the past months. Pastor David and his family are back on the field, Pastor Tim and family (by the time you are reading this) should be in Port Moresby after completing their final studies in Canada; Br & Sr Ben and Merinda van de Kamp should be on their furlough in Australia (preparing for the house project in POM) and Pastor Ryan (not always with his family) continues to travel up and down the main road to the church plants in PNG. So, whilst the workers are all travelling in different directions and different locations, God's Word is being spread and a light is being shone in what has been a dark period of time in PNG lately. As we reflect on the workload of the missionaries our thoughts are still with Canada and New Zealand, who as of yet, have not been able to call Missionaries to replace Pastor Cor and Pastor Hans respectively for the College. Please continue to keep this need in your prayers.

If I can circle back to the presentation in Cardup Brook, the mission board put together a small 8-page booklet for the presentation. The material was written by those on the field, and the result was a very neat informative pack (in my humble opinion). We are currently thinking about how we can use this booklet to promote the work

in PNG within the FRCA.

I mentioned previously that Br and Sr Ben and Merinda are on furlough. They detoured via Port Moresby for a week and a half in order to complete the new house preparation. This was so that when work teams arrive in August, the solid foundation is already in place. Benn Hordyk and Nathan Dekker, both West Albany Board delegates and members of the building committee, met up with Ben in Port Moresby to assist. The photos show the work to date. It would be amiss not to mention Br Mark Mulder here for his assistance with this project as well. Truly appreciate the teamwork. We have been further truly blessed by the members of the FRCA with their donations (whether via your local church or directly) and thank all those who have donated. At the time of writing, we have raised \$165,000 of the \$172,000 private donation target. Praise be to God. We also thank those

who are volunteering their time and energy to be part of the work teams in the second half of this year, and we look forward to Pastor Tim cutting the ribbon of the new house later this year.

If you consider all aspects of the work in and for PNG, it is a blessing that Rev Stephen 't Hart accepted the call to the Free Reformed Church of Southern River. As Southern River is the sending church, it will no doubt be blessed by Rev 't Hart's previous experience as a missionary in PNG. As the mission board gets to work closely with consistory of Southern River, we look forward to also working and gleaning much from Rev 't Hart. May God bless him and his family as they take up their task in Southern River later in 2024.

The board continues to appreciate the support of the

Benn & Nathan hard at work in PNG



Preaching outreach in Hila



cooperating and supporting churches for the work done in PNG, may you all continue to pray for the work being done. At the beginning of May, the Free Reformed Church of Southern River will host the annual co-operating churches meeting. This is a meeting of all the supporting and co-operating churches who support the mission work in PNG. We can share an update with the churches, go through the working plan and budget, and go through any proposals that have been worked on in the past year. May God bless the upcoming meeting.

To God be all the Honour and Glory.



BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Rev. Ryan DeJonge	10.05.1982
Rev. Tim Slaa	12.05.1996
Mrs. Alana Slaa	18.05.1998
Silas Pol	21.05.2020
Mrs. Ruth DeJonge	24.05.1983
Shanelle van de Kamp	08.06.2015
Grace van de Kamp	09.06.2017
Scott van de Kamp	17.06.2021
Matthew DeJonge	18.06.2008
Isaiah Pol	18.06.2018
Rev. David Pol	24.06.1990

COVENANT AND MISSIONS

North-East PNG Mission

Rev. D. Pol

He had left his home together with his clan. Ur of the Chaldeans was where his gods were. The new moon festivals, the raucous celebrations, the familiar, wild joy on the faces of the people as they danced in the streets and poured out libations to their god. Ur was where he buried his brother Haran. A piece of family history was left behind. Memories, laughter, tears. Now, God was calling him to leave everything behind once again.

It would have been easier the first time. Together with his father and brother and their joint servants, goods and possessions, it would have been safer to travel. Now he and his wife set out alone with their few flocks and herds. Why? Because God had called them.

A Promise

The true God, the Creator of heaven and earth had called Abram. More than that, he had given a promise. Regardless of his childlessness, God had spoken to Abram, saying, *“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* And again, later, *“I am your shield, your very great reward.”* Later, to the descendants of Abram, God spoke similar words again: *“You will be my people and I will be your God.”* Yes, the God

of Creation had reached out to Abram and his descendants and revealed himself to be the God of Promise.

But what does that covenant have to do with missions?

A tremendous amount.

How you approach God in your understanding of him will affect how you approach his people, his church and the Christian families as a whole. To illustrate this point, I will share a story with you.

Conflict

A while ago I visited a local pastor whose village was in the midst of a conflict with a neighbouring village over



land. Land rights are hotly contested in many areas of PNG, but in this case it had boiled over into open conflict. The youths of his village and a neighbouring one, though family, were scoffing, mocking, fist fighting and with the help of alcohol the fights were escalating into open conflict with weapons such as bush knives, bows and arrows. Both villages were related through marriage and both villages went to churches of the same denomination. This pastor had the opportunity to have an impact on this conflict, so I asked him why he did not.

Why did he not sit down with the youth? Why did he not open the Bible with them? Their parents were Christians. They were raised in homes with prayer. Why did he not call them to account according to the Word of God?

His answer: because they did not give their lives to Christ yet.

You see, although they were raised in Christian homes, they were essentially raised without the Word of God. Why? Because the promises “were not for them yet.” They did not give their lives to Christ and so the Word of God with all of its threats and promises, encouragements and hopes, “did not apply to them yet”. In this pastor’s mind, if the young men did not say they were going to follow Christ, how could you open the Bible and tell them that God held them to a higher standard than the world around?

As for the youths: they saw the Word of God as something that they would follow once they gave their lives to Christ one day, but not something that held them now. In essence, they did not believe in the Covenant of God.

The power of Covenantal Preaching

For us, this presents a tremendous opportunity to shine as a light. Our children are not in church by parental invitation, elder’s command, or a pastor’s suggestion, which they are free to decline if they so desire. Certainly not! Children are an integral part of the body of Christ. Christ himself said: *“let the little children come to me and do not*

hinder them.” In the Old Testament God said: *“I will be God to you and your children”* and he reiterated this in the New Testament as well (Acts 2:39). As believers, our children belong to God and we have a responsibility to raise them in the faith.

This requires a lot of hard work. You must train pastors and elders to show an interest in the children. Parents, too, must be trained that they cannot let their children do as they want. Rather, the children must be in worship. Children must be addressed in the preaching as covenantal members. They must not be addressed as partial members who will become full members on their profession of faith, but as full members of the covenant in their own right, who belong to the body of Christ and must also work towards fully professing this and owning this as their own. Parents must also worship at home with their children, including them in prayers and in Bible reading, and be trained to do so. This is not an easy task.

But the fruit of this work is beautiful. The first generation is a rocky start. There are many patterns that take a long time to be engrained. However, as the patterns set in, in obedience to God’s Word, a change comes over the congregation. Yes, sin is still present. However, there is a deepening maturity that expresses itself more and more.

You can see the difference between the congregations here in PNG. Hila is one where all these patterns are still working on being established. The church is still so often and so quickly swayed by community beliefs and influences. Children are still so often raised on stories of the power of sorcery. Bethel church in Beretete, however, has had a generation for these faithful patterns to be entrenched. And what a beautiful difference you see! The community is tight knit. Families, though members of the surrounding community, still confess their main bonds as being in Christ. The way they address things like sorcery and violence has made the children view these things through a completely different and much more Christ-centered lens.

Is it perfect? Certainly not. But the growth and maturity

are there in richly covenant centered churches! And more than that: we do not have a church filled with an older generation wondering if their children will join the church, or if the church will die with them. We have a vibrant church of children growing in the Lord, who know that their God is a God of Promise. We have a generation that knows that they belong: it is not a question of them getting an invitation to come in. The only way that they can walk away is if they truly walk away and reject the promises. It's not an easy thing to depart, since they never belonged anyways. No, it's a difficult and painful thing, as it should be, for the promise is for them too. As such, we as pastors, elders, missionaries and parents can and should address them as who they are: members who fall under the umbrella of God's covenant promises. God, the LORD, who is the God of believers *and their children*. Truly understanding this about God and faithfully following in his commands is the only way to build strong, generational, *truly covenantal* churches.



PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Pastor Tim and Sr Alana Slaa as they settle into their task in PNG.
- Pray for the faculty of RCBC, who at the moment is only Mark and guest Lecturers. Pray that NZ and Canada will soon find Missionaries to send to the field to replace Pastor Cor and Pastor Hans.
- Pray with thankfulness that the house of Pastor Tim & Alana could commence construction and for the donations of time, money and prayers.
- Pray that the churches in Australia have a heart for Mission work, locally and foreign and everything in between.

TIN ROOFING

Mission Aid

Brooklyn Visser

Today I hope to provide a brief overview of a recent project that Mission Aid was able to assist with funding. Recently we were able to support the Living Water Christian School (LWCS) in Lae in the purchase of tin to replace their roofing. While our main projects are ongoing, we also sometimes provide support for once-off projects and this was one such project.

The LWCS roof has previously been made of morota, a roofing made of woven sago leaves. The morota is common in PNG, but is also susceptible to rotting due to the high humidity and rainfall in the tropical climate,

The morota roof in January 2023



The morota roof in January 2023



as well as being eaten by insects. In January 2023 some of the morota was replaced due to rot, but it was seen that the rest of the roof would need replacing soon. In April last year, the board of LWCS approached Mission Aid and asked if we would consider funding the shortfall of a budget to replace the morota roofing with tin. Mission Aid agreed to fund this project, with the expectation that LWCS would also fundraise a significant amount for the project themselves.

In early January this year, in the middle of the school holidays, a toksave (message) went out to the



Removing the rotting morota



congregation of Living Water Reformed Church that the morota roofing needed to be dismantled as it was going to be replaced. The next day a number of church members arrived at the church and helped to remove the morota. A lot of the morota was already quite deteriorated, with insects having eaten large portions of it, and other parts were quite thin and dusty. Within one day, the morota was all taken down.

At this time, steel and tin was ordered and delivered to

the school, though some of the tin took a few weeks to arrive. Paul Kamina, the property manager, hired five youths from the church as casual workers. Together they did the bulk of the work cutting metal brackets, drilling holes in them, welding them to the steel trusses, and bolting on the purlins. After that, the chicken wire along with insulation to reflect the heat was screwed onto the purlins. From there the tin was installed, giving the building an improved look.

The project was completed in mid-February, one week after classes began. Since many students had not returned to school yet after the holiday break, this did not disturb the running of classes. The school further hopes to install PVC pipe as gutters and install a tank so they can collect rainwater from the roof.

The teachers were very happy to have this new roofing on the classrooms. It means they will no longer have to sweep the classroom floor regularly because of all the dusty mess created by the insects eating the morota and their classrooms will remain better protected from the weather.

The school roof after the tin was installed



We are thankful to be able to support projects like this to help our brothers and sisters in PNG. We are only able to do this through your generous donations. If you wish to donate to a project please visit our website and click 'donate'.

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COLLEGE CORNER

Reformed Bible College, PNG

Mark Mulder

At the time of writing Block 1 has been consigned to history and most of the students are enjoying a 2-week break. The diploma students (5 in total) have an extra week added to every block so that they can finish their sermon exegesis, and other assignments. The 14 certificate students have work to do as well, but that needs to be done in their village as they need to share what they have learnt about Christian marriage with their people.

From the above you should be able to work out that the RCBC has the privilege to instruct 19 students in the way of scripture. It has been a beautiful start to the academic year. The students have been very cooperative and are getting on with each other in a very nice way. I was humbled just recently when a student gave me K20 and asked me to put it to another student's fees, who is struggling to pay his fees. To know that the student who donated isn't exactly flush with funds himself, but gave because he cares about the other student, really touched me. It is one of the real joys of being allowed to work at the RCBC. The amazing thing is that he has now done this 2 times. Students do get opportunity to earn money, but it's not much; about K40 a day if a project is on the go. (K40 = \$16)

The student population this year has more married men, which is a really good thing. I think it results in a more stable population, a greater maturity, and cooler heads thanks in part to good wives. More families means more children, and that is certainly something we notice; lots of 'children' noise. Through all the interactions we have opportunity to be a good influence on them. Here in PNG raising children is very much a community affair; there's positives to it, but also negatives. Liz and I, being somewhat older are affectionately known as bubu Mark and bubu Liz. (Bubu = grandfather/mother.)

In our quest to become self-sufficient, we have added pig breeding as a means of raising money. We have 2 sows and so we hired a boar for a couple of weeks in the hope that our sows become pregnant. Should that be so, then in a little over 3 months we will hopefully have 16 or so piglets, which we will sell as little porkers. The beauty is that you can repeat this cycle about 3 times a year, meaning lots of little porkers going to the market. That, added to our meat bird project, should generate a nice little income stream for the college. Of course, on paper it appears very attractive, in practice we have to contend with diseases, unexpected deaths, and neighbours who are attracted to fat little porkers for dinner.



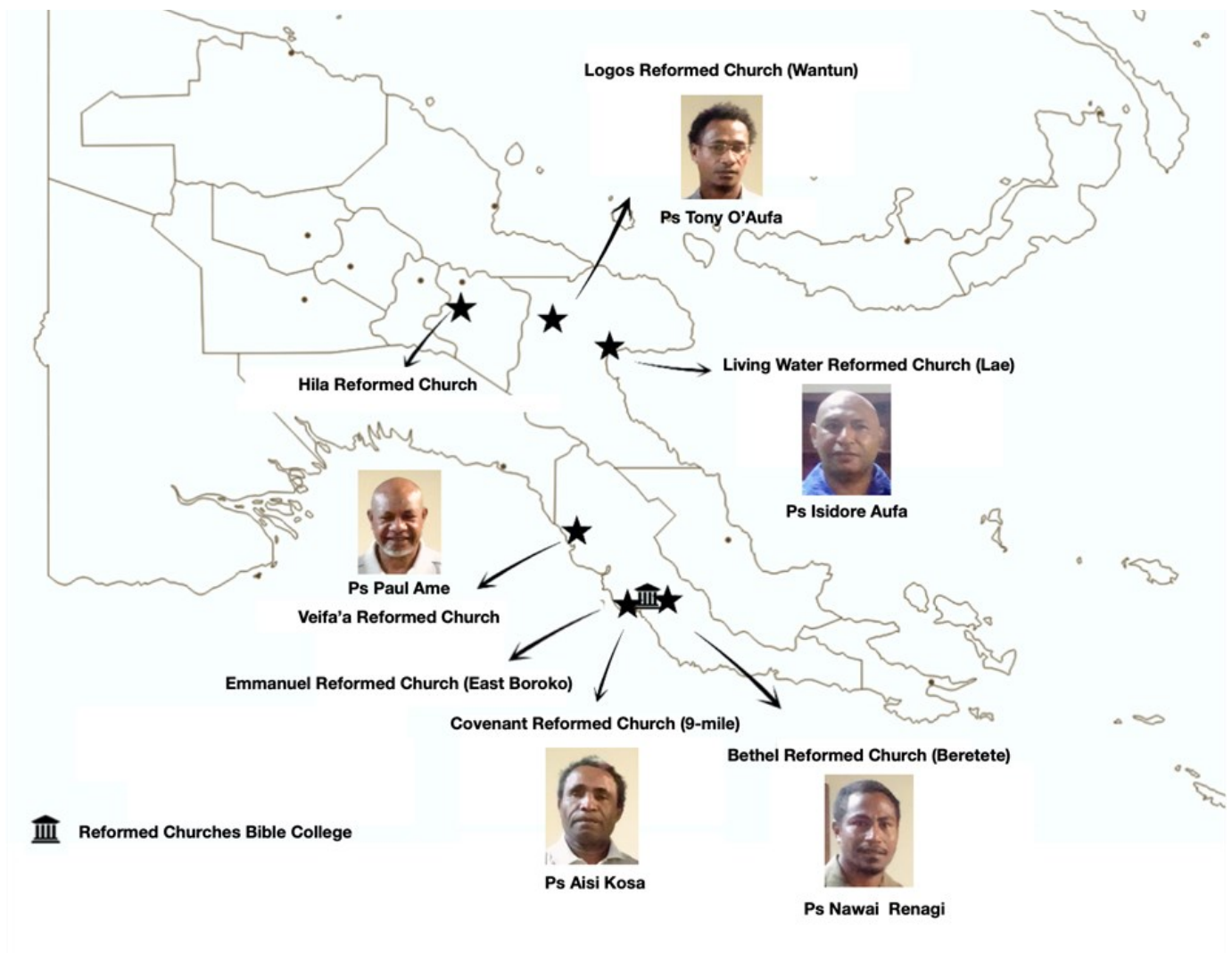
The completed base

Besides the teaching programme there has also been a building programme; the building of another missionary house so as to accommodate the Slaa family. Rev Tim Slaa, along with his wife Alana and daughter Keziah, will be arriving on March 28th, DV., and they will stay in Port Moresby till May 2nd at which point they'll fly to Lae for a Classis meeting and then go on to Ukarumpa to do their PNG culture training. They won't return for a number of months, so the plan is to build their house in their absence. Right now, we have Nathan Dekker and Benn Hordyk preparing the foundations. As I look out of my office window, I'm looking at lots of posts embedded into huge footings, with bearers attached to the posts. It certainly is a sturdy construction and won't be coming down any time soon. Both Nathan and Benn have done an amazing job and they worked very effectively with the college students, who had the fun job of digging heaps of dirty great big holes in very well compacted soil, and then mixing the concrete to hold the posts in position. Thank you, men, and hopefully we get plenty of volunteers to erect the house in due time.

In his amazing grace, Mark Mulder.

REFORMED CHURCHES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Location of the Reformed Churches of Papua New Guinea and the
pastors who work amongst the people



VOX VIVA

Mundijong Mission Board

Hadyn de Jonge

Vox Viva may be a resource which is familiar to some of us. It is an extensive Bible exposition and application app which offers differing levels of commentary and information, on a chapter-by-chapter basis. The platform is intended to be a useful tool in sermon preparation, Bible study, and finding general biblical guidance. In short, it is a platform which has something for everyone, be it a minister, elder, congregation member or someone finding out about the bible for the first time.

It is a platform which is managed and overseen by the Reformational Study Centre, a mission project from our sister churches in South Africa. The aim of this platform is to provide access to biblical commentary and theological material which is intended to assist students of theology, as well as ministers and office bearers in places which struggle to access printed theological resources, study material and in-person education.

The application continues to evolve, with more content being added every day. This content, including commentary, study notes and other information, is written mainly by ministers, including some from within the Free Reformed Churches of Australia.

Now it doesn't take much to see how powerful a tool like this can be in a place where access to books and printed resources is extremely limited.

Litindo, overseen by the Mundijong Mission Board, has



for some years now been translating, publishing and distributing Reformed literature throughout Indonesia, building on the work of the Dutch churches before that.

In many parts of Indonesia, especially in less urbanised areas, access to hardcopy books for the average church member is impossible, due to cost and lack of availability. Many theological seminaries have few books, and some have none at all. Many ministers and evangelists prepare sermons simply by studying the bible, and do not have the luxury of even a single book to help them. Add to this the weather conditions which turn books mouldy in short order if they are not stored in a particularly careful manner.



While the work of distributing printed literature continues to have an important place in Indonesia, the rapidly growing access to mobile phones and internet means there is an opportunity to expand the reach of Reformed literature well beyond our current capabilities.

For some time now, the Mundijong Mission Board has been working with Rev. Jopie van der Linden from Vox Viva, with a view to translating the application into Indonesian. Early in 2024, the Mission Board engaged two professional translators, who have previously worked for a Dutch mission organisation translating the Matthew Henry commentaries into Indonesian. Translation work of Vox Viva material has recently begun, commencing with the book of 1 Peter.

These translators are sent the files containing the English version of Vox Viva material and then spend time

translating the material, focussing especially on making the material relatable to Indonesian audiences. Another large part of the task is updating all of the bible quotes using the TB1 Indonesian bible translation, which is currently being used by the GGRI churches.

The translators also 'mark up' the translation with comments where they are unsure of the correct word to use in a certain theological context or where the application of the text needs review. At that point, the translated material is returned.

In order to ensure the translated material is true to Scripture and the Reformed confessions, and to answer the questions raised by the translators, the Mission Board has also engaged the services of several Indonesian ministers and lecturers to review the material before it is published. These brothers are doing this work in their spare time, and are motivated by a desire to see this material shared across Indonesia for the benefit and growth of the churches there.

This is a massive task, and one that will never be finished, owing to the constant addition of new material to the platform. It is our hope and prayer that the Indonesian version of Vox Viva may indeed draw many people to the Living Voice of God, and serve to grow and support His Church in Indonesia.

If you would like to find out more about Vox Viva, you can explore their English site by visiting <https://www.voxviva.app/en>.



MISSION IN THE PHILLIPINES

Mission Phillipines

Rev. A. Witten

I had been told about the frogs. Willem VanderVen and I were visiting the rural area of Maramag, in Bukidnon province Philippines and had arrived at brother Llyod's house. Llyod leads a group of about 12 adults and their children who had learned about Reformed doctrine and been ejected from the local Pentecostal church. Via a Singaporean friend they were connected with the Reformed Church in Cagayan de Oro (CDO), were catechized and in October 2023 made public profession of faith. Last time Rev. Stephen t'Hart visited in Maramag on behalf of Baldivis Mission Phillipines he had been treated to some amphibian delicacies.



Jeepney

Surrounded by cornfields, we were introduced to a smiling group of Christians consisting of parents, young people, and children. Although members of the CDO church the brothers and sisters in Maramag live about 4 hours away from the city, and so worship separately. They receive regular visits from CDO office bearers, who had invited us come meet these brothers and sisters in Maramag.



Uriarte Family

We learned that the group has faced hardship for their faith. Many of them work at a large sugar mill where their decision to first leave Roman Catholicism and then



CDO Council

Pentecostalism for the Reformed Church was met with ridicule. Lloyd left his job as an engineer at the plant to serve the group. He and his wife Joice have made significant financial and personal sacrifices for the gospel. But they feel like family. They are excited to grow and learn the doctrines of God's word together.

Maramag was experiencing a dry spell which meant no frogs on the menu. But we enjoyed a beautiful evening of fellowship. After sharing a meal, I was invited to give a presentation on Christian stewardship. Even after the power went out we had a fruitful discussion by torchlight on applying God's word in our work and families.

The next day we returned to the city of CDO. Baldivis has been partnering with the church in CDO for over a



Maramag by Torchlight

decade so it was a joy to connect with the leaders and members of the church. We met with the church Council which consists of 2 elders and 2 deacons. Saturday they held a "church camp", with speeches, games, and food. On Sunday we joined together in worship. For some years the CDO church has been meeting near the University in CDO in the "Table-Talk" rooms. This location is used during the week as a hub for outreach and a reading room sharing reformed resources. Although it has suited their needs, the congregation is seriously considering moving to another area of the city, closer to where most of the congregation lives.



Streets of CDO

A pressing issue for the churches in the Philippines is finding ministers of the word. Under the blessing of the Lord, office bearers have been trained and the churches instituted in CDO and Butuan (the other Reformed Church Baldivis Mission partners with). But currently both churches have no ordained minister. Brother Jeff Uriarte works full time as an elder in CDO, doing a lot of the work the minister would do. He has applied and been accepted to CRTS in Hamilton beginning in Sept 2024. We hope that sufficient financial support can be found for him, his wife Michelle and son Aslan to move to Hamilton. It could be a great help to the churches there. Another brother, Ernell Tacadong, has been studying for the ministry through online distance education with Heidelberg Theological Seminary in the United States. In 2024 he is doing a 6 month internship in CDO and being mentored in preaching by four ministers

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from the Free Reformed Churches of Australia. It is our hope that through these efforts the Lord will provide pastors for these churches.

We spent 4 days with the brothers and sisters in CDO. One of the blessings of working in the Philippines is that they speak English. We are able to communicate and enjoy fellowship. The Philippines is a lively place. The streets are swarming with motorelas (a motorcycle with a kind of side car that fits 10 people), Jeepneys (think a stretched army jeep used as a bus) and street vendors selling bulut (eggs containing partially grown ducks). And Christ’s church in the Philippines is lively too. Although small, there are many opportunities to share the gospel in that populous country. As Baldavis Mission we have been privileged to witness how the Lord grows and matures his church there.

CDO Kids



KIDS MISSION CORNER

Hello kids! Ready to have some fun? I'm Flynn Groenewold and this page is a fun place to learn about spreading God's word to people in need in faraway places.

Fill in the blank:

"And he said to them, "Go into all the _____ and
proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Preaching in Foreign Countries

Find these words:

Bible	Christ	Church	Indonesia
God	Gospel	Faith	Missionary
Lae	Preach	PNG	Philippines

Y J E Z H C T L T G L C R I G
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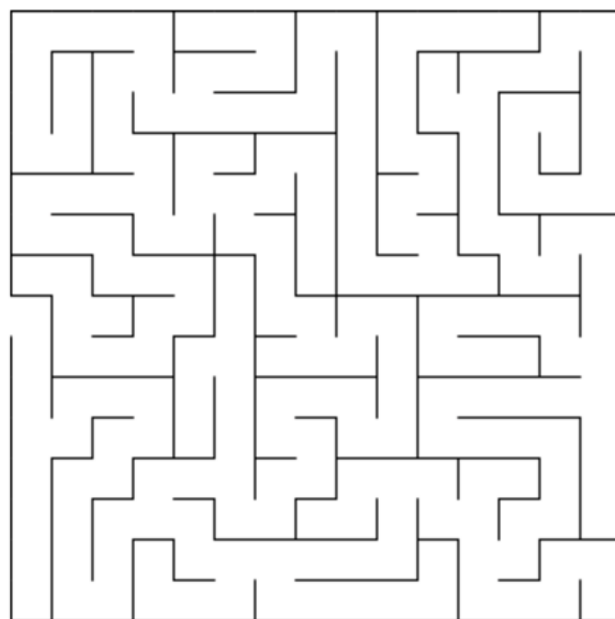
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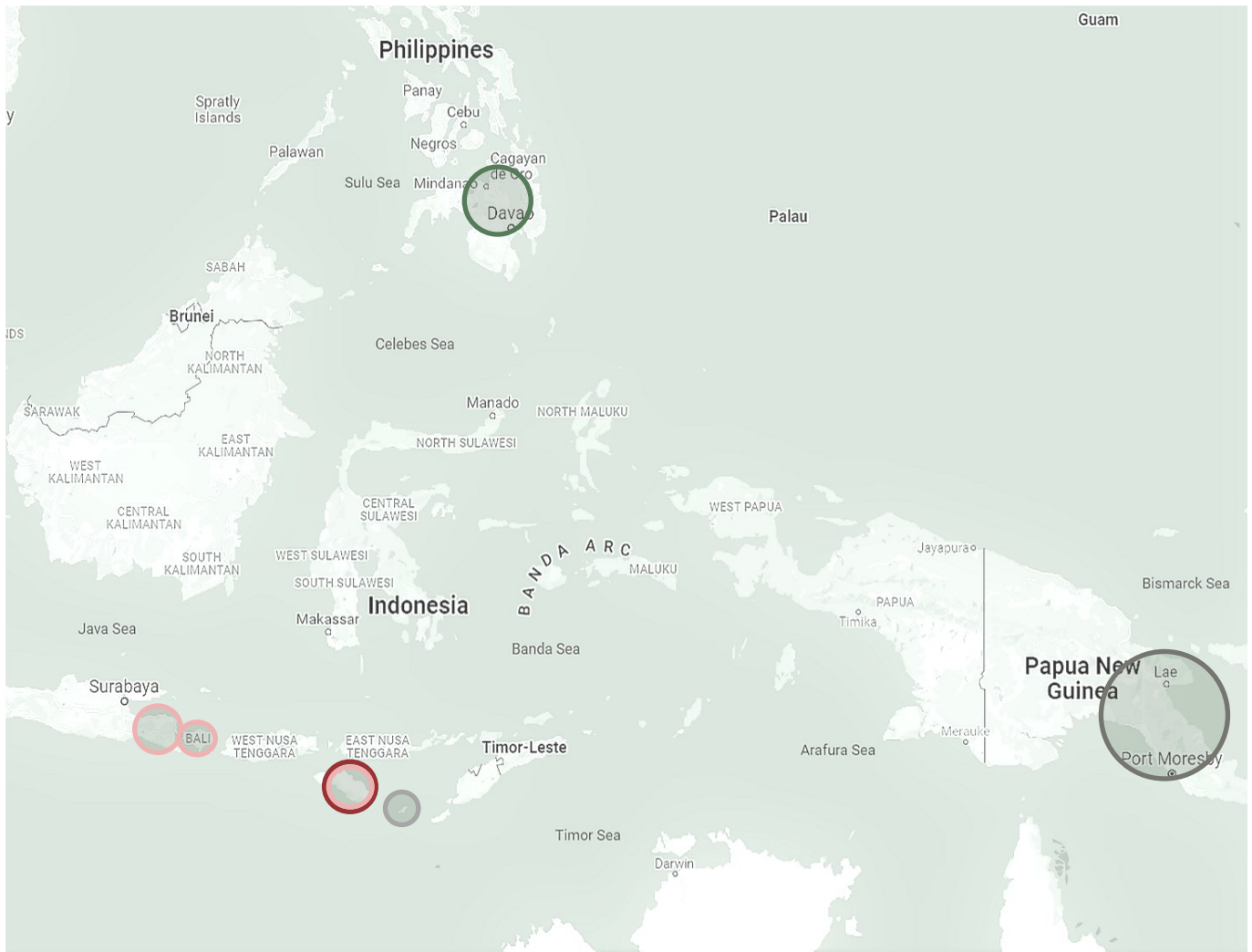


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