

Vanuatu Medical Mission

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MARCH UPDATE

Dear Praying Partners,

Thank you for your prayers! I know for most people who read my Prayer Letter, Covid has caused a lot of disruptions and illness over the past 2 years, but here in Vanuatu it has not been as bad as there wasn't any in the community spread and as a Nation Vanuatu has been isolated from the rest of the World. This week, however, Covid-19 was in the community due to quarantine breaches and this has caused quite a bit of a panic and fear—much like other countries saw in 2020. I had to buy a mask for the first time and actually wear it!

We are currently in our first lockdown—but it is only for 3 days. Still folks are taking it quite serious as for the first time things like vaccination and mask wearing is

required to enter shops. I have found this has actually opened up opportunities to share with some patients the Gospel as they are very afraid of dying, and I would ask that you pray for people to get saved as a result of these interactions or from the tracts being given out.

Some ministries have had to be put on hold—local Bible studies for example—but we are hoping this will end soon.

Throughout the craziness of the past two years, I am actually quite thankful for this pandemic as it has brought me together with my Fiancé. That's right, you read that correctly!

His name is Andrew Liu, he is also a Missionary, but from mainland China and is working for Chinese Christian Mission Australia. Andrew

came originally to Santo for 3 months to assist a new Mandarin church at the start of 2020, but because of the pandemic he was unable to leave Vanuatu and took on the role as a full time missionary, and has been here since then.

I met him for the first time at the end of 2020 when he joined our Bible study group, then from the start of 2021 we got to know each other more. I know this comes as a surprised to some—I have many times said I want to stay single, but God has changed my heart and I am thankfully that such a loving person has been added to my life.

We are planning on getting married here in Vanuatu due to family and my Pastor still not being able to freely enter Vanuatu, but I hope to introduce him to you all once borders are open.



Prayer & Praise Points

- Praise to God for giving me a new friend in the Lord!
- Prayer for Vanuatu as Covid is in the community and that people will look to God and not panic.
- Prayer for guidance as I try to start learning another new language and navigate another new culture (Chinese!).

Blessings — Rachael

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