

*Rod Kyle. Evangelist. Reaching out to the lost in the South Pacific.*

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## South Pacific report for the 27th November, 2018.

### I am still here working away:

Greetings from Whakarongo, New Zealand. I am about to compile and send you a much delayed report on about 5 months of work in the South Pacific. I am hopeful it will inform and encourage you. And it will contain an explanation of my long silence. Happy reading and thank you from the heart, for your interest, prayers and support. And note the map on the last page for your orientation...

**THE SPEED REPORT:** I know how life is for many of you in the U.S. so this section of the report will allow you to take an overview of the last 5 months of the work I have been involved in and any results....

18th June - Sept. 19th Continued my involvement in the Hutt and Wairapapa works, preaching in each location each Lords day and conducting classes in the Hutt. This also has involved transport, administration, personal work and fellowship opportunities. I have also now obtained a new vehicle to allow for safe travels. Each Lords day can involve up to 400 kilometres and 5 hours on very windy, twisting roads. The Hutt work has grown some but one family has become unfaithful. The work there is hopeful of an exciting development for 2019 which I will tell you more about in a section that follows. The Wairapapa work is comprised mainly of myself and a faithful brother in Carterton now. The seasonal workers from the Philippines have had to return home before reentering N.Z. But this work could begin to grow again in 2019. But more on this shortly. In early Sept. I begun preparation for my Sept- Oct. Solomon Island trip.

20th Sept. - 29th Oct. Sept. 19th drove south and slept in my car near Wellington airport.  
 Sept. 20th. Left Wellington at 6 a.m. arrived in Honiara, S.I. around 2p.m.  
 Sept. 22nd. Chris Murray joins me in S.I. Preach and teach in 3 congregations on the Sept.23rd. On Tuesday 25th, we flew 2.5 hours to Nendo Island in Santa Cruz, in the afternoon travelled across the island to Mbajanemelako Village where we hired a canoe for a 1.5 hour trip to Nangu Village. We met Contacts all along the way. Conducted studies there and then worshiped in Nangu on the Lords day, having visited Lord Howe Island and Bimbu village to which we were invited back to in May, 2019. On the 1st we canoed to Fenualoa in the Reef Islands. Studies were conducted in this village until we travelled to La'aro on Lom Lom Is. The congregation here was the first established in the Reef islands. We conducted mainly meetings with the church until Sunday p.m. when we travelled back to Fenualoa to worship with the small congregation there. On Monday 8th we canoed to Lata on Nendo Island ready for our flight out the next day. Which never happened. We conducted studies and the repaired plane arrived the next day. From Wed. 10th to 14th we conducted Bible Studies during the day and in the evening in Honiara. Chris returned to Ca. on the 13th. On sun. 14th I met with 3 congregations in Honiara, baptised Lilian Teilo in the p.m.. and then on the 15th finished up the remaining studies we begun the week before. On Tuesday I wound up a few loose ends after visiting a Doctor, staggered to the airport and flew to Brisbane to meet with Ian Coker (the next missionary to help in the S.I. work). I was pretty sick by this stage and was admitted to hospital on Wed.17th. at the Tropical Disease Centre attached to Redcliffe Hospital. On the 26th Oct. I got the go ahead to travel back to N.Z., very grateful that they had saved

my left arm and that I had an automatic car awaiting me in Wellington. After another 2 weeks of convalescing (although still able to preach and teach) I started back on constructing my much delayed Office/Library complex. And that's what I am mainly working on now. When not looking after Gaye, DBBF work and doing office stuff.

**THE FULLER S.I. REPORT:** You are about to find out the interesting parts to the Sept/Oct. S.I. venture. It was quiet a trip! It begun on the 19th Sept. with me checking Gaye into a Dementia Unit at a nearby Rest Home, and a two hour drive to Wellington airport where I slept in the car at the end of the airport. My plane flew in from Australia at 1 a.m. and I left on it at 6 a.m. on the 20th. My car was in storage at a christians home in the neighbouring suburb. As usual, I connected to my S.I. plane in Brisbane and arrived in Honiara at 2 p.m. S.I. time. Philip Foanaod provided me with a vehicle that afternoon and I checked the mail box and begun unpacking books, Bibles and L.S. supplies. Thankyou to the Justin church and World Evangelism and Westside in Midland for this. I had also brought 3 lap tops, song books, gospel literature and gifts for Village Chiefs in my extra baggage. I begun connecting with brethren and reactivating studies from my May trip. We sadly discovered that one of the fine men in the Honiara church, Marlon Houanihere had died. Chris and I helped



*Bro. Marlons funeral.*

with his funeral on sunday before his body was taken back to Monawai in East Are Are on Maliata. He was a faithful brother and the brethren in Honiara are really missing him. On Saturday 22nd I picked Chris Murray up from the Henderson Field and we begun 3 weeks of fruitful work together. On Sun. the 23rd Chris taught and preached with the Honiara congregation (see photo at the end of this report) and I with the Papahoe church. Both of us visited Panatina Ridge and worshiped with Festus Anahere, one of the oldest members in Honiara and the first ex-S.I. Evangelical Church preacher to be added to Christ's kingdom in this nation. That evening we returned to Papahoe and preached and taught some more. On the 25th Chris, I and bro. Jerry Rufee flew to Nendo Island, traversed it by car and sailed in a canoe for 1.5 hours to Nanguu Village. Yes. The sea was not



*The small Nanguu village congregation*

to have the Paul and Joy Tute family visit from Lord Howe Island from the village of Bwaa. This lovely couple were baptised into Christ in Lara, on Lomlom Island. They have asked us to help them spread the good news in their village in May. They paddled home to Lord Howe island that afternoon with hearts filled with encouragement from Gods Word. You would not believe what they crossed that strait in. Those lazy, slack brethren in western society who use transport as an excuse to be absent from the assembly would be ashamed of themselves if they witnessed the zeal of Paul and Joy. On saturday the 29th we also visited on Lord Howe Island and Chris taught about N.T. christianity to the villagers of Bimbu. We have an open invitation to return in May. Ian Coker and I will spent as long as we can in the confident expectation we can see the Lords church planted there. So keep this village of Berean hearted people in your prayers. I am about to send them supplies and







*Jerry catching 3 days of fish dinners on the Coral Sea..*

and on our return to Tuwo, freshly caught lobster. We did not lose weight while on that Island. If I remember correctly, we canoed to Lom Lom Is. and Lara Village on the 5th of Oct. teaching that evening, saturday evening and worshiping with the brethren on sunday a.m. We made contact with the Head Master of the nearby High School, David Dalaume (see photo at the end), who has invited me to teach the Teachers at his school on Evolution/Creation and the Bible upon our return in May. David is perhaps the most educated person on the whole Island and very sincere and this could develop into more opportunities to spread the gospel. Lom Lom now has its own airport (built by the N.Z. Govt.) and we might be able to travel that way in future and for this reason, Jerry is thinking about building a Resort on his beach front land in Tuwo. The airport would now make the resort reachable within 3.5 hours travel from Honiara, Guadalcanal. That compares to 3-14 days on the old coastal boats.. Anyway. Sunday afternoon, we canoed back to Tuwo village (see photo at the end) and worshiped with the little congregation there. Monday saw us on the Coral Sea again bucking the waves for about 2 hours on what we thought was a good trip back to Lata and Nendo Is. I noticed a raw spot on my left elbow at the time. It was the up and down action of the canoe rubbing against it, that had exposed my flesh to an infection that was to land me in hospital some 9 days later. At the time, I was more concerned about bro. Chris' ulcerated cuts on his chest and legs and that just didn't seem to want to heal. In Lata, we conducted several studies, one with a leader in the Episcopalian church and the other with a Pentecostal preacher. The breakdown of our Tuesday plane allowed us more time in Lata but by then tiredness was slowing us down some. Hopefully staying in a different Motel on our next trip will open up more doors in that town.. We were met with some hostility when we exposed the religious error of the Motel Managers.

We arrived back in Honiara to continue the studies we left behind on the 25th Sept. Sadly, some of the promising Contacts were to revert to their denominational roots because of promises made to dead parents. But on sunday 14th Lilian Teilo was baptised into Christ (see photo at the end) which helped us cope with our disappointments from studies that ended in disobedience. Chris left for Ca. on the 13th. I left for home on the 16th after doing further research on the Mission Centre idea, continuing studies and meeting with 3 Honiara based congregations on the last Lords day. Much more happened than is reflected on here and some promising studies will recommence in May, 2019.

**THE NEXT TRIP - MAY 2019:** Planning has begun for this trip which could see new congregations planted, more souls taught the gospel and existing congregations, encouraged in the sound words. Ian Coker, the Preacher for the Moreyfield congregation in north Brisbane, Australia, has committed to journey with me on this occasion. Ian is a sound, articulate gospel preacher whose work experience has involved building up the largest congregation in Australia and many mission trips to southern India. He is short on his travel funds, so if you can help him, let me know and I will pass on his contact details. He and Dianne, his beautiful wife, looked after me in a wonderful way in the midst of my medical emergency. I want to ship materials to several congregations and potential congregations before we make the trip in May and I will list what needs to be sent and where they need to go in my next report in the hope that your congregation might be able to help. My body is getting too old and my mind too wise to carry 40kg bags filled with resources anymore. So sending things ahead and trusting the S.I. mail service will be the order of the day in 2019.

#### **OCEANIA BVBI STUDENTS DOING WELL:**

Two of the good Men from the S.I. brotherhood are progressing through their studies in the Bible School in Suva, Fiji. Lency Mena and Alphonsus Ricky (and families). Both are doing very well in their studies. Turning in good grades and manifesting great attitudes and growing their faith. Lency is almost through. Just finishing up some courses he wanted to do upon graduation. The Ricky family have one more year ahead of them. I am

very thankful for the Westside congregation in Midland, Tx., and the McCoy Foundation in Ca., and others for making their studies possible. Having men trained like this in the S.I. work will be a big step forward. We continue to scout for other good men amongst the S.I. congregations to point in the direction of deeper studies in God's Word and leadership in Christ's kingdom in that nation.

I will be talking with you more in 2019 about this and other needed developments in this mission field. Progress and growth is slow, but it is happening..

**N.Z. WORK:** I have continued my involvement in the Hutt City and Wairapapa work as indicated in my Speed Report, but Gayes care has becoming more and more time consuming and it has been very frustrating seeing the opportunities and potentials in these works and not being able to put time into them. Hence. Growth is slow. But the Hutt work will be visited by the Chris and Marion Rich family in December. It is hoped that they will be able to take over the Hutt work and see it grow more rapidly than at present. I also hope to purchase a caravan that I can locate in either of these regions, to put myself in a better position to be directly involved in midweek work. I will send you more details on the Rich family and their plans in my next report in February, 2019. If they can join the Hutt work, I will slowly begin concentrating on the Wairapapa work, which is about 1 hour closer than the Hutt work. In the meantime, and until I get Gaye settled in a suitable Dementia unit in Palmerston North, my midweek work will involve office/library development, and encouragement and benevolent work amongst christians in the Manawatu region in which I live.

**FAMILY NEWS:** Gayes health has continued to deteriorate. She is still able to feed herself, but her other abilities have all but gone. She is now largely dependant on others for washing, dressing, toileting, meals, and thinking and behaviour. She is a danger to herself because of her unpredictable behaviour and it is presently not possible for me to have people stay at our home. So I am arranging for her to go into a secure Dementia Unit near to home and Palmerston North. This will benefit her by giving her better care than I can provide and free me up to do more in the kingdom of Christ. For example... It's been difficult to write this report. Gaye is calling my name incessantly, ringing the door bell, wandering around outside, messing with her clothes and constantly going to the toilet or having me change her nappy. Her best moments are when I go in the car to do something or visit someone or attend a function with the church. But in these public situation I have to be very attentive to her needs. She has embarrassed several brethren and scared the children inspite of close supervision. Dementia is not something the HD literature had alerted me to, so it has taken me off guard a little. So I really appreciate your prayers, understanding and patience. Lord willing, Gaye will soon be in better care and I will be freer to increase my involvement in His work in this nation.

I am hopeful of seeing all of the family over the Xmas period. I am planning to go on a 4WD trip into the Orongorongos between the 26th Dec. and 3rd January after family time on the 25th. The family will tramp in over this period and stay in the Tramping Hut I have been a lifetime shareholder in. I hope to send you photos of this in my next report. But the big show off news in this report is my latest Grandbaby, Aven Kyle. She is just beautiful. And such a happy, smiling little girl, with beautiful blue eyes. As beautiful as my Australia Granddaughters (Bonny-mae) blue eyes!!

I am very thankful to God for the wonderful gift of Children and Grandbabies. They fill our hearts with love and hope for the future of the kingdom of Christ. Right!

My Emma has a new job as a "Child at Risk" Lawyer with the N.Z. Govt. Jared is working on one of my broken teeth at present and he and Rachel are so proud of themselves for producing a beautiful daughter. Andrew and Sarah in NSW, rescued me from the hospital and helped immensely in my recovery. They have almost finished renovating their home and landscaping the land around it. It's a beautiful location. But you have to watch where you step. Oz is a hostile environment when you step outside - just about everything bites, stings, sucks blood or could poison you. Alicia and her husband Ryan are busy with their life in Auckland. He is working on his PHD in genetics and she has become a senior teacher at a new School nearer to their home. They are planning to start their family next year I believe. At least that is what we hope for.

**FOR YOU I AM THANKFUL TO GOD:** That's it for this report and for hearing from me in this way in 2018. If you have questions, e-m me at your pleasure and I will respond when not too exhausted from continuing the build on my new office and library. Sorry about the mix up with photos. I have spent 4 hours trying to insert them in the text of this report only to fail 50% of the time. So that's why I have pasted several at the end.

Thank you to all congregations and friends who have been in touch over the period of this report. Like me, many of your are facing incredible challenges in life, but with the Lord at our side, we cannot fail - Rom. 8:28, Heb. 13: 5!!!

May you have a wonderful family time over the holiday period and a great 2019 in His service. For you, I am thankful to God.

In much love and gratitude.

*Red Kyle.*



*Lilian Teilo's baptism..*



*David Dalaume from Balipaa village and High School.*



*The Honiara church of Christ with their House to House magazines.*



*Philip Foanaota with his new son. Philip is one of the leading men in the Papahoe congregation which I have formerly described as the Hill 66 congregation.*

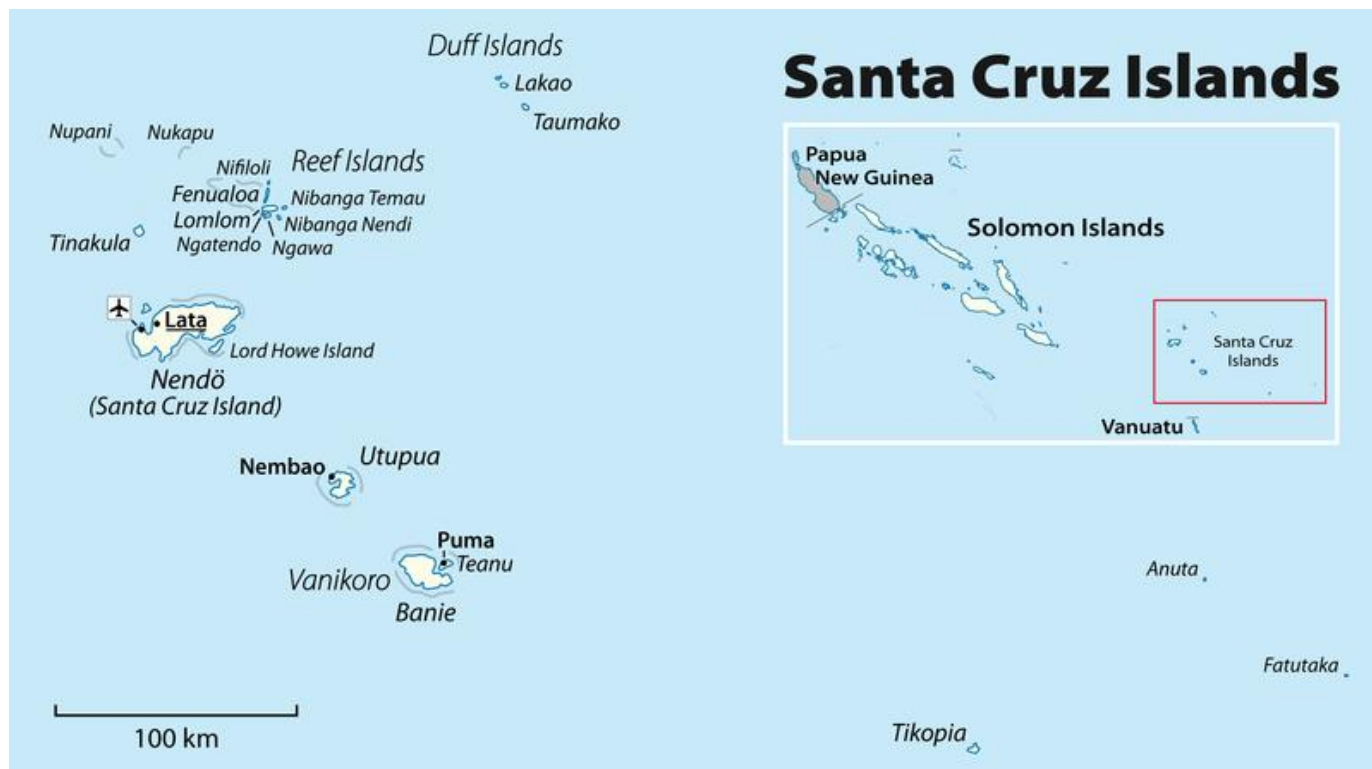


*Little Aven Kyle who is now about 4 months old*



*The outlook from Andrew and Sarah Kyles NSW home.*





*Map of the Santa Cruz Islands, 2+hours flight time away from Honiara , Gualacanal, S.I.*