

# The DEATRICK FAMILY

*Solomon Islands*

Dear Faithful Supporters,

Thank you so much for your prayer over our adjustment back to life and ministry here in the Solomon Islands. The Lord has been so good to us over the last few months as we've worked to get back into a routine of daily ministry here. The adjustment hasn't been easy, but even on the hard days we are extremely thankful to be back.

Pacific Light Baptist Church is doing very well. Several weeks ago we completed going through our Statement of Faith together. We are currently working through our Constitution and by-laws. It has taken a little longer than we expected, but it is a blessing to see the excitement of the people as we near chartering as a church.

We have been blessed to see three souls put their trust in Jesus as their Savior and two follow the Lord in baptism. We have three more that we are working with to possibly baptize in the near future. Please be praying for the growth of these new believers. We sow, God gives the increase and we praise Him!

The Lord has provided us with a new place to live and we moved in the beginning of November. It is big enough for now that we have moved the church ministry here as well. We are excited about the possibilities in this temporary location because it will simplify a lot of logistical issues with church service transportation, discipleship, and area size. This new facility has a huge yard which provides a great place for the church children to run around and play while the adults fellowship, a luxury that we did not have when we met in town. The baptisms on our first Sunday in the new building were extra special.

Over the last few months we've seen our highest consistent attendance since we started meeting as Pacific Light Baptist Church. It is a tight fit for everyone to get into our current place and it is a joy to see a full house on Sundays. When looking to the future, our desire of land for a church building is becoming a pressing need. Once we are chartered, we will begin the search for land and the process of other things that will cement our presence in the Solomon Island community.

Please be praying with us about our container. It arrived into port on November 11th but retrieving it has turned into quite the ordeal. On top of all that, we had a series of earthquakes that rattled Honiara last week with the strongest being a 7.0 magnitude. There was some property damage, but as far as we know there were no injuries or deaths. The earthquakes caused the ports to shut down which further delayed the process of retrieving the container. We are trying our best to be patient as we wait on our personal items and ministry materials. Our kids have been so patient knowing that their toys are just a few miles away after waiting four months. It has been a conviction to me to observe their contentment as we wait anxiously for our bed. Please pray with us that the necessary exemption will go through and that we would be able to have some of the storage fees waved with the ports because of the issues we've had.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. It is very evident that God's people are praying. May the Lord bless you all in your service for Him.

All for Him,  
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