



THE LEE FAMILY



MISSIONARIES TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Dear Friends,

June-July 2025

The last couple of months have been busy and full of the Lord working here in Auki. For several months we have had a couple coming to church. We did not know much about them but that they were family of some others who were coming to church. As we got to know J&V, we learned that they were not married but living together. They expressed a strong desire to do what is right and they also wanted to get baptized. Melodie began a Bible study with V. The first time they met, she discussed the gospel with V. V understood the gospel clearly and began telling Melodie she had been looking for God for a long time. For many years, V lived on the streets and had a very bad reputation for fighting and being a drunkard. She said that there were some nights that she would just cry out to God and ask Him if this was all there was to life. She wanted to change but did not know how. Then she met J, he was a nice man and he tried to help her do right. He said that if they were going to live together, they needed to go to church, so they started coming to Auki Baptist Church. The first Sunday she came was the first time she had ever been in a church. She said that when she came, she saw there was life there and she wanted to know more about God. During that Bible study, V accepted Christ as her Savior. Melodie discussed with her the problem of living with J without being married. She understood and said she would talk to J. The following Sunday, J&V said they wanted to get married the following Sunday because they wanted to start obeying God. Melodie and I then met with J&V to discuss if J was saved. During that time, J did accept Christ. We were rejoicing greatly for their salvation and the following Sunday, I had the privilege of performing the first wedding of Auki Baptist Church.



The following week, another young man who had been attending church approached me regarding salvation. As we talked, he realized that he did not have personal salvation. By the end of the conversation, he prayed and received Christ.

Every Thursday evening, we have a youth night at our home. Several teens from church come and they have also brought many friends who do not attend church. Some of the boys from youth night have expressed an interest in learning how to drive or learning to ride a dirt bike. I am always excited to teach them to drive or ride because it gives me an opportunity to build a relationship with them and talk to them one on one about the gospel.

The first Sunday in July, we had our second baptism service. It had been raining the full week and we were concerned that the service would be canceled. Thankfully, we woke up to a beautiful sunny day. Everyone met at the church building and then we all **piled** up in various vehicles and headed to the sea side. After the service, we had the baptisms in the ocean. I had the privilege of

baptizing four people. Then we all enjoyed a feast. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and the children enjoy playing in the water and sand after food.



A few days after the baptism, another young man from church wanted to talk about salvation. During our conversation, he received Christ. We already have two who are going to be baptized for our next baptism service. Melodie has also started a Bible study with some ladies who are confused about the gospel and salvation and we are praying for their salvation. Please pray for these woman to understand the gospel and trust Christ.

The first Sunday of August, I am going to be going through the doctrines of the church in preparation for chartering in a couple of months. We are so excited to see the growth of the church and personal growth of many who have been attending.

On July 10th, George turned 2 years old. It is hard to believe that when we arrived in the Solomon Islands he was only 4 months old. We had a big birthday party and invited quite a few people. Douglas and George really enjoyed all the friends in the home.

Pray for a Chinese man named J, he has been faithfully attending church for several months. I just baptized his good friend who also works here in Auki. J is an owner of one of the largest shops in Auki. He has spent his life in pursuit of many things other than God. God has been very gracious to him recently to show him the vanity of those pursuits. He is seriously considering Christ. I sat down with Him for 2 hours a few weeks ago to plead with Him to repent and believe. He has not turned yet, but it is my prayer that God would touch his heart. Please pray for J.

It would seem as though God is opening a door to go back to Aitolo. A man in the village that is doing work with organizing the Kwara'ae language asked me to help with writing a Kwara'ae grammar book. This man teaches Kwara'ae in the village. He is aware that my family is learning Kwara'ae and has asked me how our experience has been. I told him it has been hard because there is no grammar book to explain the rules of Kwara'ae. It is our plan to try and put the grammar rules and vocabulary together in a book. We will see how all that goes, but for now this will necessitate me going and staying in the village for several days at a time. It is my prayer that God would open again the door to preach in this village. Pray with me that God makes a way.

The process for finding land for a home is still underway. We are still in need of funds. We have a generous donor that is happy to match any gifts up to \$22,500. We have raised a little over \$10,000. So we are in need of around \$12,000.00 more to receive the full benefit of the matched funds. The house that we were looking at buying sold, we take that as God leading us elsewhere. We are currently in the process of buying land and building a house ourselves. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

Constrained by Love,
Colton, Melodie, Douglas and George Lee
Auki, Malaita, Solomon Islands

Prayer Requests

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we really move forward to charter the church.
- Pray for the Chinese man named J to receive Christ.
- Pray for 2 ladies that Mel is doing a Bible study with named G and J to receive Christ.