



*To Inspire, To Equip, To Serve, To Save.*

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TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS GLORY

## Stories of Miracles &

by David Brown

# Witness for Christ



*It has been a wonderful and progressive experience for all at Eastward this year. And while we could share all manner of blessings, this 2x2 is dedicated to the wonder of our loving and merciful God allowing us to cooperate with Him in ministry and mission.*

*As a full time volunteer missionary at Eastward, sometimes funds can be a little hard to come by! I had committed to the team in the early part of 2011, and to be available for a mission trip to the Solomon Islands midyear. However, I wasn't sure how this was going to be possible, as surviving each week is a financial miracle.*

*Team members started to book their tickets about a month before the trip, but I still had no money. I had put it to prayer, and I believed that God was going to come through with the assistance I needed. Two weeks before we were scheduled to leave, I asked one other person to put it to prayer. We prayed and waited in faith.*

*Two days later enough money had come in to get me to Honiara, and so we booked a one way ticket to the Solomons. By the end of the week, the rest of the money had become available and we booked my tickets! But there was more than I needed, enough also to join the team for another two weeks of mission in Vanuatu! Both trips were amazing and full of miracle stories, but I simply want to praise God for even making this a possibility!*

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## True Success?

by Tina Krouse

# Christ's Method Alone



*I have been a missionary since 2007, here in Australia and abroad, and although I've experienced seeing people's hearts turn to God through the gospel work, I struggle to engage with those who aren't interested in spiritual things.*

*So for me, the highlight of my learning at Eastward this year was to be able to experience Christ's threefold method of healing, teaching and preaching (see Matthew 4, 9 & 10), and seeing first hand how this method brings about true success in winning souls.*

*People tend to recognize their physical or mental needs before they recognize the spiritual. Using this method, it was just awesome to be able to meet people where they are, with what they have or what they need, using the tools God has freely provided!*



*In the Solomon Islands and in Vanuatu, we met people who were very poor. We used their water, buckets, fire and towels to demonstrate hydrotherapy; prepared their local foods to teach healthy eating; used their local vegetables for poultices; taught them how to use their hands for basic massage; and their wood to make activated charcoal.*

*Healing took place, a spiritual interest was ignited, and God really blessed this simple work that He has commissioned! Many times people would ask us, "Why would you do this for me?"*

*Love is our motivation! God is the true healer, and we are but vessels who say, "Here am I Lord, send me".*

## Always on the GO!

by Kesia Fepuleàì (Granma)

# Granma!



*My role in the Solomon Islands mission trip was to manage the kitchen and to assist with women's ministry.*

*And what an experience! With a mix of hot weather, limited funds for personal expenses and a strong desire to keep as much of our resources as possible for the people, we all lost a few kilos! We had purchased a few staple foods in Honiara, which we rationed out for our three-week stay. However, our diet mostly consisted of what we bought from the market twice a week (fruits and vegetables), enough to feed our team of 10 (with no fridges).*

*On the women's ministries front, I had many opportunities to administer simple treatments such as massage and hydrotherapy. All the women I saw suffered from back aches and various muscle strains due to their difficult work in the fields and home. Some women even came from other villages as they learnt of our work.*

*Others asked for training so that they could help their own people. We saw amazing results and they became true sisters to me. Attendance at our nightly meetings grew. God really blessed us during this time, and I praise Him for this experience!*



## God's Healing

by Johnathan Ostrowski

# In My Own Back Yard



*"...and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" (Isaiah 58:7, KJV)*

*As much as it was a blessing ministering to the Malaitan people in the Solomon Islands, to me it was even more satisfying returning home to Melbourne after that trip, and ministering to my own family.*

*My brother had a back problem. He had a terrible pain in his spine after being spear tackled. Although he had received chiropractic treatment for over eighteen months, he had only found temporary relief.*

*I determined to apply fomentation treatments and massage to improve circulation and to refresh the blood in the area. The next morning after the first treatment he was fine - the pain was gone. This is a man who is a hard worker and does physically strenuous work, and who had woken up in pain each morning, yet after just one treatment there was no pain! I phoned him several times to check how he was - he is healed! After one treatment!! Praise God.*

*Education is only valued as much as it is useful. So I thank God for teaching me what I have learnt, used, and experienced at Eastward Missionary College.*





## Gounasu'u Village

by Joshua Corda

# Bless the Chief!



*Early on the Solomon Islands mission, I met a young boy who had nausea and headaches for more than two days. Immediately I thought of charcoal slurry for the nausea, and a hot footbath for the headache. A crowd grew in anticipation as I prayed and then fed the boy the slurry while adding hot water to the foot bath to maintain the temperature. Our faith was rewarded with success, and Enme was soon completely relieved.*

*Another villager who was watching complained of the same symptoms, and asked for the treatments also. The crowd continued to grow as I facilitated these treatments to yet another success. One member of this crowd curiously looking on was the Chief of the village.*

*Chief Lenty warmed to me, and eventually explained the pains and swelling he had to his feet, knees and right wrist. I was unsure what to do, other than offer him an alternate hot/cold bath for his swollen feet and knees, which he readily accepted.*

*But what about his wrist? He's been unable to move it now for over 3 weeks! How does one treat this longstanding inflammation? Fortunately, the Lord brought to mind an earlier experience with potato poultices, and I prayerfully applied the local equivalent - sweet potato.*



*Over the next few days, the Lord really blessed the swelling and pain in Lenty's feet and knees, allowing him to walk normally again; and he was soon using his wrist up in the vegetable garden slashing away with his bush knife as fit as a fiddle, and paddling his favourite canoe!*

*Chief Lenty became more open to spiritual conversations, and I believe the miracles contributed to him responding positively to the appeals made during our Steps to Christ evangelism series, and thus leading his whole village closer to the Lord.*

## I Saw a Miracle

by Robert Johnson

# With My Own Eyes!



*2011 was definitely a year of missions and miracles for me. The year started out with free return air tickets between Vancouver and Sydney, and it just got better.*

*In May 2011, I went to Fiji, as part of the Entering Wedge team that shares the 3 Angel's Message through medical missionary work. It was out on the Island of Yanua, where the people had previously rejected Adventist evangelism, that God used me in working a miracle.*

*My usual practice is to rise early to spend my time with the Lord, but this particular morning He woke me extra early at 3.30 am to prepare me for what He laid ahead. We travelled to Yanua Island, and I was heading off to change out of my borrowed bright yellow shorts when a man asked me if I could help his son who had fallen out of a tree and had landed on a rock 2 days earlier. Timothy had not been able to move his arm since the accident, and had been constantly crying, day and night.*



*When he brought Timothy to me, I offered up a silent prayer to God for wisdom, for I knew not what to do. As I examined and moved his good arm, I gained his confidence, and then I touched and moved his injured arm, and I was surprised that it moved up and down just as well as his good arm. I then massaged his good arm a little, and repeated this to his other. There were no signs of pain! The only thing that had changed was that he was now smiling and not crying!!*

*I told the father that there didn't seem to be anything wrong with his arm. The father kept repeating, "you don't understand, you don't understand", as he insisted on telling me that his boy could not move his arm. We both realised that God has just worked a mighty miracle! The news soon spread throughout the village, and the people were coming and shaking my hand, saying, "Miracle! Miracle! Miracle!" I prayed with Timothy and his father, and then parted to start my days work with the team.*

## Fiji Continued... It Get's Better!

We had been delayed on the mainland for 2 days with engine troubles on our boat. During this time we met David, a young backpacker from Germany, who was in Fiji to kite-surf. I did not know it then, but God had arranged a divine appointment for David and I.

As we talked, he became very interested in what we were doing, and expressed a keen interest to come along on our trip. Our team leaders agreed to this, and David was with us on Yanua Island and witnessed the miraculous healing of Timothy's arm, along with many other instances where God showed His love to a dying world.

At our base on Mana Island, I had the opportunity to present a Bible Prophecy seminar each night, and David was attending, and listening. On the final night I made an appeal to those attending to give their hearts to the Lord and to make a stand to join God's Remnant Church. To God's glory, David stood, and made his commitment! Praise God! We left him at Mana Island, where he stayed on for another month being nurtured by our church members there.

Adding to this the opportunities to later witness for Jesus in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, and the work I am now doing with our Indigenous people in Port Macquarie, I praise God for this wonderful year of opportunities to work with Him, and to share the good news of Jesus' soon return. Amen!



## 2012 Diary

*2012 is going to be a special year at Eastward!*

*The Lord has impressed us to review our programs and consolidate our structures to lay a stronger foundation for training lay members for a life of ministry in coming years.*

*In 2012 our focus will be:*

**Family Ministry:** *developing our relationships with Jesus and each other, strengthening our families, & learning to love and serve like Him*

**Rollands Plains Community:** *working together on door-door book ministry & medical missionary evangelism*

**Church visitation:** *bringing the medical missionary message to your church. Please contact Russell Ing (02 6566 8093) if interested!*

**Agriculture:** *heading towards self-sufficiency and a beautiful & profitable garden*

**Property development:** *get our "house in order", workers ablutions, reticulated water system, residence construction, DA prep. etc.*

**Self-supporting industries:** *take our health foods and ministry resources to the next level to better meet our financial & training needs*

*The Eastward family would like to thank you for your friendship, prayers and financial help over the years.*

*We look forward to your continued interest and support, and welcome any questions you may have.*

*Though we will not have a normal student intake in 2012, we hope you can join us as we learn and work together, or at least stop in and visit us sometime!*

**The Eastward Family**