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VOLUNTEER  
TRIP TO  
VANUATU  
MID YEAR  
2025**

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## Our Latest update

**February 2025**

### **7.4 Magnitude Earthquake Port Vila Dec 2024**

On December 17th 2024 a massive earthquake hit Vanuatu close to the Capital Port Vila. The quake resulted in significant infrastructure damage, particularly across the local business areas, including collapsed buildings, landslides and road closures. There were also several serious injuries and deaths recorded. Power, water and communication systems were affected. Shortages of food and supplies were an issue for quite some time.

Our work in Port Vila sustained only minor damage and some materials were also damaged. Thankfully all of our connections and missionary families were unharmed. It was quite traumatic for all those there in the capital.

Some services/business will not return and many have been forced to relocate elsewhere outside the main city area. Many roads remain closed and many buildings await demolition. But BuildAid's work continued on for a few days before Ian was able to get on an Australian Air Force Hercules evacuation flight and return to home for Christmas.



**Ian featured on most of Australia's news services as he arrived home safely on the RAAF Hercules evacuation flight a few days later.**



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**House Alterations at SIL Hilltop Port Vila**

Prior to and post the December earthquake, Ian and a small team of volunteers and SIL staff have continued to work on the Hilltop2 unit. Fortunately at the time of the earthquake all volunteers were safe back in Australia. Work on internal areas has been the primary focus of our work—that is work on the bathroom/laundry, kitchen, an internal wall, flooring and the patio area. Compromises were made because of lack of materials available to purchase. Many materials have been repurposed.



**Proposed TRIPs for 2025**

- Feb 2025 AMBRYM Vanuatu **North Ambrym to work on a community bg (Disaster relief centre) in Ranvetlam village**
- USA—LOS ANGELES, GRAND RAPIDS & MONTANA—March 20—April 4
- SOUTH SANTO, Vanuatu (June/July)
- KANDRIAN Papua New Guinea (tba)