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Our Latest update

July 2022

Covid again continued to restrict our ability to travel overseas to work on projects in the early part of 2022!

Vanuatu's border has only recently opened to visitors and others. There have been a number of cases in the capital and most outer islands but in general they seem to be coping with only a few deaths recorded. Vaccination rates have increased also.

In the past few months we have been able to commence a local project near Geelong in Victoria. We are working with Foundation 61 to build rehabilitation accommodation for women in the Geelong region. Site works have already begun and construction work commenced a few months ago. We will be looking to engage volunteers to help out. We will keep you posted on our FB page or you can email us for more information.

A few months ago we were able to partner with a Heathdale Christian College to collect desks, chairs, whiteboards and filing cabinets that were no longer needed by the school. Some will be donated to the Foundation 61 organization while others will be shipped to Vanuatu to be used at a local Christian school (V2 Life) near Port Vila. (They in the process of building new classrooms that will need to be fitted out.) The shipping containers that will be used have been donated, so the only real cost will be shipping. We plan to convert the shipping containers into housing.

On the health front, Ian has had his second hip replacement surgery and his rehabilitation is continuing nicely. Joanna's latest brain scan results were good also.

Ian has recently returned to Vanuatu to lodge applications for new visas for us. Our previous ones expire on August 1. We only were able to use 6 months of a 3 year Visa. Hopefully the authorities will look favourably on us and the work we do. The Visas will allow us to come and go as often as we need for a further 3 years. We are very much looking forward to restabilising contact with friends and colleagues there and to recommence projects that help local communities and missionaries in the field.

Thanks again for your support of, prayers for, and involvement in, all that BuildAid does.