



Build Aid MISSIONS

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Latest Vanuatu Trip News!!

In July/August this year another BuildAid team had the privilege to travel to Vanuatu to continue on with the work of building the Richard's family and Laura's home. The trip was split in two with Murray, James and Samuel heading out with Ian in early July and then changing over with Graham who stayed on with Ian until August. The weather this time of the year is



much cooler than in the wet season and made for much more comfortable working conditions and more restful nights for sleeping. Village life goes on and the people of Ranvetlam have made each team feel welcome and Ian is growing in his friendships there and is slowly gaining their trust. This is such a blessing – he is almost a honorary "local" now!! In fact, he has been approached to come back by many of the elders/chiefs from a number of villages and teach some basic



building skills to men in many of the villages. This is so encouraging for us and makes what we are trying to do so worthwhile. There is a need for school classrooms and other community buildings and we are looking forward once finishing the current house to move onto new areas.

We have been keeping many of you updated via our Facebook and Pinterest pages of the progress of the construction and have been so incredibly encouraged by your support and comments.



Pinterest

Building Progress

We had not been there for a couple of weeks and some work had been done by another group of volunteers. It has been great to see teams of individuals working together to get the job done.



Everyone has a role to play and the end the result shows.

We were able to pick what they had started, and then needed to completely fix down the roof with adequate cyclone ties before putting the roofing iron on. It is so important to get these jobs done correctly so that the house withstands any potential storms/cyclones that may hit the area and then still be standing for many years to come. While this slows down the progress it does

give that extra protection and reassurance to those who will live in the home for years to come.

Samuel began preparing some of the ground around the house so that a garden and some paths could be established. Hard physical work but he had lots of local help and onlookers!



Again, we took over some solar lighting – this time to put into the church buildings in the village. This allows the villagers to practice music and have meetings with the aid of some lighting. We also took a small but powerful light so that team members could read after a hard day's work if they felt like it.

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