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Warm greetings from Vanuatu!

2007 was a year of transition and new opportunities. After nearly ten years of service in French Polynesia, the Lord opened a new door in Vanuatu, the country where Lori's parents were the first Assemblies of God missionaries in the 1970's. Thirty years later, it is wonderful to meet Lori's childhood friends who are now pastors, pastors' wives and faithful church members. Many pastors have told me that they were saved under my father-in-law Ron Killingbeck's ministry. A solid foundation was laid, and you read all about it in our September 2007 newsletter.

But so much remains to be done. The buildings of Joy Bible Institute were built 30 years ago and have seen better days. We are involved in a major renovation project. Here's what's happening:

- ◆ The men's restrooms and laundry are nearly completed.
- ◆ The downstairs of the old mission house is being renovated to make place for library books that have not had a proper home for years.
- ◆ The upstairs is being transformed into a girls' dorm. Girls living on campus for the first time in the history of the school! Finally a safe place for them.
- ◆ The kitchen and cafeteria are next on the list, then the classroom building, the chapel, offices, etc.!

Why do we do it? One reason: we are training the next generation of pastors to reach the islands of Vanuatu and beyond **to make His name great!**

We have launched a sharp new website to keep you informed about everything we are doing: www.visionforvanuatu.wordpress.com. Check it out! We update it very regularly! This will let you **see** the progress and **pray** more specifically for us in near **real time**. Take a look at the list of our supporting churches on our "Partners" page. There are a lot of people working together to make this happen!

One more item: the January 6, 2008 issue of *Today's Pentecostal Evangel* has a great article on "Joy Bible Institute: The Past and the Future" on pages 24-31. If you don't have access to it, you can download it at http://tpe.ag.org/2008PDFs/4887_JoyBible.pdf.

Once again, **thank you so very much for the privilege of partnering with you** in this great task of making disciples of all nations. May God bless you abundantly!

Yours for His glory,

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