

PRAYmissions

Dieringer Dispatches

Omicron has breached its way into Vanuatu. We knew it was going to happen eventually, but we didn't expect the sudden timing would stop us in our tracks!

The news that Vanuatu had community transmission of Covid prompted an immediate lockdown to prevent the spread to other islands via domestic travel. When the news dropped, we were all packed up and ready to travel back home: booking made and tickets paid. We had flown to the capital (Port Vila) for a conference with our missionary colleagues and to stock up on some groceries and things to ship back to the village. Now we are waiting to see how many weeks (or months) we will be remaining in Port Vila under the lockdown before we are able to return home.

The lockdown news was an emotional blow. There was a lot of eagerness to get home. The girls were eager to return home to see the puppies and kittens that were born while we were away. However, God providentially has put us here in Port Vila with our closest colleagues—the Smith family—and has made it possible for us to continue homeschooling and work certain projects. The abrupt change to our plans was initially hard, but we are accepting by faith that God has a good reason for having us here during this time (Romans 8:28)! He is gently easing us into a new normal as we watch and wait.

Please pray for our island nation that God would preserve the lives of the people. Medical services are minimal in the capital, and even less in the outer islands and villages (like Mota Lava). Many people here are poorly informed about Covid, and are fearful. The lockdown restrictions and curfews will be increasingly felt over time. Many non-essential workers will go without pay and struggle to purchase the things they need. Shortages in stores are beginning to occur and it is difficult to access fresh fruits and vegetables, which are normally in abundance. Please pray for God's provision and creative problem-solving to meet felt needs during this uncomfortable time. Many people are experiencing limited access to the things they count on.

See the Welcome Center bulletin board for the full missionary prayer letters.



Today's Text: *Acts 13:13-52*

Today's Speaker: *GCC Elder Mark Mohler*

Great to have you at Grace!



~ Experiencing God, Encouraging People ~

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Week of Mar 27

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School/ABF

10:15 am Worship Service/

10:15 am Children's Worship

3:00 pm Upward Awards

Wednesday

6:30 pm Awana

6:30 pm Young Church

Thursday

10:00 am Friendship Bible Coffee

Saturday

9:00 am Church Workday

We would love to pray for you! Receive GCC's email prayer updates. Visit GCCs website, hhgcc.org (see QR code at the right). Use the contact us link at the bottom of the main page under "Our Church." Consider joining the "announcements" group at the same time to have access to GCC's inclement weather cancellation information. You may also checkout our Facebook page as we put prayer updates there as well.

Workday: Saturday from 9am to 3pm is our workday. We hope everyone can make it. Lots of hands make less work. Rain date is, April 9th.

Online giving fees: Some have asked about fees for our online giving. If you want to underwrite the cost of online giving Debit/Credit card is 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction and the ACH/Checking is 1.0% plus \$0.25 transaction fee. Thanks for asking, and for your willingness to give. If anyone is in need of assistance reach out to Tiffany, she can help.

GCC is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, 04/16 at 1 pm in conjunction with the Hopping in the Heights Eggstravaganza which takes place from 2-4 pm. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event as well as to fill Plastic Easter Eggs with treats. Donations of small candy items are also needed. See post on the church's Facebook page for more details. Direct questions to Mission Commission Members Gerri Hoover, Ron Sheranko or Amy Sheranko.

Stewardship Report

Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$6,094
Missions: \$774

Received Mar 20

Local Budget: \$4,862
Missions: \$825
BURO/Care: \$10
Love in a Bag: \$60

Head Sets are available for the hearing impaired for use during the Sunday morning services. The sound technician at the rear of the auditorium is happy to assist you.

Next Week:

Text: Acts 14

SEE YOU
Next Week!
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Monthly Financial Update

GCC's budget status on Mar 20, 2022

Local: \$11,537 (behind)

Missions: \$484 (ahead)

We hit our goal that we needed to be able to pay our missionaries. Thank you all for your help and supporting them.

RightNow Media describes itself as "the Netflix for Christians" complete with Bible study materials and Christian entertainment for adults and children. GCCers can join for free! Send an email to office@hhgcc.org to receive and invite to RightNow Media and receive "the keys" to access the site. Apps are available for many devices.

MISSIONS

Our missionary teammates serve in Japan, UK, France, Cameroon, Brazil. Mark your offering "Missions" (check memo or donor envelope. Dollars given without designation are used for our local outreach and operating budget).

Donor Envelopes: Ready for a set of weekly donation envelopes with an individualized ID number? Contact church office: 937-233-4324 or office@hhgcc.org (not needed for online giving). Tiffany will be happy to help.

Stay connected!

Want to know what's up at Grace Community Church?

- Regularly visit: www.hhgcc.org
- Join the "Grace Community Church" Facebook page
- Receive email prayer requests and announcements by joining GCC's Gmail groups via the church website, www.hhgcc.org.

About Us

Purpose

Grace Community Church exists for God—for His praise and purpose and to display His character and compassion.

We are to worship Him, grow to be like Him, and encourage others to believe in and follow Him

(See: Eph. 3:20; John 15:8, 16; Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20)

Pattern

- Cultivating people with a growing love for God and His truth.
- Rejoicing in our worship.
- Strengthening our families.
- Encouraging each other with words, prayer, and actions.
- Actively reaching our world near and far.

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