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**REPORT ON VANUATU PRAYER ASSEMBLY 9-14 MAY 2013
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Officials on stage at Matantas, Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu 14 May 2013



Chief of Sara Village welcoming us to Matantas where de Quiros decree re-declared 407 years later

We have just returned from a blessed time in Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu, the South Land of the Holy Spirit. We are connected in a special way with Vanuatu because on 14 May 1606, Pedro Ferdinand de Quiros, a Portuguese explorer under the command of Spain made a prophetic declaration that the land on which he stood south to the pole was the South Lands of the Holy Spirit. He made this declaration from Matantas, Espiritu Santo. By some accounts, he thought he was standing on Australian soil or the great southern continent he was looking for. This declaration also gives us another close connection with the Pacific islands.

Norman and I were privileged to be the main speakers at the Vanuatu Prayer Assembly hosted by Apostle Dr Ranold Bori, Chairman of the APPA and pastor of the Christian Mission Centre, Luganville, Santo. Norman spoke 9 times and I spoke 5 times. Leaders from Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia and the Solomon Is also spoke. Nine delegates attended from Australia – Helen Grainger and Heather Brown from the Blue Mountains, Anne Faulder and Patricia James from Sydney, Vanda Chandler from Canberra, Martina Fraser from the Gold Coast and Marian Millard from our church in Cairns joined Norman and I. Five from PNG, two from New Caledonia and one from the Solomon Is attended with chiefs, pastors and others from a number of islands in Vanuatu.

The Governor of Sanma Province, William Mallon, spoke at the opening ceremony and attended the final day and 18 Councillors of the Sanma Provincial Government attended with him on 14 May at Matantas and Sara Village, many of them also there for the opening. The secretary to the Health

Minister in the Central Government also attended the opening and closing ceremonies speaking at the latter. About 200-300 people attended the Prayer Assembly at any one time, joining the 700 people of Sara village at the close.

There were a number of highlights. I'll start with the final day of the Prayer Assembly – May 14.

MATANTAS

- We arrived after a 2-3 hour journey by truck and bus at Big Bay where de Quiros landed 407 years previously. Leis of flowers had been put on the monument to de Quiros which had been built by the Spanish government for the 400th anniversary. Facing away from the sea was an inscription in Spanish and on one side it was in English and on the other side in the local language. It read “On the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the arrival in ‘Austrialia de Espiritu Santo’ (Vanuatu) of three Spanish ships sent by Felipe 111, King of Spain, commanded by Captain Pedro Ferdinand de Quiros.
Embassy of Spain
14 May 2006”
- We started at Matantas with a welcome from the Chief of Sara village and his wife. This was the village that de Quiros encountered. This was followed by speeches from the organisers and the nations – Ps Nerry Ishom, Co-ordinator of the Prayer Assembly, Apostle Ranold Bori, Chairman, Apostle Norman Miller, Australia, Ps Hezekiah Lolo from Port Vila, Ps Enoka Goha, New Caledonia, Ps Timothy Map. PNG, Ps Ezekiel Tom Paahanua, Solomon Is and Papa Elijah Titus, PNG. This was interspersed with beautiful worship.
- The final part of the ceremony was that I was asked to declare again de Quiros declaration. I had done it here the previous year with some adjustments i.e. revoking it being the possession of the King of Spain and reclaiming it for King Jesus and revoking it from the Catholic Church and its orders and reclaiming it for the whole body of Christ. In addition I had added a clause to respect the Indigenous inhabitants of the land and quoting Acts 17:26. The primary declaration and act of possession by de Quiros had always put the Trinity first and we did so as well.
- Before I declared the same declaration as the year before, I gave a short message. I sensed the Lord was saying that the words of de Quiros were still hanging in the air over the place, and in the land and sea. I also sensed we were to draw on the spiritual atmosphere and anointing in this place as we do when we travel to sites in Israel mentioned in the Bible. There are places in Israel where the healing or miracles anointing is strong and can be called forth. We know the Holy Spirit is everywhere and hovered over the earth in creation but nowhere else was a land declared the South Lands of the Holy Spirit. This needs to be stewarded and cherished and shared with the world.
- After the original declaration, de Quiros had a gun salute. Norman blew the shofar and Nerry blew the conch shell three times simultaneously. De Quiros had hailed the King of Spain so we honoured King Jesus three times as an assembly all standing. We then all shouted “Happy Birthday Israel” as it was the 65th anniversary of the modern state of Israel being formed.

SARA VILLAGE

- We were greeted with 2 lines of villagers who put leis around our necks. After a welcoming ceremony, we were blessed with a feast.
- One of the things that had been very much on our hearts for this trip was repentance re the way the Spanish had treated the local people. We were looking for a person of Spanish descent to stand in the gap and repent. Helen Grainger who heads up a prayer house in the Blue Mountains of Australia was able to come to the Vanuatu Prayer Assembly and was prepared to stand in the gap. Helen’s grandmother is Spanish. Apostle Ranold was doing the local liaison for us.

- I had done a lot of research and found that two small boys had been kidnapped by de Quiros from Sara village and taken to Mexico and died the year after. One was 10 years old and one was 8 years old. There had also been loss of life on at least three occasions as the Spanish met resistance from the Islanders. The loss of life had been repented from in 2006 during the Australian Prayer Network's visit for the 400th anniversary by David Stanfield of Australia who has Spanish heritage.
- Over lunch as Norman and I discussed this with Apostle Ranold and the local pastor Jude, he revealed it was his family the boys had been taken from and that he was a ninth generation descendant of the family the boys were taken from. He said he would give a speech on the history and was happy were here to repent as this had been a big pain on his heart.
- Norman had said to Apostle Ranold a few days earlier that he was sensing the Lord wanted a re-enactment where the boys would be taken away and given back. Ps Jude had organised two boys from his family about the same age as the boys taken. They were dressed traditionally i.e. naked except for some leafy covering.
- It was an incredibly moving time as the repentance took place with many tears from Norman and I and others as Norman and I supported Helen in taking the boys away, saying sorry and then returning them to family members gathered.
- Norman then gave a moving, passionate message about the repentance and reconciliation followed by him washing the feet of some of the leaders – local pastors Ps Jude Salro and Ps Jacob George, Gov Hon. William Malon, Ps Hezekiah Loloi and Ps Nerry Ishom standing in for Apostle Ranold Bori, Ps Enoka Goha from New Caledonia, Ps Timothy Map from PNG and Ps Ezekiel Tom Paahanua, Solomon Is. I joined him and washed Ps Nerry's feet while Norman prayed for her and I prayed while Norman washed the men's feet. Ps Jude, supported by the others then washed Norman's feet and Ps Nerry washed my feet while they prayed for us.
- Norman then led communion with this group joined by Helen Grainger. He then poured out the communion juice on the ground with a prayer for healing of the land.
- Thomsen Frazer told us later that the people of Sara felt they could never get any businesses off the ground but, after this reconciliation, they felt they now could.
- There was such a sense of joy and release that people were running around in a circle, dancing and singing about six abreast, some waving branches and some waving flags. We joined them.
- There were more speeches and then the cutting of a huge cake to celebrate Israel's 65th birthday – big enough for hundreds of people to have a piece. Norman, Patricia James and some locals cut the cake. More joy ensued.
- The last speech was from Nelson Timothy, secretary to the Health Minister, Mr Serge Vochor. Mr Vochor had been at last year's events as the Opposition Leader. He was now in government as were members of his party who had covenanted all the islands and provinces to the Lord the previous May 14 after being baptised at Matantas.

VANUATU PRAYER ASSEMBLY

- While the last day of the prayer assembly was a big highlight, the whole assembly was a very special time. It was held at the CMC church Luganville, the capital of Espiritu Santo and it runs a Bible College next door with a dormitory for men and a dormitory for women. Apostle Ranold said he had trained about 1,000 local missionaries over a 20 year period. What a blessing!!!
- The overseas guests were picked up at 6.30am each morning to join local elders for a prayer breakfast to wait on the Lord for the day's meetings which would start at 8.30am. There were also afternoon and evening meetings with beautiful worship led by Moses Garae and others. We were well looked after by Basil and Philip with accommodation and transport and Thomsen and the ladies for meals. Our two ladies from Australia who were over 80

years old, Heather and Anne, were personally transported by Apostle Ranold and well looked after. Norman and I were blessed to have Marian Millard from our church with us.

- The opening ceremony was held at Sanma Province Chief's Nakamal, Nabulvaravarah Stage after a Jericho march led by Ps Bruno Taliban. We were carrying banners and flags and singing "marching onto Zion". On arrival, a custom dance (Tanis Babu) was held by men in traditional dress who led us into the area where the opening ceremony was to be held and the officials including overseas guests sat on the stage. We were given "salusalu" or necklaces of flowers to wear.
- The opening prayer was by Ps Dick Banibani and closing prayer by Ps Dick Joel with speeches by Ps Nerry Ishom, Apostle Ranold Bori, the Hon William Malon, Governor of Sanma Province with Apostle Norman Miller as the main speaker.
- Norman spoke from Jer 29:11 and said that as he was flying in, he sensed there was a cloud of witnesses watching our proceedings. He saw angels in the sky and believed the wind of the Holy Spirit would be blowing over us to bring the changes for us to be more in alignment with Him. He could see the fire of God's glory. He said he saw the arms of the Father reaching out to us to put his arms around us and pour out His love on us. Norman had tears as He shared the Father's heart of love for the people. Norman also shared from Isa 51:4-5 that the islands would look to Me and wait in hope for My arm and Isa 61:9 that surely the islands would look to Me. It was very moving and an exciting promise of things to come for the prayer assembly. This was followed by a feast.
- Norman shared many prophetic messages. He also spoke about the need for good character, the fruits of the Holy Spirit, integrity, accountability, being under authority and having good family relationships. He shared about discerning whether a prophecy was false or not and the need to test the spirits and look at the fruit of a person's life and ministry. Nine long messages by Norman 9-13 May and 2 short ones 14 May is too much to include in this summary.
- I shared four messages 9-13 May and I could not release anything until I brought the first message about the Lord calling his beloved and his beloved calling back to Him. I saw a shofar calling and a conch shell responding and got the words "deep calls to deep" Ps 42:7. It was also Israel calling to Vanuatu and the Pacific Islands. The Father and Jesus were releasing their love to the people and a call to intimacy, to the bridal chamber. I was then able to release a message on the de Quiros decree and the destiny of Vanuatu and the Pacific.
- I then did two messages on decrees. The first was on the decrees of the three Persian Kings – Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes in releasing the captives in Babylon to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and the walls of Jerusalem and the transfer of wealth from the treasuries of Babylon and the Trans-Euphrates for that purpose. I wrote a decree we declared for the endtime transfer of wealth to the people of God. The other session was on writing decrees under the direction of the Lord for ourselves and our families. I used many scriptures, the main one being Esther 8:8. Decrees are available on request.
- Norman had done a prophetic act last year of wrapping the Vanuatu and Australian flags together inside the Israel flag and praying for unity as he had sensed a jostling spirit like when Rebekkah sensed this in her womb with Jacob and Esau. We found out later that the Lord had used us as spiritual diplomats because the Prime Minister of Vanuatu was in Sydney en route to Israel and his first secretary was arrested for fraud. A diplomatic incident ensued with Vanuatu expelling Australian police and Australia threatening to pull out all aid. Vanuatu is so dependent on Australian aid it could have caused the Vanuatu government to fall. We believe the Lord used us to bring healing. That secretary is still in jail in Melbourne. Norman asked the intercessors to pray over the flags for nine months to see what the Lord would birth and then unwrap them. Ps Nerry shared that they felt that the Lord had built a bridge to Israel through the prayer. It's amazing that the three nations

whose flags were used were the same ones involved i.e. that the Vanuatu PM was flying via Australia to, of all nations in the world, Israel.

- Speakers from the nations shared during the prayer assembly encouraging messages. Ps Hezekiah, a recognized prophet in the Pacific, shared on the last night about the move of glory from the Pacific back to Jerusalem and the APPA meeting in the USA this September and in Jerusalem 2017. Invitations came from PNG and New Caledonia for their prayer assemblies in August 2013. Apostle Ranold, in an anointed message on the last night (13th), released the new wineskin so that we could expand, be flexible and receive the new wine the Lord wanted to pour out.

We praise the Lord for what He has done at this 4th Vanuatu Prayer Assembly!!! Thank you to Apostle Ranold and Joy Bori and team!!!!