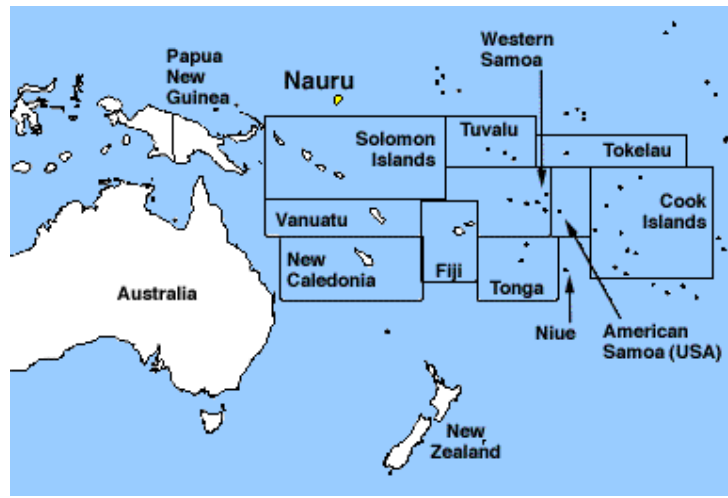


Nauru Mission Trip (September 2005)



Background

Nauru

This little island Republic of Nauru with a population of 12,000 has been experiencing revival over the last 18 months. Reports of supernatural provisions and angelic visitations are widespread amongst the many recent converts.

The Nauruan Assembly of God church was planted in 1996, the church was growing steadily up until 18 months ago, when they grew from 200 to 2000 people. They have been baptising people after each Sunday night service, and these numbered between 20 to 70 people each week. They now have 4 separate congregations spreading across the east coast of the Island. The Superintendent of the Nauruan AOG was in Melbourne in May 2005, he met with us and shared about the many exciting testimonies, as well as the many needs.

As a tiny nation with a collapsed economy, resources are limited; they depend mostly on imports from Australia and New Zealand. The average worker gets paid only \$75 per week by the government. Despite the financial hardship, the people are hungry for the reality of God, and many have flocked to hear the Gospel and to be touched by the Lord's goodness.

As a result, there are many new converts needing to be taught and nurtured. These new Christians are desperate for teaching and further training. They also need Bibles and other materials to help them on their faith journey. There is no Christian bookshop in Nauru. Many cannot afford to buy their own Bible.

Hope of Glory Prahran

Hope of Glory is a small but thriving work in Prahran – an inner suburb of Melbourne. Paul and Diep-Thanh Lee are the founding pastors of this work. We are affiliated with the Australian Assemblies of God. And we are also praying for revival here in Australia.

Upon the invitation of the Nauruan AOG Superintendent, Hope of Glory Prahran is leading a missions team to Nauru for eight days, from 22nd September to 30th September. This team consists of 5 members: Paul and Diep-Thanh Lee, Marie White, Laura Cavallo, and Debra Accom.

Mission Trip Objectives

Our interest in going to Nauru is twofold: Firstly, we are glad to help brothers and sisters in need, and are honoured to co-labour with them. Secondly, we are privileged to visit a place that is experiencing revival and to learn what God is doing. This will help us know what to anticipate when (not if) a similar situation arises here in Melbourne.

Upon arrival in Nauru, we will teach in their camp meetings over three days, and conduct a series of four evangelistic outreach meetings in the evenings.

We will also carry Bibles and other teaching materials with us to Nauru. Currently the Nauruan Church pastors need about 1000 Bibles, various Bible softwares and other teaching materials. We understand there is an ongoing need for Bibles to be brought in, as there are no bookshop in Nauru where a new believer could obtain one.

All the travelling costs have been covered by the team members personally. However we need sponsors for the Bibles and freight cost. You can help by sponsoring a box (or part of):

- (1) New Testaments for outreach (\$205 per box of 50)
- (2) Full Bibles for new believers (\$480 per box of 24)

We hope to provide this material support for our Nauruan brothers and sisters, and to sow into what God is doing in their tiny nation. Being a small church ourselves (around 35 members), we would like to extend this opportunity to the wider body of Christ. We therefore ask you to prayerfully consider helping in this project.

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Thanking you for taking the time to read this brief.

In Christ's service

Paul and Diep-Thanh Lee
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