

PRAYmissions

Deringer's in Vanuatu

We hope you are enjoying this special Christmas season to reflect on God's goodness and grace through sending Jesus, our Emmanuel and Redeemer!

On November 26 we flew half way across the world back to Vanuatu, and we saw God in the details! Our flight from London was delayed 3 hours, but we benefited from that extra time, as one of our tickets was not processed correctly and this gave the airline time to correct it. The rest of our travel went smoothly. The children were really wonderful on the very long flights. The girls adjusted to the 13 hour time change in a matter of days and the rest of us took about a week to adjust. Vigo arrived with a cold, but in a matter of days, he improved significantly and is feeling much better.

We're all very thankful to be back in Vanuatu!

A Christmas Reflection from Aaron

At Christmas time, more than any other time of the year, I find that there is a palpable tension between the way things are supposed to be and the way that things actually are. Well-wishers, songs, cards, classic movies and advertisements remind us (over and over) that the Yuletide season is supposed to be cheerful, jolly and festive. There is supposed to be peace, goodwill, and smiling faces. There is meant to be merry memory-making with our families. We are to set our tables with an abundance of delicious food, decorate our homes with twinkling lights and exchange brightly wrapped baubles that make us ooh and aah with delight.

One of my favorite movies is *The Grinch 2018*. A film's portrayal of Whoville leaves me charmed by an idyllic and mountain village layered in white snow where the Whos embody whimsical kindness and the Christmas Spirit. Every time the movie ends, there is a faint longing for Whoville in my heart. In actuality, the Christmas season in Vanuatu does not reflect the halcyon charms of Whoville. No place does, nor ever did. We do not live in a world that is as it is supposed to be.

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



Today's Verses: *Philippians 3:12-16*

Today's Speaker: *GCC Elder Ron Sheranko*

Great to have you at Grace!



~ Experiencing God, Encouraging People ~

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Week of Dec 31

Sunday

10:15 am Worship Service

Wednesday

6:30 pm Awana
6:30 pm Young Church
6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday

7:00 pm Volleyball

Saturday

8:00 am Men's Prayer
10:00 am Volleyball

Stewardship Report

Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$4,890
Missions: \$742

Received Dec 17

Local Budget: \$4,002
Missions: \$2,440
Love in a Bag: \$100
HotH: \$50
Youth: \$20

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.

Lost & Found

Please check in the Welcome Center closet for your "strays." Any items left will be donated on January 2.

Is this your first time at Grace? So glad you're here! Please fill out the yellow-green visitor card so we can say hi and get to know you better. Stop by the Welcome Center kiosk for a welcome gift! Hope to see you again!

Year-end Giving

To qualify for IRS credit on your 2023 return, GCC must receive your donation by Dec 31.

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.

Donor Envelopes donor envelopes are in the Welcome Center to be picked up. If you would like a set of envelopes for giving there is a sign up sheet there as well. Tiffany will be mailing out next week the remaining envelopes left in the Welcome Center.

Help GCC De-decorate from Christmas *TODAY* following the church service. Volunteers, see Karen Bays for any additional questions. Thank you for your help in making our church festive.



Next Week:

Text: 1 John 1:1-4

SEE YOU
Next Week!
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Volleyball We have had so much interest in volleyball that we are now offering it Friday evenings as well as Saturdays. Come check it out! 7-10 pm Fridays and Saturdays 10-2pm in the Commons Open to church and community and all skill levels. Contact David McMeans 937 266 9281 for more information.

Thank you so much, to the members of the Heart of the Holidays cast and crew for the huge investment you made again this year in making Christ known in our community. A special thanks to Penny Davis, David and Pam McMeans for the countless hours spent during the entire event.



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Contact us via email!

office@hhgcc.org

Donor Envelopes: To facilitate regular giving, request a set of weekly donation envelopes with an individualized ID number. Sign up by email to office@hhgcc.org or call Tiffany 937-233-4324.

Events: as we begin to pick up in activity, it is more important than ever that everyone who is planning on an activity that will take place on the church campus must complete an event request form. It is crucial that we coordinate the preparation and cleaning of the space and that we coordinate the usage of various spaces on campus.

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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