

Reaching the Islands!



king & queen at a recent orphanage program!

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LEAVING FIJI

Normally, we stay in Fiji for 3 years if we're on a residence visa & 6 months if we're on a visitor's visa. This time, as our 6 months were nearly finished, we were planning to make a trip to nearby Tonga & then come back again for another 6 months. However, things worked out differently....!

We met a young Chinese-looking girl in our street that had apparently been robbed a week ago & had no money or passport. A nearby home had taken her in temporarily, but she urgently needed accommodation. After checking her story with the police, we took her in & tried to help her. However, due to her limited English, helping her also involved taking her to the airline office & various Fijian government offices in order to speed up the process of her getting a new passport & plane ticket to go back to her country of origin.

This dragged on for several weeks with very little progress & in the meantime, some of the government offices took our well-meant suggestions as unwanted advice & started getting upset with us! In the end, they came to our house & took the girl into custody, telling us to end our involvement in the case.

We thought that would be the end of the story, but early the next morning, the girl escaped from police custody & came back to our house, seriously jeopardizing our position that was already a bit fragile. We gave her breakfast & sent her back in a taxi, after which, (sure enough!), the police came back to our house looking for her. We told them what happened, & since it was a company taxi that we called by phone, they were able to trace it; however the Asian girl had no intention of going back into custody & disappeared!



Left: British missionary couple Mike & Theresa invited us to be guest speakers at this school in the Philippines. The students were very respectful & attentive.



Right: showing a film on our work in Fiji at a Bible study in Taiwan. We were invited by Marc from Canada, (3rd from left), who I last worked with in India 32 years ago!!

By this time, we were seriously praying if it wouldn't be better to cancel the planned visa trip to Tonga & instead stay away for a longer time in order for this storm to blow over!

On the very day that we were wondering & praying about this, we hitch hiked into town, as we often do, & the foreign lady that picked us up told us she was in the area just looking to see if there was a house to rent!! (During the 16 years we've hitch hiked in Fiji, this has never happened before....). To make a long story short, she brought her family round, they liked the house & decided to move in after a few weeks!

The only problem was that they needed all 4 bedrooms, whereas we only had 3 available, with the other one set aside to store all our belongings. However, even this worked together for good as we quickly went into emergency mode & had several big garage sales to sell a lot of unneeded stuff that we've accumulated over the years. To store the rest, we constructed a small attic. Everyone worked overtime, but by our departure date, the house was completely ready & this foreign family moved in!

Since that time, we've been 'on the road', both traveling & doing programs where there are open doors. The examples in the photos are from Taiwan, Philippines & Romania, where we've stayed with missionary friends.

After visiting our families in Europe, the plan is to slowly make our way back to our secondary mission base in Malaysia & then eventually Fiji in order to carry on our charity & missionary work there.

All our work is done on a voluntary basis so any donations would be very much appreciated! A big 'thank you' to all who have helped over the years, both financially & also in other ways.



Above: talking & showing a video about Fiji to a Children's Home in Romania!



Above: after the above program a few days ago, we had a fun & dance session!



Above: Here we are doing a traditional Serbian dance called 'The penguin'; it's a great workout!

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