



May/June 2018

Bula! From the Leonard Family!

May Highlights: May was a busy time of visiting five new churches including two mission conferences. The first of May, Amanda, Benjamin and I were able to fly to Canada for one mission conference. The girls opted to stay close to home and spend some time with extended family. We certainly had an interesting flight as we had to make an unscheduled landing in Detroit because of a navigation failure. They had another plane ready and once everyone had boarded they found a hydraulic leak! We once again had to disembark and transfer to another plane! Praise the Lord that we were on the ground and these problems were found quickly. This delayed us by a few hours, but thankfully God had it all under control.

Once we flew back, Amanda and I headed for some medical training in North Carolina. With the outer islands of Fiji more remote and medical facilities few and far between, we felt the Lord leading us to be more prepared to care for our family while on the field. We were able to learn basic medical skills and gain knowledge of many tropical diseases we might face while serving in Fiji.

June Highlights: We stated June off a little closer to home. We were able to focus on work we needed done at home, yard sales to get rid of things we can't take to Fiji, and doctor's appointments for the children. In addition, we used this time to visit a few local churches and update our home church. We also had the opportunity to help with a Vacation Bible School and attend a Mission Conference in Alabama.

Some of you might remember that last year I attended an emergency medical and wilderness survival training camp in Campbell, Missouri. This year Amanda and I were both able to attend. It was geared more to a classroom setting this year, which Amanda was grateful for! Amanda was able to learn some basic emergency medical skills, survival skill, and self-defense. It was also a time of strengthening our family spiritually. Throughout many classes during the week the emphasis was on being spiritually, mentally, and physically prepared for serving the Lord on our mission field.

Thank you for your many prayers as we travel. We have definitely seen His hand of protection and guidance along the road. Praise the Lord we are now at 80% of our support! Please pray with us that we can raise the next 20% this year and be on the field by the early part of 2019!

**In Prayer for Fiji,
Robbie Leonard and family**