



# The Leonards

serving in Fiji

January/February 2020

Bula! From The Leonard Family,

**January Highlights:** After much packing, preparing and praying the month of our departure had finally arrived. On January 12, our final Sunday before leaving for Fiji, our home church held a special time of fellowship for our family. It was a blessing to know our family had the love and prayer support of a great church family.

We boarded our flights in Chattanooga on January 14 to begin our 30 plus hours of travel to Suva, Fiji! Just before going through the security check, we were blessed to have Malcom and Jan Gregory (missionaries sent from our church, serving in Grand Cayman) pray with us and give us words of encouragement. It was amazing to see the Lord work out so many details of our travels, as well as make the way easy and smooth for us. The children did amazingly well for the many hours and hardships of traveling.

**Welcome to Fiji!** We enjoyed a few days of resting, before I began to work on house hunting, car hunting and finalizing all paperwork. One thing we began to quickly hear once arriving... "You are on Fiji Time NOW!" The process to accomplish business takes much longer than in America. After waiting in lines half the day in Fiji, we might accomplish one small thing off our list or find out we needed more documents! But amazingly the Lord still worked out many details and in spite of the long waits we marked things off our list quicker than we anticipated! The Lord provided a wonderful house within two weeks, a vehicle in four weeks, and most of the logistics done within the first month!

**February Highlights:** As February came along we started settling into a routine in Fiji. Sundays we enjoy services with Pastor Josefa at Victory Baptist Church. I have had the privilege of preaching a few services on Sunday mornings. Wednesdays we have been able to attend a Bible Study with Pastor Kumar at Gospel Light Baptist Church. On Valentine's Day, Gospel Light Baptist Church hosted a Valentine's Banquet. It was a joy to help set up, decorate and assist with the preparations of the banquet. Amanda was able to join in with Mrs. Kumar and her daughter by providing special music for the banquet.

Please pray for our family as we continue to adjust and settle into our lives and ministry here in Fiji. We are continuing to assist the churches here in Suva, as well as plan trips to the Island of Taveuni in preparation for our desired ministry in the outer islands. Thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry.

In prayer for Fiji,

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