



The Leonards

serving in Fiji

March/April 2020

Bula! From the Leonard Family!

March Highlights: As it was with many of you, March started out as any other month, but quickly changed! We had finally started settling into our new home, developing a routine, and adjusting slowly to the culture. Our highlight was Sundays and the chance to get to know the people of Victory Baptist Church more each week. The children loved being a part of Sunday school and children's church, learning verses, singing with the other children, and learning more about the Bible each week. I began bringing my guitar to the services and enjoyed the opportunity to accompany the song service each week, as well as, preaching a few times for Pastor Josefa.

On March 19, Fiji confirmed their first case of Covid-19. With this first case the government banned all social gathering including church services, shut down schools, limited inter island travel and closed down the airports. We made the decision that Amanda and the kids would stay home for the time being. I was still able to get out and buy the needed supplies and foods for our family. Victory is unable to do live stream services at this time, but Pastor Josefa encouraged the families to continue at home reading and spending time in God's Word. We decided to meet as a family Sundays at 10 for our family services. Please pray for a young Chinese man who lives on our compound. We have invited him to attend our weekly service at the house. Sadly, he has not attended as of yet. We have also enjoyed being a part of various online services from around the world!

April Highlights: April continued the same as March ended. We spent our days "locked down" in our home. We took this time to focus on our family time by playing board games, doing special crafts and activities with the children, and continuing in our family devotional time.

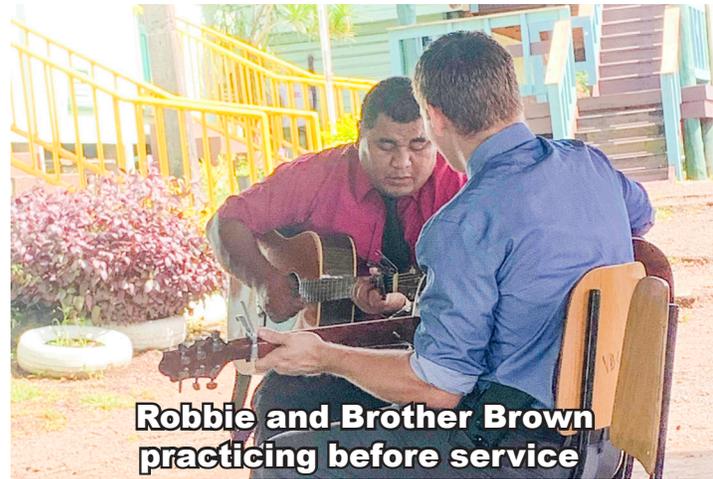
On April 3, Suva had two confirmed cases of Covid-19, ushering in a 14-day lockdown of Suva. Only one member of the family was allowed out to get supplies, an 8 pm through 5 am national curfew was enforced, non-essential business shut down, and door to door medical checks by the government were made. The lockdown didn't change our day to day lives and we continued as before, but with the added excitement of our first Fijian Cyclone! On April 9, Cyclone Harold hit part of the islands of Fiji, causing great damages to various parts of Fiji. Thankfully our area only experienced strong winds and rain. Please pray for the country of Fiji, as they are now recovering from the devastation of Cyclone Harold.

The lockdown of Suva was lifted on April 18, after they screened, through medical checks, 150,000 people in the Suva area. As of now we have an 8 pm to 5 am national curfew, no inter island travel, no social gatherings of two or more people and some areas are still on "lockdown." The total number of cases has now reached 18.

We greatly appreciate your prayers and support for our family!

In Prayer for Fiji,

Robbie and Amanda Leonard



Robbie and Brother Brown practicing before service



Family Service



Easter Sunday

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