

MurSea Missions, Inc.

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For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD.
They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Family and Friends,

We hope that you are in good health and keeping up with the many changes that we face these days. Hopefully, families are drawing closer together and strengthened! God bless you!

Well here goes an attempt to relate what has transpired since NL #25!

November 2010 - MurSea Missions, Inc. (MMI) sent an 'UpDate' to encourage our NEWSLETTER Fans and show them where MMI is at the present time and fourth-going plans for the near future. This was quite successful and stimulated additional donations, which was timely and very much appreciated.

December 2010 – The door is OPENED for part of the **“South Pacific Disaster Shelter Program (SPDSP) TEAM to minister in the Islands!** Early in December, our Fijian friend, Jone Kata, invited Jack Lawlor to speak at a conference of FIJIAN Missionaries at their annual gathering in Sacramento, CA. Jack was very well received and invited to bring the **“Intentional Relational Discipleship Program”** to the islands! Jack, who was very involved in the development of the, **“Intentional Relational Discipleship Program”**, will fly with some of our **SPDSP TEAM** members, as well as another outreach team, to FIJI, Marshall & Vanuatu Islands to lead the training of the pastors in those islands.

The work has started for ZEBULUN'S fitting out:

December 31, 2010 - Capt. James Talbott arrived at the Boat Shed with travel trailer in tow! James felt led of the Lord to move here with his trailer to help us by designing the various systems incorporated into ZEBULUN. He is qualified by his many years of naval engineering design work for the US NAVY on ships, etc...A lot of his work was retro-fitting new equipment onboard existing vessels so this should be a natural fit for his skills. James is also a very qualified Skipper of sail and power vessels. Capt. James and Loren are scanning catalogues and 'the internet' for equipment spec. sheets for designing and placing the equipment foundations. James will also design the Plumbing, Heating/AC and Hydraulics systems. A certified naval electrician will do the Electrical & Electronics layout and installation. We've been blessed by Capt. James skilled help on ZEBULUN!

What Happens When a Coeur d'Alene Home Group Goes to Fiji !!

June 2011 - A team of 12, 6 couples from a home group based in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, take the teaching of discipleship in small groups to the Island nations of Fiji and the Marshall Islands.

Jack and Brenda Lawlor plus 8 other couples prayed and planned for a year for this trip to happen. The successful trip is also due to Jone Kata, who facilitated the communication on the Fiji end, working with the Fijian pastors, and even prepared the homes for all of us to stay in while we were there for two weeks. Pastor Kata said many times that Fiji does not need more missionaries, but training on the discipleship method of teaching in the home groups. Training happened in Nadi, and Suva. Thirty five churches sent pastors and leaders, from 8 different denominations. The



Loren Murphy & Jone Kata aboard ZEBULUN

telling method of sharing the Bible is a natural fit. Learning to share what happens in their life, praying and helping each other is all part of what Christ taught his Disciples, then commanded them to go DO! Now, more than a year later, there are over 3 dozen successful and growing groups throughout the trained churches. Jone and Jone Jr. have continued the training in Australia and Vanuatu. Jone Jr. and his wife Dee have also trained other churches in nearby Lautoka. The Spirit of God is moving through ordinary men as He did in the early church!!! - **Brenda Lawlor**

attendee's actually experienced being in a group, hearing the Word using the story telling method, and participated in questions, real life application and prayer. Two key things made this highly successful for the Fijian people. 1 - *Anyone who is a Christian, can lead a group, and tell the biblical story. It does not have to be an official pastor, or someone with Bible College training.*

2 - *It is acceptable and ENCOURAGED to ask questions!*

Believe it or not, that was the most freeing thing - as the old church method and culture teaches that asking questions is disrespectful to the teacher. The Island people are also an oral culture, so the story

June 2012 - An intercessor we know from Lewiston brought a prophetess from the Boise area over to meet us and see the boat. She asked Loren special questions like size of boat...how long have we been building it (7 years)...etc. The lady from Boise looked at her watch as she prayed and said: "I believe that God is saying: "The time of waiting has been fulfilled. You have been faithful in the task that I have set before you, and now I will complete the work."...The lady went on to say: "Be prepared to move quickly through the open doors. They may open just a little and stay open for a very short time, but you need to be prepared to move very quickly through them"!!

July 2012 - We had 35 members of the Presbyterian Church Seniors Club to the Boat Shed for a tour and talk about MMI's mission to the remote islands. They were very interested about the background and what our plans are for the future. Lots of good questions! Afterwards, they took us with them to Roosters for lunch. Nice lively bunch. Thank you LORD!

July 18,2012 - Georgia and I drove to Everett, WA to spend a day with Brenda and Jack at their new house they had just moved into four days earlier. Brenda & Jack are being received graciously into the church family and with their neighbors also. They still have vision for the islands as well.

After breakfast the next day we headed for Port Angeles. Our friends Lloyd and Sue had invited us to come for a visit at their beautiful **“Cliff Cairn Retreat House”** on the Juan de Fuca Straits. After 100-degree weather in Clarkston, the 58-degree weather in Port Angeles was refreshing. In a previous phone call from Lloyd, he mentioned a possibility of having a base there for MMI as well. We are open to more than one base. Port Angeles has reasonable prices and builds large yachts so there would be plenty of parts and labor and a strong lift there should we need things for ‘Zebulun’ when she is floating. Something for serious consideration.

We continue keeping vigil in prayer and availability here at the boat shed, Monday thru Friday. The hours in the office for Loren are 8 to 5. A family of farmers up by Colfax came yesterday. A contractor and another farmer from the Nez Perce area arrived today as well as a boat builder in the valley brought someone over. We get several small groups and also some singles throughout the week for tours. A few thoughtful souls leave a donation for the ministry which we appreciate very much.

FUNDING: Still waiting for funding but the design work can move forward anyway, amen!!

The MurSea Missions, annual Board of Directors meeting will be held October 27, 2012 at “Murphy’s Landing” on the lake in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Please pray for the LORD’s will to be done with this ministry and that HE will provide for the completion and launching of “ZEBULUN” and “MurSea Missions”.

The LORD bless you for your prayers and support!

God Bless you,

Loren & Georgia Murphy

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