



The Leonards

serving in Fiji

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Bula! From the Leonard Family!

As stated in our previous letter, Fiji is now dealing with a second wave of COVID-19 cases. For almost a year Fiji was COVID free in the general public. On April 20, 2021, there was a breach at the border quarantine facility and COVID-19 entered into the public. Fiji went into a two week lockdown period in hopes that this would contain the spread of COVID. The Government closed down all schools, non-essential businesses, church and social gatherings. They also stopped all flights in or out of Fiji as well as restricting all inter-islands travels. People were advised to stay home and only venture out for supplies and essential business. This contained COVID-19 to the main island of Viti Levu. But unfortunately, this strategy did not work to keep the cases low on the main island. Viti Levu is now seeing an upwards of a hundred new cases daily. The Government has extended all restrictions indefinitely.

Our family is weathering these changes as they come. Vanue Levu has stayed COVID free, but we are still instructed to follow all COVID restrictions. In light of the restrictions, Amanda and the children have not been to town. Amanda has used this time at home to continue with the girl's schooling, online piano lessons, and beginning Benjamin in preschool. I have been able to go to town once or twice a week for supplies or paying bills.

Right before the lockdown I had received a shipment of new tracts. This has been a blessing, as I have had the opportunity to share them with many shop employees as I do business. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions I am unable to pass out tracts to people on the streets.

Pray for Fiji and our family as the government battles this new wave of COVID. Officials are trying to safely re-open businesses, but many Fijians are still out of work and struggling to feed their families. We know this time is not a surprise to God and we are trusting Him to see us through.

In prayer for Fiji,

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