# **Hitting the Ground Sliding**

**You've probably heard** of "hitting the ground running," but you have to land well and get your footing before you can do that. We're up and running now, but honestly, returning to Fiji was kind of a slide.

The travel was great, but the getting things going here has been tough. When we opened our shipping container where our household goods were stored, we found that there had been a water leak in our container, and everything was covered with mold.

**Electronics such as** sound system, printer/copier, fridge, dryer... all shot, and our furniture was a real mess too. Not just mold, but rot from sitting in water. That stuff can be replaced; but then our dog getting run over by the car – that was tougher than all the furniture put together.

**You've heard it** said, "You can't put a price on your health," and so we are also glad to be getting healthy. The year 2022 was rough – there were several times where we would be visiting places and people would be coughing and not wearing masks.

I'd ask, "Do you think you should be wearing a mask?" But the reply was usually, "Nah, it's just allergies."

**Well, a couple days later** I would start coming down with "allergies," and after a few weeks with the help of Brother Amoxicillin and Sister Doxycycline, they would go away. I've seen great healings and miracles, but let's just say that in this season I have a very healthy and much greater appreciation of medicine and doctors.



That's what a teak table looks like after sitting in a puddle for 7 months. It used to be the same color as the chairs.

I'm certainly not complaining or looking for sympathy. We count the cost, and it is a privilege and blessing to be missionaries. Whether in the USA or abroad everybody's rose garden has thorns. Suffering is inescapable, but like giving, we make choices to suffer where it counts for something, thereby laying up rewards in Heaven.

**Absolutely no regrets** here, but it's important that we keep a good balance in these newsletters. So often when you read these newsletters you see these great testimonies of healings and miracles, but never see the dark side of the moon. Well, once again remember, everyone's rose garden has thorns.

### A New Neighborhood

Once again we've chosen to embed ourselves in a neighborhood where we are surrounded by Hindu neighbors. At Christmas time we put up the big BGMC inflatable, made a bunch of food, and invited our Hindu friends from our old neighborhood over for Christmas. They then helped to introduce us to our new Hindu neighbors and we've

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and

BEING thus EMPOWERED can MINISTER TO OTHERS.

been able to start some wonderful new relationships.

One of our new neighbors was visiting the other day as I was trying to get some work done, and we started



His 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday – anyone can make a "Royal Family Moment."

conversing...

"So Kris, when is your birthday?"

"I don't have a birthday, Uncle."

"Everybody has a birthday Kris, don't you know what day yours is?"

"No Uncle, my mother is too poor. We don't have any money, and so I have never had a birthday."

(Have you ever had a moment when work didn't seem so important?)

"Kris, today's your birthday!"

"Whaaaat?"

"Today is your birthday, and we are going to celebrate! Baloons, cake, we are going to have a blast. Wait right here while I go and start getting everything.

(Kris runs away)

"Kris, where are you going?"

"I'm going to get my sisters Uncle! I'm going to have a birthday!!"

(I go into our house and get balloons, cupcakes, and other goodies Kim has made, and bring them down, and there is Kris with 2 girls next to him.)

"These are my two sisters Uncle, and I have 4 brothers. We are going to take the goodies home and share!"

**Kris went to church** with me and now regularly visits. He is a little kid, but he is a key that the Lord is using in this neighborhood to build relational bridges that will carry the gospel.

Over the last couple of months we have traveled to Australia, Samoa, and Japan for strategy and leadership meetings with all sorts of important people, and I thank you for your giving to help support that, because this helps us be more effective in our partnerships with the Polynesians and other missionary and NGO workers to reach kids like Kris and his sisters.

### **Don't Miss This Month's Backpage!!!!**

Answers to prayer and new requests

- School of Supernatural Children's Ministry
- Prism Ministry
- Crusade Tent, Fire Bibles, and Kids Camp Supplies Shipping Container snag

### **School of Supernatural Children's Ministry**

We are moving right along and this online training seems to be the thing that is working very well with multiple people on different islands.

It involves watching 30-40 minute training videos that have been put together by Becky Fischer of Kids In Ministry Intl. It also has the personal touch of each student having their own Fijian proctor who can converse with them and personally follow up the exams to answer questions.

These go beyond the basics such as: "How to teach a memory verse," or "Puppetry 101" lessons. They include some very challenging lessons that line up with our vision of seeing kids have an encounter with the Holy Spirit so that, even at a young age, they can move in the power of the Spirit and shake their nation.

Take a look at some of these lessons:

- > Children and the Holy Spirit
- A Father's Blessing
- Revolutionary Parenting
- Kids as Carriers of Revival
- The Supernatural Power of Tongues
- Awakening a Heart of Prayer in Children
- The Spiritual World of Autistic Children
- How To Hear The Voice of God
- Preschoolers and God
- How to Raise a Spiritual Champion
- Deliverance and Kids
- Why They Stay & Why They Stray
- Gender Identity Issues in Children
- Child Protection Policies
- ➤ How the Kingdom of Darkness Operates With Kids
- Single Parent Discipleship

All of our SSCM students are children's ministry leaders, and most also hold secular jobs. Today one who works as a tutor was telling Kim that one of her new students had been 3 years in the school system, and they were unable to teach her (she was autistic).

Within 3 months, she was able to get this girl reading and writing and said, "This course has taught me so much! They don't teach us things here like we are learning in the course – all the information on how to minister to children with autism was amazing.

We're not just making converts here in Polynesia, we're making disciples. And really, it should be Christians who are leading the way in compassionately teaching and ministering to special needs children. Oh that the secular workforce would turn to us for answers, and in seeing the "way" forward, would also see the "Way".

**Thank you so much** for your giving and prayers which help us to shine prisms of gospel light so that people can be set free from prisons of darkness and despair.

A full list of the lessons from the course can be found at: https://sscmkimi.org/product-category/sscm-course/

# **Prisms of Gospel Light**

"Prism lighting is the use of prisms to improve the distribution of light in a space." - Wikipedia





Uneven light from a window.

The same light, redistributed by Prism Tiles in the window

The Assemblies of God strategic mission seeks to light up every corner of the room and plant churches in every remote place and obscure people group. You are helping to send out people like us who specialize in unique ministries that target a specific need and bring "the distribution of light" to "all the world" and "every creature." (Mark 16:15)

**We have 3** missionary families that would like to join us in Fiji targeting NexGen, children, drug addicts, and business people.

**Please join with us** in prayer so that every obstacle that prevents the successful processing work permits would be removed, and pray that these guys can come join us.

### **Prayer Corner**

**Answered Prayer** – Thanks for praying for our health, which has vastly improved, as well as safety in our travels. We made it safely to and from Australia, Japan, Rotuma, and Samoa.

**Prayer Needs:** In our last newsletter we gave thanks to everyone for helping us to fill our container with the Fire Bibles, a Crusade Tent, Children's Church Curriculum, Living Fire Kids Camp Kits, etc, etc. We just found out, that due to cargo ship delays, the container sat in the Port of Newark for almost 2 months, and now they are wanting to bill us an extra \$12,000 USD for storage. **This is a huge** surprise for us. Please join with us in prayer that this huge bill would pass by and that we would be able to receive this container with all of its blessings.

**Please also remember** to keep in prayer the three missionary families that would like to join us here in Fiji:

Garry, Joni, and Quinlan Dorris

Tony, Christine, and Davin Rios

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Martin and Lorraine Frost

Thanks so much!!!





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