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Dear Partners in Mission,

As I have served in global mission these past eleven years, I have come to better understand the way that the Apostle Paul valued his fellow workers. These were men and women who loved God's glorious gospel so much that they poured their very lives into spreading the knowledge of Christ everywhere they went or were sent.

I want to commend Tom and Margaret Richards to you as valued fellow workers in the gospel. Sometimes global mission work is presented as "follow these easy steps and you'll produce brilliant results in a few years" but the reality is that such an approach has no longevity. Ministry that will produce God-glorifying and life-changing results takes years and it often takes hard work — and that is the approach to ministry to which Tom and Margaret have committed themselves.

Tom and Margaret commenced ministry at the grassroots level and this gave them a terrific understanding of the way that ordinary people in Vanuatu view the world, and some of the struggles that believers in Vanuatu face as they seek to live out their commitment to Christ. It was particularly encouraging to see Tom and Margaret then go on to apply what they learnt as they served at Talua. I'm thrilled that they are now able to continue that ministry even though based in Perth.

This ministry is definitely worth supporting. It won't produce flashy headlines in worldly terms but will lead to lives being changed for eternity as people come to Christ. Through your support of this ministry you will play a part in people from Vanuatu being prepared to stand before God's throne on the final day as we read in Revelation 7:9 *After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.*

In Christ,

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