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## Expansion to the South Pacific by Kay Rudd

In 1998 we moved from New Zealand to Vanuatu as missionaries to begin Christian schools in a place where the number of students always outnumbered the capacity of the schools. After the schools were set up and the teachers trained, I taught at *Joy Bible Institute* (JBI) and Jack managed the accommodation where we hosted visiting missionaries. Due to health concerns, we left without warning—no official goodbyes or closure for years of work and relationships. It is not surprising that we jumped at an opportunity to return.

So the *Vine* leadership team agreed to cover classes and various responsibilities for me so we could spend three months in this tropical paradise teaching at JBI once again. What a wonderful time to visit old friends and make new ones while sharing God's word with Bible college students. Knowing we will only be here for a short time really challenged me to make good use of every opportunity.

I soon realized that the wives of the staff and students had very few options for

study themselves. Everyone was thrilled when I offered to facilitate a class for them. I began with the *Timothy Leadership Training* (TLTI) course, *From Harm to Harmony: Overcoming Violence in the Family*. I have led this course many times in the US, most often with male leaders.



*Kay Rudd with the Harm to Harmony class in Vanuatu*

What a difference to sit with these women who perhaps have first-hand knowledge of this subject in a country where it is not against the law of the land to beat your wife. As they began to consider the concept that they are made in God's image to be loved I felt a longing to equip them more fully for the realities they face. Several of their husbands have thanked me for the lessons their wives have shared with them. We all thank God for this special time of growing and learning together and for the TLTI materials. Please pray for these women as they lead and care for others in the South Pacific. 🍷

## All One by Felipe Sauvalle

"We are all one in Christ" (Gal 3:26-28). This verse has been a reminder to me about what the church body has been called to be, uphold, and champion among our communities. From the start of this new journey, when the Lord opened the doors for me to become part of *The Vine Institute*, the words of the Apostle Paul have been a reminder of what the Gospel can and should be to all the nations of the world: **A relentless message of unity and of true love in Jesus – regardless of the divisive differences and the barriers that we, as humans, tend to build to separate ourselves from one another.**

We can see in the rapid change of our cities, especially in the last few years, that God has given us a great opportunity to reach a large

number of people from all over the world—from many different cultures, ethnicities, and languages, right in our own neighborhoods!

For the past few weeks I've had the privilege to visit, with my wife Liz and my 3 kids, many of the different worship services in our valley. We have been blessed every time with the presence of the Lord among His people. We have seen and enjoyed the body of Christ through many different styles of music and speaking, from the upbeat contemporary services to classic and beautiful traditional worship. It's amazing how the name of our Lord Jesus is always the center of everything that's happening in the midst of such a wealth of diversity.

*"We are all one in Christ"*  
Gal 3:26-28

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## Global Day of Prayer

June 4, 2017

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## A Divine Idea

by Tom McClenahan and Peter Asiamah

**P**artnership. What is it? At *The Vine Institute*, partnership is what it looks like when two of our **core values—collaborative relationships & kingdom-orientation—work together.**

Early on *The Vine Institute* realized that the mission God gave us was to provide Christian leadership training for people God was bringing from other nations to Utah. We needed courses designed for church leaders 1) whose first language is not English, 2) who may not have much educational background, and 3) who do not have resources to afford theological training. So we asked: Why not see what is already in use and proven? After research, we found *Timothy Leadership Training Institute* (TLTI) developed by pastors in Kenya and now based in Michigan. TLTI offers courses all over the world in more than 20 languages. We partnered with them, using their courses as a foundation for our program. Now *The Vine Institute* is one of three hubs in the world (Kenya, India and Utah!) for TLTI training. This is a win-win. Partnership.

Partnership is a divine idea: God created humans to participate with him in kingdom advancement. *The Vine Institute* partnered with *Ethnic America Network* which has a similar vision—see the multiplication of ministries and churches pursuing cross-cultural advancement of the gospel and intercultural unity in Jesus Christ. Out of this partnership seminars and summits have facilitated growth in our outreach to the nations gathered in Utah. A win-win-win partnership.

Last spring a local church gave *The Vine Institute* free use of their facility in order to accommodate more than 500 people for the Global Day of Prayer. A few weeks ago the pastor of that church invited one of the music groups from that event to bless their congregation with their music. We have been hearing nothing but praise. A win-win-win. Partnership.

**True partnership is a matter of giving and receiving**, as Paul says to the Philipians from whom he received financial support (Phil 4:15-16) and encouraged them to receive his prayers for their spiritual growth (Phil 1:3-5).

A few years ago *The Vine Institute* spon-

sored the pastor of a local Spanish-speaking church to be trained so he could better train his church leadership. With a heart of thankfulness, he invited Latino leaders of other churches to gather so that Peter (our Executive Director) could share our desire to serve them by strengthening their ministries. Now we are serving a pastor from that gathering with leadership training and he is encouraging Felipe, our Spanish-speaking staff member as our mission among the Latino community is getting established. Win-win-\_\_\_\_\_. You get the idea.

Partnership: Collaborative relationships working together for the sake of the kingdom of God. How can we partner with you? 

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My dream is to see a community of true believers from all over our beautiful state lead forward to break down the divisive walls that keep us apart, lifting up a big flag with the words of the Apostle Paul written on it—"We are all one in Christ." 