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With Amy & Gwen

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STUDENT MINISTRY IN THE PACIFIC

Hi, we're Bill and Linda (with Amy and Gwen) and we're looking forward to meeting you as we prepare to serve Jesus somewhere in the South Pacific.

The islands of the South Pacific are very Christianised, but there are great needs there. For many, Christianity is a cultural tradition rather than a living faith. We hope to work with university students to grow and disciple the next generation of Christians.

Bill has spent the last seventeen years working with AFES at QUT in Brisbane. He leads the staff team, preaches and discipled student leaders. Bill has loved seeing students put their trust in Jesus. It has also been exciting to see Christian students mature into servant-hearted leaders. Linda has focused on raising their four children. At the same time, she has been involved in children and women's ministry at their local church.

We are both excited to be involved in God's mission overseas. Linda grew up in South Africa, reading missionary biographies and prayer letters. We were both involved with AFES as university students, where we met and married, and grew in our conviction that every Christian should be involved in God's work to build his kingdom around the world. Bill has been visiting Papua New Guinea since 2009 to encourage university students and speak at local student conferences. This has given insight into the needs of the church and the impact ministry to university students has on the church.

We plan to spend the first half of 2024 training as missionaries at St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne. We're looking forward to learning to relate and minister across cultures.

In the second half of 2024 we'll be back building relationships with churches in Queensland and Northern NSW. God willing, in 2025 we will head to the Pacific (location to be determined).

Our two girls will go with us: Amy (14) and Gwen (8). Our two boys will stay behind in Brisbane: Steve (19) and Matthew (17). That will be a big change for our family, but we're persuaded that there are great needs overseas that make it worth doing.

Thank you for your consideration. Will you partner with us as we train at St Andrew's Hall, and for the long-term as we seek to serve the university students and the church in the Pacific?