



# Santo Communication Project, Vanuatu

October 1999



Pastor Dick Joel Peter & Peter Godden surveying the radio site

During October 1999 John Luscomb and Peter Godden traveled to Santo Vanuatu to install a radio system to help improve communications for a number of churches up in the Santo and northern area of Vanuatu.

The system comprised of a VHF radio repeater system as well as outstations suitably located around the region. There are still more units to be installed and this will be completed in 2000.



Transporting the main battery up the hill the hard (only) way

The project consisted of a radio repeater, housing, mast, aerials, solar panels, batteries and radios. This was all built in Australia and then shipped to Vanuatu for installation. Peter Godden is the technician that designed and built the system whilst John Luscomb is the engineer who undertook much of the fabrication. They were assisted in the Vanuatu installation by Ray sperry a missionary from the USA as well as Pastor Dick Joel Peter and his team of local willing workers. The work required the team to travel up a local mountain and then install the radio housing, the stayed mast, the solar power supply and the radio electronics. After this task was carried out they then installed radios in local churches and villages.

Pastor Dick Joel Peter carried out the first inaugural communications and dedication of the system. He expressed his appreciation for the work carried out and thanked all those who made this project possible as this enables them to be more efficient in their work, bringing hope and encouragement to those in isolation. It also provides a way of dealing with medical and other civil emergencies.

Others organisations assisting Coastlands in this project were Burdekin Community Church, Ayr, Bowen Christian Family Centre, Mercy Ships Pacific, SV Grace 11, Katherine Christian Family N.T. and Godden and Dodds Communications.



Transporting equipment



Installation complete/repeater to right



Inaugural transmission by Pastor Dick

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