

fua ministry update * october 2010

To be honest with you, the past 6 months has been one of the hardest seasons that I have had since entering into fulltime missions. One of the hardest, but also one of the most fruitful. Having grown up with parents always involved with missions, we knew as a family when God was doing something big or about to be doing something big, because there always seemed to be some sort of battle that came along with it. Now, both Simon and I have had our fare share of battles since being in fulltime missions, but with that we have had amazing victories! For me, personally, March is when this season of battles began and has continued until today.

To refresh your memory, back in March we started our first School of Worship, called School of Worshipping Warriors (SOWW). As I had shared before, it was a battle of 2 years to see this school actually get up and running. Much of which had to do with having someone committed to run the school. It was always one thing after another and with our school in March we found ourselves in the same position again. The leader who was coming for the school didn't end up getting his visa to Australia. The other staff member coming for the school didn't end up getting her visa as well. This left just me. After following up with the head of Institute for the Nations (YWAM Australia's University of the Nations education system), I was given permission to run the school. This meant instead of sitting underneath a leader as a staff to learn more how to run the school, I now had to step out and step up. Not only did I find myself leading the school, but I was leading my husband, my brother-in-law, fellow staff members and friends.

Most people after hearing this think I am absolutely crazy. And maybe I am, but I know one thing is for sure, when we have an amazing God to lean on for direction, I would much rather step up to the challenge than back down. Funny, how we focused a lot on the life of David throughout this school. I found myself in his position...so little and facing a big giant. Throughout the school this was not my only challenge. There were many. In fact, it was just one thing right after another. I made many mistakes, nice little stepping stones and learning curves! I look back now and just see God's grace in helping me get through, and seeing the school finish off strong. And I praise God that Simon was there to lean on through it all. So, yes it was THE most challenging thing I have ever done, but it has also beared so much fruit.

fruits from SOWW:

#1 In July we found out the first fruits of this season which was that I was pregnant! Simon and I couldn't be more happy and excited for this little worshipping warrior to arrive! Mom's – you are amazing people. For the last 3 months of the school(July to Sept) not only was I leading this school but I had such ALL DAY SICKNESS...the term morning sickness is NOT a good name! But now, I find myself in the 5th month feeling much better and looking forward to our little girl coming on or around March 8th.

#2 One of the girls on the SOWW has returned home to Norway and has now joined with YWAM Norway where they are focusing on having 24/7 worship for one year.

#3 Two guys from the SOWW went on a road trip afterwards to put into practice things they learned on the school. They have amazing stories of leading worship and prayer times throughout this journey.

#4 One guy from the beautiful islands of Vanuatu went on the Island Breeze Sydney Europe tour. This group was mainly in Switzerland and France and toured to different churches and YWAM bases to spread God's love and expressions. While he was there he found himself leading worship at the Nations 2 Nations conference (this is a big YWAM conference) along with the team, and they saw God move in an amazing way. Now, we have been invited as Island Breeze Sydney to come lead worship at the Nations 2 Nations next year which will host most or all of the YWAM bases in Europe. This same guy is also going to staff the next SOWW that we run next year in July.



#5 From our outreach time all the churches that we went to, here in Australia, were highly encouraged and touched by God. It is only God who knows our needs, and as much as these churches were blessed, we were blessed abundantly as well. We found ourselves many times being so humbled to be apart of what God was doing and how he chose to use us.

after soww

After the SOWW Simon jumped straight into staffing a Discipleship Training School (DTS) and a couple weeks into it, found himself needing to step into leading it. Good thing this is not his first time!!! This is the biggest DTS we have run here, 29 students with 15 of them being from the USA, quite a few Europeans, Australians, Canadians and Fijians. They are an amazing group of people and have only 3 weeks left until they go on outreach. They are split into 3 teams: 1 team will go to Tahiti & Vanuatu, 1 team will go to Papua New Guinea & Indonesia, and 1 team will go to Mexico City. Simon will not be going on outreach as we are much in need of a break after this busy season and before he leads the next DTS in January, which Abney will be coming to!

After the SOWW I took over running the kitchen. And chances are I am using some recipes from your kitchens to feed this army over here! I am a strong believer in the phrase that to keep the army strong, you got to feed their stomachs right. So, It's been busy still, but fun too. Its nice to bring something from home onto the tables here. The only difference is making sure there is enough to feed 50 people every day! But as us good Southerners are with preparing food for big groups, there is enough for 2nds and usually some left overs! So thank you for passing your recipes onto my mom or sisters!

finance update:

This year has been a hard season financially. Our support in the beginning of the year had dropped, and was not even half of what was needed for each month. But in the last couple of months we have had some breakthrough and are believing for more. At the moment we are about **\$2,500** behind on our staff fees. So, that is a major area of prayer and need for us.

Our other financial need at the moment is for my permanent residency visa, so that the Fua family can stay together!!! The cost of the whole visa process will be between **\$3,175-\$3,500** (visa application -\$2,575, medical costs-ranges from \$300+, police clearances-\$300, etc...) It all depends on the extras they ask us to have, which for some, there are costs involved.

prayer needs:

#1 My permanent residency is a major prayer need for us. We are believing that all information they need, we will turn in with the initial application. We are also believing that it will not be a long process. Please believe with us and stand with us in prayer.

#2 Finances, as mentioned above.

#3 A CAR!!! We have been blessed for the past 6 months to have the use of a friend's car while she was away studying and traveling. Come December we will lose use of this car, and are believing for a vehicle of our own.



contact information

There are some changes to our contact information. But, some of it has stayed the same. So, please, take a look so that you can follow what we are doing, how you can contact us best, and also, where to send any financial support.

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our blog : Read more about what we are up to and doing here at Island Breeze Sydney. And join us, as we share about different things that are happening here and the Nations we are reaching.

- To read our blog please go to: www.fuaministry.blogspot.com

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finance information

if you live in the united states : Please send all financial support to: 2280 Clematis Trail Sumter, SC 29150. If you are writing a check, please make it out to “Friends of St. Augustine’s” with a note attached saying that it is for Simon & Stacey’s missionary fund.

if you live in australia : Please send all financial support to our Commonwealth Bank Account. Name: Simon Fua BSB# 06 3000 Account# 1163 2219

thank you !

We truly are blessed by you. We pray that God continues to bless you abundantly for all that you do for Him. *Stacey & Simon*

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