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2010 saw two trips to Fiji by VHP Volunteers and Board Members. Terry Schmunk, VHP President and Founder and Doug Hayhurst, Engineer and Board Member, visited the Island of Kadavu and the future site of the the Tiliva Health Centre in April.

Doug supervised the development of the spring and water line to the clinic site as well as constructing an addition to the construction shed of a facility shed with a toilet, sink and shower to support the workers. The building materials and tools were transported from Suva to Kadavu on a sea going barge and then off loaded onto the beach at the construction site. Water and shower facilities are a dream come true!



Facilities Shed Construction

The purchase of the 23' fiberglass boat powered by a 60 hp Yamaha outboard was an eagerly awaited new addition in supporting the project this past year. The new boat will be utilized as a work and utility boat and will be equipped to provide service as a water ambulance in case of an emergency for the village. The cost of fuel has doubled over the past year making it even more difficult for those needing medical/dental care.

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Water Source for Clinic

The development of the water system and its completion has been essential to the progress of the project. The villagers are now able to start washing the sand and coral on the property in preparation for the initial construction this spring.



Water Storage Tanks



As the 16 acres of jungle were cleared on Onedibo, the site's Fijian name, the beach project has always taken a backseat. The May trip saw Terry and Doug meet with the Mataquali, the name of the local clan, about clearing the beach and building a sea wall with the stones and coral that now lay on the beach.

The Mataquali bid the sea wall project for \$2,000 FJD or the equivalent of \$1, 200.00 USD. This will be essential to hold back the sea from any future storms that might effect the construction of the clinic site buildings. The Mataquali also contracted to maintain the cleared land and keep the water system source, tanks and lines maintained for \$360.00 FJD per month plus the cost of fuel. Fuel is \$200 FGD per month.



Southern View of Onedibo Beach

It was a real treat for Terry Schmunk and Doug Hayhurst to meet w/ Dr. & Mrs. Manoa Masi at their home on the Island of Viti Levu last May. Dr. Masi and VHP go back to 1997 when Terry, as a soldier, first visited Kadavu and the Village of Tiliva. Manoa was the initial point of contact with VHP, Inc. from that time period until 2006 when Pastor Aca Tuisamoa came on board. Both Manoa and Aca have served on the VHP board.

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Marcie with 28' Boat

The purchase of the 23' boat this past year was a great event, but to develop long distance mobile clinics the need for a more powerful and offshore boat has been seen as an essential part of VHP's long term goals.

A very generous contribution by one couple has made that dream more possible. The contribution for the boat and equipment was enough two years ago but the cost of the boat with twin 140 hp Suzuki outboards along with navigation equipment has increased by 50-75% today. We are now looking to the Fijian government to join us in a joint venture with matching funds.



Matthew 25:40



Terry with Dr. and Mrs. Masi

