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## Who We Are

VMI is a ministry that has a passion to serve through five simple **STEPS**:

Seek those in need of a Savior.  
Mathew 28:18-20

Train others to teach others.  
2 Timothy 2:2

Encourage fellow believers to help build up the Body of Christ.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Partner with like-minded believers and ministries.  
Philippians 1:27

Serve in Love.  
John 13:34-35

## Resources

### *Essentials: Bible Study Keys*

An introduction to the Bible and principles of Bible study for the young believer.

### *Foundations: Building in the Faith*

A training manual for the more advanced student seeking to learn the fundamentals of the Faith.

### *Foundations II: Defending the Faith*

A training manual designed to teach why the Christian faith is reasonable and why the believer can be assured of their eternal home.

### Gospel Coins

Available in over 100 languages, the coins are designed for one-on-one introduction and opportunity to present the Gospel.

All of VMI's resources are freely given to "equip the saints for the work of service, to build up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12



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# Women's Mission

## Truth and Hope Instead



French Polynesia was the destination of our most recent women's mission team. At first glance you see a tropical paradise filled with beautifully lush islands surrounded by crystal clear water. But when one looks closely there is deception and despair embedded in the lives of the people. Satan has used this method from the beginning, when he approached Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and his methods haven't changed much since.

French Polynesia has been a target for false teaching from the Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, and Seventh Day Adventist. For the casual listener, it can be hard to discern how the teaching from the Bible is different from these sects. Unfortunately, many Polynesians have picked up beliefs from these sects along with tribal and cultural influences. All these things together create a very difficult environment for evangelical orthodox teaching, even more so than the average mission field. Many mission organizations have come and gone over the past decades due to this difficult environment but the Perkins' have made significant inroads in the brief time they have been there.



Tahiti and her islands have grave challenges for women, where domestic violence is so common that many consider it normal for a marriage. On some islands, the rate of sexual abuse against women and children approaches 100%.

It was into this environment that the women's mission went with messages of truth and hope. Starting first with the hope of God's love and the salvation message and moving on to living daily walking with the Lord and experiencing God's hope as outlined in Romans 15:13: *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* We know that understanding core truths about God, His character, and His trustworthiness provides encouragement and hope for women in every situation. This is true in places of strong Christian persecution as well as in places with the normal difficulties of life in a fallen world, even a tropical paradise like French Polynesia.

We are excited about how the Lord is growing and expanding our ministry to women and invite you to join us by praying for this aspect of our work and considering coming with us on future trips.

Win, Director of Programs



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## Many Connections

The visit of the Women's Mission Team was two weeks of great opportunities that the Lord put into place. The first of these was at a church where meetings were held four nights in a row. Each night, time was spent discussing the materials and personal applications. After the first night, we received a text from the pastor, *"My wife really appreciated the Women's meeting last night and I believe the other women of our church will be blessed also."* This begins a new relationship for us with this church we pray will continue to grow.

Next was an all-day seminar for the leaders of the Moorea's Women Association. This organization provides help to troubled women. Lolita, the president of the association, wanted the leaders to be able to offer spiritual help in every situation. The leaders walked away realizing the importance of providing spiritual truth in these intense situations.

Aline, who translated the handouts, was also the translator for most of the events. She translated with such heart and was so moved by the information saying that she knew many of these truths but had never seen them so well organized and knew every woman who heard them would be blessed. She was especially encouraged by the teaching on the story of Joseph. After the team's

departure, Aline studied the chapters in Genesis to ponder and understand the sufferings Joseph endured and how God blessed him.

The last event was a two-day retreat. One of the remarkable stories is that of Hinahere. She was going for a run with her husband up the mountain street of the retreat center. Hinahere had been listening to the Pope's daily message seeking help in her own sufferings. As we invited her to stay for the event, Hinahere eagerly took notes and returned for the second day. She told us she was looking for good Bible teaching which she found at this event. We were able to provide a new Bible for her. The next day, Sunday, she showed up at our local church with her children where she met others she already knew. The pastor spoke on the passage in Hebrews about endurance and being a runner. What a great God we serve who cares about encouraging and loving every one of His children!

VMI connected us with many women we had never met before who want to learn and know their Lord better. We hear often that Tahitians cannot focus on the Word of God being taught for long periods. These ladies listened, prayed, sang, and cried with joy at their new understanding of our great God we worship showing us that the defect is not in the Tahitians ability to focus but on the lack of great teaching! We are now tasked with following up, finding a way to encourage these women's own daily growth, and discipling their friends and families with the salvation message and the importance of ongoing spiritual growth.

René, French Polynesia



## Sisters in Christ

When the opportunity to take part in a women's mission team to French Polynesia came up, I was enthusiastic to say yes to the invitation. What a beautiful place to consider God's grace and provision! But behind the beauty there is the brokenness that we all experience as sinners in a fallen world. Many women on these islands suffer from abuse or neglect. Life is unpredictable and hard. Pagan beliefs and superstitions offer no help and keep women from the truth of God's love and salvation in Christ.

Our group of five traveled there to share the hope of God with people of all ages. We met VMI missionaries Mark and René Perkins. They have a very busy new ministry there and our team was able to encourage their work. Jackie and I helped with the English Club, a gathering of kids two afternoons a week at a neighborhood center. The kids learn English through the vocabulary of Bible stories, crafts, games, and songs. The Perkins have made a remarkable connection with these kids. The kids love them, and they are hearing about God's love for them and so much more. Jackie and I were so blessed to share this time teaching the character of God, and the lessons of obedience and forgiveness through the story of Jonah.



The following week, we met some ladies of Tahiti for a two-day retreat. We taught about the grace of God, facing trauma, forgiving others, and the source of hope – the Lord God. In discussion groups, two of the women shared

their story. Tahia has been a believer for over 20 years and brought several other women with her to the retreat, including Vairea. Tahia and Vairea met on a ferry ride when Tahia asked Vairea if she could speak to her about Jesus. Vairea burst into tears and explained the reason for her despair: her alcoholic mother tried to drown her when she was six. She felt she was unwanted, unloved. This led to a sinful lifestyle and estrangement. Her family had basically abandoned her. She never thought she could ever be forgiven by God because of her sinful life and unworthiness. She has now trusted in the Lord, but family relationships are still strained. The retreat lessons gave Vairea many scriptures of encouragement of God's grace and forgiveness for ourselves and others.



One session included inspiring stories of persecuted women who have heroic faith that I have met on previous trips with VMI. We hope the examples of these women from Africa who courageously represent Christ will encourage the women of Tahiti to do the same.

I was so thankful that God brought us together for this growing experience. We prayed; God answered our requests for a meaningful mission. We spoke God's Word; it will not return void. The perfect conclusion to our time together was when the women sang the Lord's Prayer for us in Tahitian. I mouthed the beautiful words to myself and thought about our family relationship with them and Christians all over the world. Sisters in Christ. Isn't God wonderful.

Suzy, Oklahoma







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