



Vanuatu

Another time. Another place.

Port Vila Dental Clinic Volunteers required for 2015 !!



Have you ever considered travelling to a tropical paradise and while you are there ... doing much-needed dental work?

If so, then you might consider joining the Port Vila dental clinic

“**Volunteer Roster**” - run by the Vanuatu Dental Care Service, where our aim is to secure the services of at least ...

- ... **one** dentist or dental therapist
- ... **one** dental assistant for
- ... **one** week every month

Maybe you are the **one**?!



Whilst the main thrust of the Vanuatu Dental Care Service is the provision of appropriate national oral health **Education** and **Prevention** strategies, the Port Vila clinic fills a critical **Treatment** role; in addition to the training and mentoring of local Dental Care staff.

By way of background ... **P.C.V.** stands for the **Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu** and in conjunction with the Vanuatu Government and a variety of overseas donor groups, (including the Australian Government & the Uniting Church) this indigenous, Vanuatu institution delivers a range of health, education and other services throughout this spread-out country comprising over 60 inhabited islands.



As a dental /oral health volunteer you will not only be delivering urgent and much-needed health care, you will also be building-up, training and resourcing locals to carry on the work.

VOLUNTEER NOW ...

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Port Vila Clinic FACTS

The Port Vila clinic is well-stocked with most items and the equipment is excellent. Chair is good, reliable air source and new Cattani portable suction. There are ample high/low speed W&H as well as low speed Kavo handpieces, plenty of forceps, elevators, surgical instruments, etc. The sterilizer is a simple downward displacement steam device with no drying cycle, but it is very reliable and has a short cycle.

Much of the work involves extractions and pain relief, however, there is also scope to do other work as well. It's also a great place to add a few days of R&R.



Source: Visiting dentist, Dr Barry Stewart



Vanuatu Oral Health FACTS

Did you know that according to the University of Queensland's Dentistry School, Vanuatu has 1 dentist for every 34,000 people. By comparison, Australia has 1 dentist for every 1,900 people.

Further, in Vanuatu 80% of the population live in rural, village communities on 63 separate islands, spread 900km from north to south. As you can imagine, the problems associated with delivering a meaningful, national dental service are considerable. As a result, the focus of the Vanuatu Dental Care Service is around **Education** and **Prevention**, however, we also have a commitment to providing appropriate **Treatment** to relieve pain and the mentoring and training of locals.

Why not tack a few days on and make a holiday of it?



The **Vanuatu Dental Care Service** is operated by **PCV Health** (Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu) in association with the Uniting Church in Australia, Rotary & the Vanuatu Department of Health

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