



## *Ruby's Testimony*

I grew up in a Christian home where reading the Bible, singing hymns and going to church was normal. At the age of five, I told Mum I wanted to get saved. I had heard the gospel plenty of times, and knew that “getting saved” was something I had to do. Mum told me to wait until Dad got home from work, so he could go through some Bible verses with me to make sure I understood what I was doing.

Dad went through some verses with me, and I asked Jesus to come into my heart. Shortly after that, I was baptised. However, nothing really changed. I tried to read my Bible but my thoughts kept wandering, and I could never concentrate.

In 2010, our family was living in Vanuatu, and my sisters were running a Friday Bible Club at a local school. Hearing the lessons there, and the gospel messages each Sunday, I started to feel really uncomfortable and doubted my salvation. One day, my sister, Lucy, taught a lesson on Heaven and Hell, and what they are like. After that, I was terrified that if I died, I would go to hell. I didn't believe I was truly born again. I wanted to take a step of faith and trust Christ as my Saviour, but I was always worried about what other people would think of me, so I did nothing about it.

In February, 2011, my family was in N.Z. on furlough from our work in Vanuatu. One night, I couldn't sleep. I was too scared. Then, I just called out to God, and asked Jesus to come into my heart. I don't know exactly what I said, but I remember feeling peaceful and safe. From that night on, I have truly felt saved.

John 10:28 says, “And I gave them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

It has comforted me to know that once we are part of the family of God, we are part of it FOREVER, and no man can pluck us out of our Father's hand.

I still struggle a little with my Bible reading, but I enjoy listening to sermons and learning more about God. I believe that I can only grow in my faith if I spend time in God's Word and learn to trust and obey Him more and more.