

Please allow me this opportunity to express the sincere gratitude and immense appreciations of the Napuat family, (which is my immediate family) and the Mana Family, (the family of my late husband.)

- To our very Generous and big family of the Rotary Organisation in New Zealand and Around the World
- To our live-saving Doctors in New Zealand who have made another history in the life of my daughter
- To all our family friends in New Zealand
- To our host family in New Zealand
- To Every good people in New Zealand and Vanuatu who have tremendously offered their utmost care and support to my family and especially my daughter Andrea Mana before, during and after the operation of my daughter Andrea

I would like to start by giving you a short background of where and how we got to New Zealand.

I come from a family in the rural area from a village called Lamakaun on the island of Tanna, in Tafea Province in Vanuatu. I was married to Aniwa island which is another island in the same province. I only went to primary school and I am unemployed, my parents and most of our relatives do not have formal employment or jobs like in other parts of Vanuatu. The father of my children who is a primary school teacher passed away about three years ago. We had four children, two boys and two girls. Our eldest son is in University, sponsored by government, the second born son is also in University but self-sponsored and the third born daughter is in Senior Secondary, self-sponsored and Andrea is the last born.

My family went through the most difficult and painful time and to be able to endure these challenges and standing here today is something I still cannot comprehend.

Well, after the passing away of my husband three years ago, I was left with four children to look after. Three of my children are all in high school and I was left to look after them as well as taking care of Andrea who is my last born daughter.

Life got very complicated for me as my two sons and two daughters were all depending on me for my support. Thankfully my elder brother offered to assist in some way to look after my two sons. But then Andrea's health condition started to cause life a bit more difficult as we were travelling to and back from the hospital and even flying by plane to and back from Port Vila.

Yet we had this hope and belief that God is going to provide a way, a way even if we do not know where to go, we must have the confidence and hope in God.

Well to make the long story short, when Andrea's condition seemed to never improve, and when we did not have the knowledge of where to go, no resources financially to get the treatment that we crucially needed, we started to lose hope but then when we received that precious call from Rotary informing us that they were looking into assisting, it was a very optimistic call because we realized there was a window of hope still there for us.

It was then that we started to pray for the Rotary organisation and the arrangements that they were undertaking. I have never travelled overseas before in my life and neither has my daughter Andrea so we really did not know what to pray for regarding arrangements yet we faithfully asked God to show us and provide a way out of our situation through Rotary.

We would like thank the Rotary organisation for your generosity; words really cannot express how boundless you have created this lifetime story in our life and especially my daughter Andrea.

We just realized that we encountered a life and death situation where we couldn't have made it through without your generosity and support.

I wish to therefore at this instant make this short appreciation to all of you to say;

"You are all a very wonderful and very special people in the life of my family. You have all made history in the life of not only my daughter Andrea but my entire family in Vanuatu as none of our family members have gone through a major operation like this in the past. You saved our lives from the greatest trauma. You provided the helping hand just when we needed it most. You gave life when death was planning to show up at our door. You gave everything and in return you asked for nothing from us. This is the most generous act we have never seen nor experienced before. We can only say thank you and pray that the good Lord is going to bless your families abundantly so you can experience abundance like you offered to us. And we pray that God will take good care of you and prosper you. If we ever meet again and if any of you is ever planning to visit Vanuatu and our Island Tanna, we look forward to welcoming you and would be interested to know of your holidays if you are ever planning one for Vanuatu and Tanna."

Long Live the Rotary Organisation! Long Live the wonderful Doctors! Long live to you our very special and wonderful people in New Zealand and Vanuatu!  
May God bless you all,

**Thank you**

**Rosina Mana**