Vanuatu is a poor country that is in need of help. The children of Vanuatu are not getting a proper education, they don’t have a cool playground to play on, their supplies are limited and the teachers are struggling.

Chappy Neil has been trying to make a difference to people who have to live in poverty. He started taking students and teachers from Cleveland District State High School to Vanuatu to help the children, the schools and their families.

The first trip to Vanuatu was in 2006 when 2 teachers and 6 students went with Chappy Neil. Their first trip was to get to know the people, to educate the children, to have fun with them. They did activities such as skits, games, activities, etc. They started painting a school and supplied them with classroom equipment.

The most important trip to Vanuatu was when 18 people went. This time, with the help of the Vanuatu community, they built a 9m by 6m concrete floor from scratch. They made their own concrete and built the floor in 3 and half days!
On the next trip to Vanuatu, June 2013, the students and teachers are going to be building a roof. Chappy Neil has been organising fundraisers to help pay for this. So far the school has raised $2400 from different fundraisers such as the Trash and Treasure. There is still more money to be raised. The Vanuatu children and families need our help. Our school is going to continue helping the Vanuatu community. The children’s laughs are so beautiful, their smiles are as big as the sun and they are always happy children despite their challenges. This what drives Chappy Neil to help the children of Vanuatu. So please, help Chappy Neil make a difference to the Vanuatu community – together we can do this.

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