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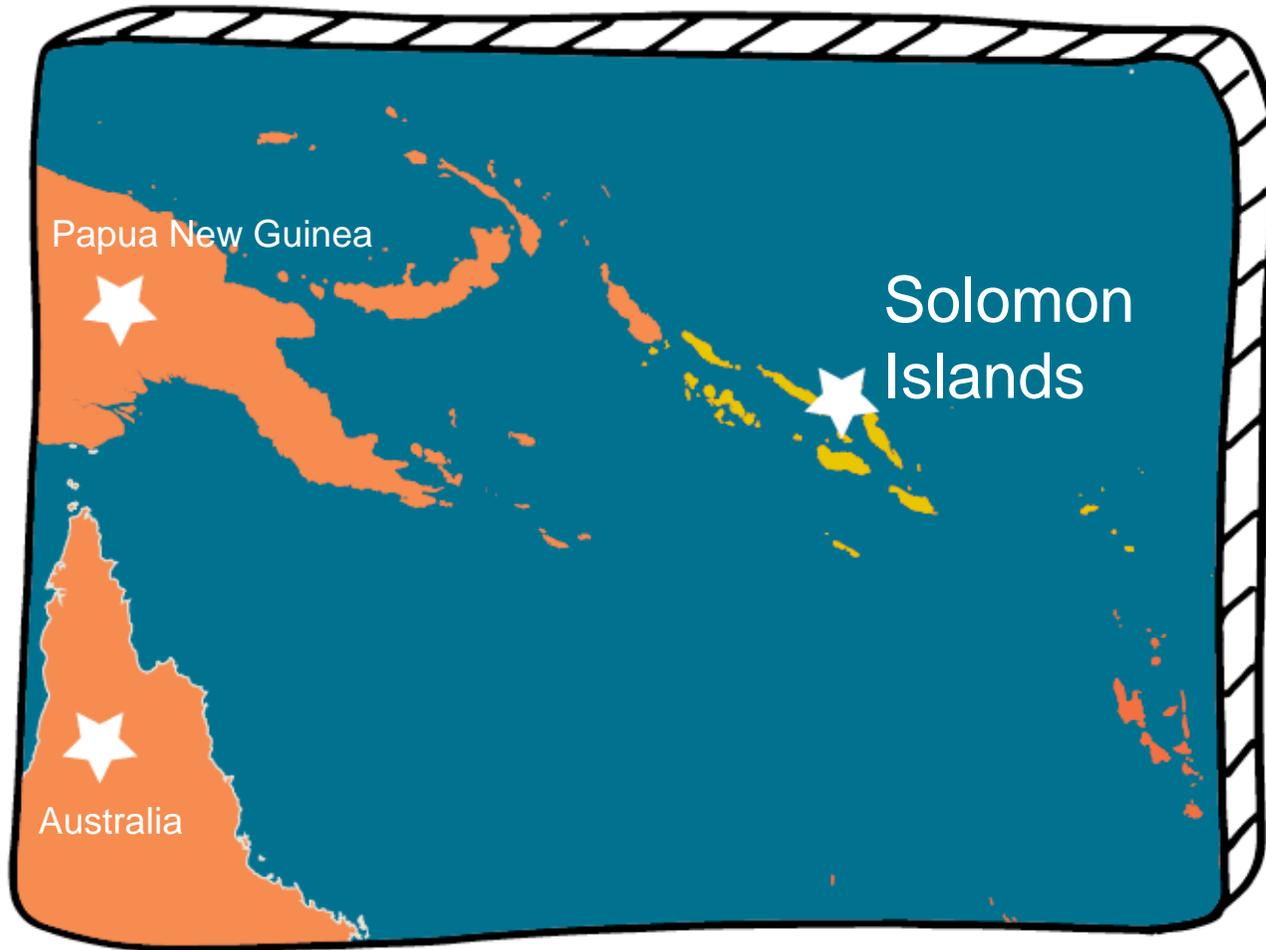


**WEEK 2: MARGRET, SOLOMON ISLANDS**

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This is Margret's story.



Margret is a teacher  
in the Solomon  
Islands.



Margret was born deaf so she knows how hard it can be to learn at school and get a job.



Margret started learning sign language when she was 7 years old. Now she teaches sign language to others.



Margret also teaches skills such as sewing, cooking, and healthy eating to teenage and adult students. Some students have never been to school before.



However the school didn't have enough water for everyone. The four small tanks always ran out of water quickly or remained empty during the dry season.



Teachers and students would have to walk for up to half an hour to collect the water they needed.



Caritas helped the school to build eight large water tanks, and a system to catch rainwater.



Now they have enough drinking water for the whole year!



In April 2020, Tropical Cyclone Harold destroyed the roof of a building and damaged the school's vegetable garden.



Caritas helped the school fix the roof and to plant more vegetables.



Caritas also helped the school increase their animal farming. Now they have enough food to eat and to sell at the market.



When COVID-19 hit, Caritas helped people learn about how to stop it spreading. The school built 'tippy taps' outside classrooms for handwashing.



Fabric was provided for students to sew face masks.



“I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment.”

- Margret

# QUESTIONS



1. Where does Margret live?
2. What made life hard for Margret and the school community?
3. What helped make things better for the students and teachers at the school?
4. How did Caritas Australia help?