

He Calmed the Waters



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I live in Vanuatu, a group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean. I was so excited to turn eight so that I could be baptized and confirmed.

But I was worried about getting baptized in the ocean in front of my house because the waves can get pretty big there. Those waves are fun to play in, but I wasn't sure about being baptized in them. My mom and I went in the ocean by our house to see what it would be like, and I knew it would be OK.

We chose the day when I was to be baptized, and I was so excited. But then a cyclone came close to our island. We had to call the branch president and cancel my baptism.

Even though there was a little flooding from the cyclone, we were able to go to church that Sunday. The

branch president announced that I would be baptized on Saturday.

On Saturday morning, the waves were really big, so I was kind of scared. We had a meeting at my house, and then we all walked down to the beach. I had asked my cousin Josh to baptize me.

Josh lifted me over the waves as we walked in, but as I was getting baptized, the waves were calm. I think that while Josh said the baptism prayer, Jesus calmed the water for me.

As we walked out of the ocean, the waters got rough again, but I didn't mind because I was already soaked completely. I'm so glad that I turned eight and that I could follow Jesus's example by being baptized. I know that Heavenly Father hears my prayers. ●