

## High number of turnout at Anglicare's literacy classes



*A level 1 literacy classes  
in session last February at  
Anglicare, North Waigani.  
Picture: Maggie Lohia*

**This is Manu Joe Henao Gaigo, 26 years old from Tatana Village. He is a level 1 Literacy Student at the Anglicare Centre.**

Manu's highest formal education was up to Grade 5 at St Michael's Primary School in Hanuabada village. He said he had heard about the classes when he was referred to the clinic after falling ill.

He was interested and in July of 2014 he registered to be a student. His motivation was the desire to read and write.

Manu said despite leaving school at Grade 5 he could not read and write at all.

He excelled in sports particularly weightlifting which required some paper work.

Most of those paper work was done by his late mother who passed away four years ago.

Since then he has quit the code and gave up hope of any future for himself until he was introduced to the literacy classes at Anglicare. Manu is learning basic reading and writing and phonics as well.

# M&E officers say workshop refreshing



Top left: Avish Raj talking to the participants.



Right: M&E officers in group discussions.

Below: M&E officers group photo with their facilitators.



A CPP monitoring and evaluation training ended on a good note on Friday January 23, 2015.

The first three days of the training targeted mainly the Monitoring and Evaluation officers from the 7 CPP churches.

It was more focused on building the capacity of the M&E officers in terms of Project Management.

The training was an avenue for the officers to know the life cycle of projects from its conception to evaluation and closure.

The officers were also able to develop log frames using problem tree analysis and participated in group discussions which enabled them to develop their own

M&E plans.

The last two days of the training was focused on the MIS.

In this training the coordinators of the CPP churches were involved so that together with their M&E officers they can better understand the MIS data collection template, discuss challenges and share learnings amongst partners.

Many of the participants felt the training was very informative and also an eye opener.

This trainings were facilitated by Avish Raj Program Director from ADRA PNG and Speer Tolavata, P M&E officer with the Church Partnership Program Coordination Office.

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# Literacy, a tool to alleviate poverty

What is taught in the elementary classrooms throughout PNG is taught at this literacy classes. The only difference is the audience are not 5 to 6 year olds.

Teenagers, young adults, middle aged men and women and mostly elderly women are the faces of the literacy classes at the Anglicare Port Moresby head office.

The Anglicare Adult Literacy program was initially requested by the Care & Counseling program to basically help empower the illiterate people coming to access Anglicare's services with basic numeracy, reading and writing skills.

The request was taken on by then National Director, Rick Steel in 2005.

After seven years since 2005, the program has now become a component of its own given the high demands of literacy in NCD as well as around the country.

The program has been effectively operating with funding from the government of Australia in partnership with the government of Papua New Guinea, made available through the Church Partnership Program with assistance from the Anglican board of Mission in Australia.

The need to foster literacy to the marginalized in the hope of alleviating poverty in the country is a prime focus of the program.

Anglicare PNG Inc, with its missionary spirit, is at its best to increase the illiteracy rate within NCD, and despite the proximity of the education standard in the country, NCD has not reaped the benefits of education for all.

The program has now become a leading provider in literacy by integrating other activities such as skills trainings and Flexible Open Distant Education (FODE) for youths.

## Churches meet displays positive outlook

The PNG Church State Partnership Program consultation workshop was held at the Gateway hotel in Port Moresby displaying a positive outlook for churches to work in collaboration with the PNG Government through their health and education services.

National Planning and Monitoring Department assistant secretary – Social Joshua Himina and his team consolidated an implementation guideline with an expected outcome for the workshop to finalise the guideline for the National Executive Council's (NEC) approval and for churches to present projects implementation reports to DNPM for consolidation of the 2014 PNGCSPP annual implementation report.

There were five objectives of the workshop;

- To present and provide final input into the PNGCSPP implementation guidelines;
- To finalise the implementation and the operationalization mechanisms such as the Terms of References, Memorandum of Understanding and Implementation Structure of the PNGCSPP;
- To upskill and build capacity of church technical officers in project planning;
- To provide an avenue for partnering churches to present their 2014 project implementation report; and
- To consolidate project implementation information and data to finalise the 2014 PNGCSPP implementation report.

The implementation guide was workshopped by participants in groups and later was presented on how to best contribute to developing a finalised implementation guide.

## CPP FAREWELLS ROB ...



CPPCO Executive officer Maryanne Kehalie gives a speech when making a gift presentation during a farewell get together at the Catholic Bishops Conference headquarters on December 11, 2014.

The event was to farewell former Australian High Commission Counsellor Democratic Governance Robert Brink who has worked closely with the Church

Partnership Program partners.

Chair of the CLC Fr Victor Roche and the Independent Chair Ambassador Lucy Bogari highly commended Mr Brink on his tremendous contribution to the CPP and the footprints of achievements he has left for the program to carry on.



# Pupi bags GOLD in para games

“Laip bipo mi bin stap no gat wanpela amamas.

Laip em kamap long mi, mi gat amamas.

Disability kamap na pilim bigpela hamamas kamap.

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W Wanganga Tylabom comes from Kaiapit which is in the Markham valley, inland of Lae, Morobe Province.

Pupi was born without the extremities of her arms. She has a couple of fingers on one arm.

Her mother and father died when she was young. Her brother and sister helped raise her but she wasn't allowed to go to school.

School fees are expensive, and the family was struggling, so it wasn't seen as a great 'investment' to send her to school - being a female and with disabilities.

She felt sad seeing the other children go to school while she sat at home.

Now at age 33, she has her own home. Her sister and brother sometimes give her food.

But sometimes they're not happy to do this and she goes to sleep hungry some nights.

The community doesn't help her. Sometimes the Lutheran church members help her collect firewood or give her some soap or a little bit of money. If they don't, then she struggles.

The Lutheran Disability Program (supported by CPP) provided training on disability rights and awareness in the

community.

Before the training, Pupi thought she was worthless and relied heavily on other people for her day-to-day living.

After the training she realised that she could take charge of her life and her disability should not be the reason to stop her.

She started learning how to make bilums and is now able to make lovely bilums which she sells in the market to help with buying food, healthcare etc.

The Lutheran Disability Program helped to form a Disabled Peoples Organisation and supported them to create a plan for addressing their needs.

The committee made plans for improving the lives of people with disabilities in the village which includes;

- INCREASED participation of children with disabilities in schools;
- CAPACITY building training for people with disabilities, and
- AWARENESS raising to other community members (people with disabilities are oftentimes teased by other community members).

Pupi was appointed treasurer of the Disabled Peoples Organisation and she is very proud of this.

She feels more confident to participate in

community meetings.

Pupi was really affected by being excluded from school. Her dream is to have all children in the community, whether they have a disability or not, play and attend school together.

(*"Laip bipo mi bin stap no gat wanpela amamas. Laip em kamap long mi, mi gat amamas. Disability kamap na pilim bigpela hamamas kamap."*) Before, I was struggling and depressed - Now I have hope in my life. I am deeply grateful that this disability work has started," Pupi says.

Pupi was selected to participate in the PNG Para-games held in Lae, last November.

Once selected she began training and was helped by Dalina Bakine of the Lutheran Disability Program to organise for her sneakers.

Dalina helped with the organisation and support of the PNG Para-sports Morobe team. The team attended a training camp in Lae.

Pupi competed in the ambulant 200m sprint, placing fourth in her heat. In the finals, however, she won gold for Morobe and was awarded by the Morobe Province with a scenic helicopter flight over Lae.

Pupi also won gold in the 100m sprint.

In a statement he presented at the Pacific Adventist University (PAU) James Standish the Religious Liberty and Communications Director for the South Pacific, gave an account of the current state of Nigeria during the a two-day religious freedom celebration in Port Moresby last December.

He said Nigeria is just like PNG richly blessed with mineral resources.

Mr Standish also made the following statement tha a nation that is phenomenally wealthy is today a dysfunctional, violent dystopia.

He said this was the result of a corruption in all levels of government departments, agencies, and it trickles down the line.

However on the other side of the Africa testimonies is a country called Botswana, to which Mr Standish says it is an alternate model.

He says Botswana faces alot of challenges which includes a very high rate of HIV/AIDS and it is facing those challenges with strenght and determination.

# Religion must be corruption-free

Mr Standish geographically describe Botswana as a desert land mass bordering with the economic catasrophe Zimbabwe.

He said Botswana, through fiscal discipline and sound management, it has transformed itself from one of the poorest countries in the world to a mid-dle-income country with a per capita GDP of \$16,400 in 2013, according to a CIA factbook online library.

Mr Standish says to put that in comparision, Botswana has now a GDP per capita that is close to seven times the PNG GDP per capita.

Here is an extract of Mr Standish statement about Religious Freedom;

How should PNG handle religious practices that are harmful to those who engage in them and to others? How do we prevent the persecution of those accused of sorcery? How can Islam be peacefully and sustainably integrated

into PNG society? All of these are vexing questions that do not lend themselves to simple answers. But all of these issues, and everything else, will be enormously complicated if PNG doesn't get the question of honesty right.

As we've seen in Nigeria, corruption breeds gross inequality. Gross inequality breeds resentments of all kinds – including inter-religious hatreds. And those result in violence that brings a nation to its knees.

In this year's Transparency International's report, PNG did not do well. Indeed, it is worse than that. This year, PNG was ranked nine places below Nigeria. It breaks my heart to say that.

Because I think of all the religious fervour in this great land. But friends, if religion doesn't translate into action, what is the point? In the book of James we're told: *Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows*

*in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27.*

The truth is, that in Nigeria I saw so many people who are destitute. Just absolutely neglected in every way. And why? Because the leaders of that nation have allowed themselves to be, as James puts it, corrupted by this world.

And this is the burden on my heart today. That the very same thing is happening as I speak in PNG. And much of the wealth, opportunity, and potential of this great land will be wasted because Christians will choose to be corrupted by this world rather than standing tall and being honest and honourable men and women.

But it doesn't have to be that way. PNG could face a future like Botswana. It could leapfrog-forward in development. This could be a nation that comes close to eliminating extreme poverty.

Education, healthcare, infrastructure, business, respect for women and the environment can all move forward in balance and harmony. This is PNG's once in this nation's history opportunity to shine.



# Teacher pleased with workshop

*Gabriel Tonnaku is a teacher at an all boys high school in Manetai, Central Bougainville. He attended a Men's Advocacy Workshop last year and he found it to be very useful. This is his account of the training he received.*

*The workshop breaks a lot of cultural barriers. The topics that we underwent in the workshops were real and made us come out and think more on Gender Based Violence (GBV). The workshop was all about Human Integral Development.*

*I also saw that the workshop can help Bougainville in its Peace and Reconciliation process. It starts off with me, my family and my community. I come from a patrilineal society where men are very dominant but the workshop has change my ways of viewing things and my approach to my wife. Personally I shared all the things I learnt in the workshop with*



*my wife and family. In the school that I teach I have integrated the things I have learnt.*

*The school is an all boys high School and I feel as this a good target group to teach*

*them on GBV, we can teach them when they are still young.*

*The Marist Brothers have been very helpful, we have scheduled a day Friday for male teachers to have sessions on GBV. Any articles relating to GBV are pinned up on to the notice boards.*

*There is some evidences on the changes of approaches of the male teachers towards their wives. The school has a policy on Child Rights. We are in the process of developing textbooks integrating GBV and*

*Child Rights. We are arranging to have a session with Fr Phillip. I would like thank Caritas for the male Advocacy Workshop. This program is very spiritual and empowering for male and female.*

*The other CPP funded project or activity is the Dare to Love textbooks. We are using this at our school and is more helpful as it is more towards spiritual and moral aspects and suitable for teenagers. The content on sexuality, Gender and Discrimination is very helpful.*

*There is also a government issue text book which more outcome based oriented and is more general in content. Some of the content also does not apply to PNG context.*

*The topics that students are most interested in are drugs, reproductive systems and abortion.*

## Male Advocacy has come a long way



*Follow up after Bougainville Training with various men and their families Fr Philip Gibbs, Maria Morui (Caritas worker).*

**F**r Philip Gibbs (SVD) is the co-designer and facilitator of Male Advocate Program who has extensively contributed in raising awareness against Sorcery Related crimes and Gender Violence in PNG.

His current post with the Catholic Bishop Conference of PNG and Solomon Islands is Secretary for Social Concerns.

He started the work of Male Advocate with the Catholic Men in Kiunga, Daru Diocese back in 2004 funded separately by Caritas Australia.

The work has expanded and owned by Diocese of Daru Kiunga with Bishop Gilles Cotes heading the men's movement called "Singaut Bilong Man".

They are replicating this series of workshops and conversations on GBV with

men from different parishes and slowly integrating into other family support services of the Diocese such as Catholic Family Life, Youth Commission and Christian groups as Catholic women and men associations.

With additional funds from CPP – the model has been used to pilot regional workshops instead.

So far more than 100 men have been trained and now hold posts within the Mamose, Highlands and Autonomous Region of Bougainville Catholic Dioceses.

A program-wide evaluation on our Male Advocate initiatives has been planned to design a much comprehensive approach in the next few months.

Some of the activities includes, evaluation, designing, putting together a training

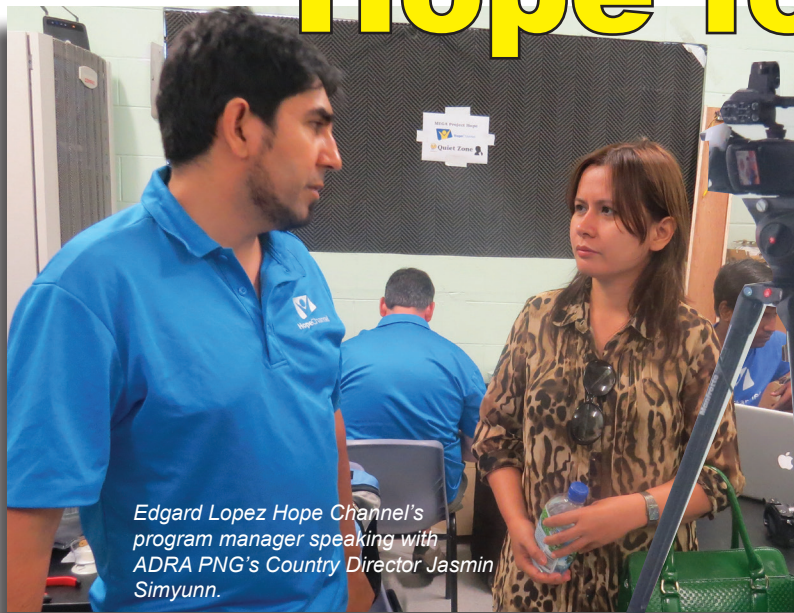
manual and running TOT advanced workshops for champion men out of the trained pool who will take over Fr Philip and a Fijian based consultant.

The basic philosophy is " inductive/practice approach" where by piloting is done with different groups of men, followed up with field visits to monitor progress and commitment.

The identified needs of men and strategies actually shapes how the next program will look like and not so much the top to bottom planning.

In a way, it is contextualised and open to addressing new challenges confronted by men in PNG overtime such as absence of men in homes due to job placements, child rearing, alcohol abuse, child protection to name a few.

# Hope for all



*Edgard Lopez Hope Channel's program manager speaking with ADRA PNG's Country Director Jasmin Simyunn.*

**H**ope Channel – an Adventist run international TV channel – has been in Port Moresby for the past four months recording local content such as sermons and talk shows on health.

Whilst recording sermons from renowned Adventist pastors from all over PNG, they have gone the extra mile in providing training for the pastors and their media officers from various SDA missions in PNG.

The pastors and media officers training was made possible by ADRA PNG through its CPP program by flying them in to Port Moresby to undergo film-making training, to build their capacity and empower the officers to be able to produce quality content from their respective missions.

Pastor Andrew Opis director communication and public evangelism of the PNGUM based in Lae, in an interview said, the media officers and pastors who are also regarded as Communication Directors in their own missions have undergone training in areas such as script writing, set designing, video editing, camera handling, recording scenes to name a few.

Pastor Opis says they were also taught the different types of software programs used in producing videos.

He said at the end of each week he evaluated the 20 local participants to identify their strength and weak areas and kept a rotation for them so that they were all at

the same level due to limited training time with the TV crew.

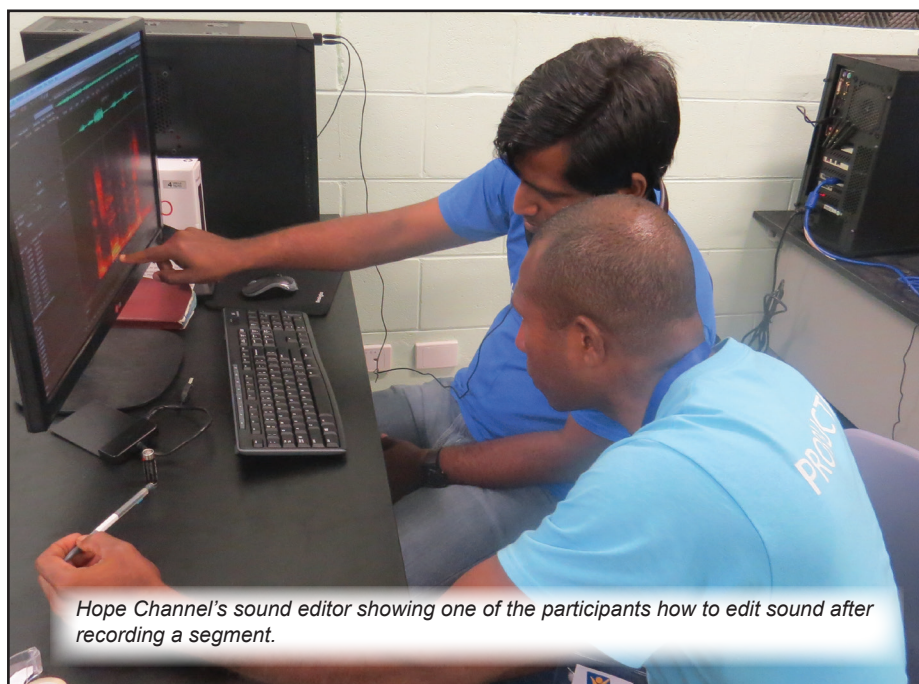
"For example, if some of them were not confident in editing and others did not grasp scripting then I would place them back in those areas to train until they were confident," Pastor Opis said.

He said some of the officers have had training in film-making however on a small scale.

He said this kind of training and production is on a large scale and many of the officers have expressed gratitude to ADRA for making it possible for them to attend.

Pastor Opis was also thankful to the CPP for such funding which he said will boost the capacity of the communications department using media technology to help the people of PNG in the name of development.

ADRA PNG's Country Director Jasmin Simyunn paid a courtesy visit during the training and was given a tour by Hope Channel's project manager Edgard Lopez.



*Hope Channel's sound editor showing one of the participants how to edit sound after recording a segment.*

*Two Adventist media officers standing behind the camera during a recording in one of the studios.*

# Tanam Primary school gets VIP latrines

**B**etter health and sanitation for everyone especially school children is a priority for Tanam Primary School board and management and the administration.

ADRA PNG under its Churches Partnership Program through ADRA Australia funded the construction of two (2) new semi-permanent Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines for the school children to use during their school hours.

ADRA PNG Planning and Relationship Development Director, Mr. Darren Yorio officially opened the two new buildings on June 20, 2014 as an added incentive to support the educational development of children in such area as Tanam.

During the official opening and handing over of the two new buildings, Mr Yorio urged the students, staff, and the community to take ownership of the infrastructures and take care when using them during school hours.

Staff, students, the board of management and the local community of Tanam and the Nadzab ward area were grateful for such an opportunity to have these VIP latrines constructed for the students to use.

Following the opening of the latrines, the school board and administration officials raised the discussion on the water supply system for the school and the community.

Tanam Elementary and Primary School is a Seventh-day Adventist run school that opened their new church building located next to the school the following month.

Education at all levels has been one of the PNG Union Mission (SDA Church) in PNG since its commissioning in this nation.

Tanam Primary is one of the newly established educational institutions amongst the many others in the country that has seen considerable growth in terms of student in-take and infrastructural development.



*Darren Yorio ADRA PNG's Planning & Relationship Development Director speaking to children of Tanam Primary School during opening.*

## ELCPNG planning underway

The CPP team of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) held its annual planning meeting with all the department heads at Ampo, Morobe Province on February 10, 2015.

ELCPNG CPP coordinator Mary Tankulu, Alex Gemun - Project Officer and Asenath Tubian - M&E officer gathered the departmental heads to present their project proposal before other departments to come up with three key priorities.

Ms Tankulu shared with fellow leaders that all the proposals presented will be looked at and out of it they will propose three key projects that can link two to three departments to implement.

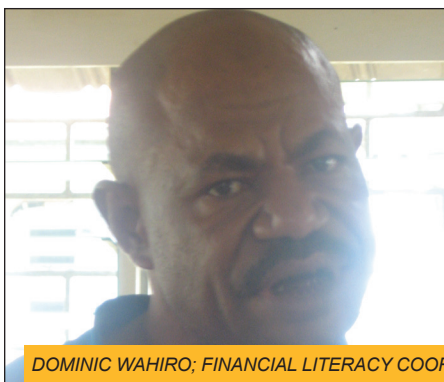
She said these three proposed projects will be further discussed with the various department leaders to better understand how one department can work with another in areas such as Financial Literacy and Governance training for church leaders to name a few.



**LULEN KAE; COORDINATOR; WOKMERI TRAINING SKULS**

Under the Wokmeri Training Department activity plan, two that top the list are;

1. Good governance, under the Skulim Save Opis to educated pastors, evangelists, layman and woman on this issue.
2. WTSD qualification Upgrade - for those that are working and have already achieved qualifications can comeback to upgrade their skills.



**DOMINIC WAHIRO; FINANCIAL LITERACY COORDINATOR: LUTHERAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Financial Literacy is basically the household management in the family. At the same time there will be a TOT for the ADF staff who are currently out in the field. They will be taught Financial Literacy so that they can serve in their respective areas. This is seen a part of empowerment. The focus is on empowering the community, men and women so they can take ownership of self development.



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