

PARTNERS

The background image shows a priest in a red and white robe with a rainbow stole, gesturing towards two young women. One woman is holding a rope attached to a brown cow. They are standing in a grassy field with a forested hill in the background. The title 'PARTNERS' is at the top left, and the subtitle 'MAGAZINE OF THE ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION - AUSTRALIA LTD' is below it. At the bottom left, there is publication information and the ABM logo with the tagline 'Working for Love, Hope & Justice'.

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Welcome Back to Partners – it's been a while...

Hello and welcome back to *Partner's* Magazine

It's been a while but we haven't been sitting on our laurels – as you will discover inside, an enormous amount has been going on with our Partners across the world and at home here in Australia and we are excited to be able to tell you about it. There have also been a few changes of staff and we want to tell you about that too.

Since the last edition we have been looking very seriously at how we go about presenting *Partners* to you and how we care for the environment – we trialled this edition size and you told us you liked it. You also told us that maybe we were sending information like *Partners* a little too often – so now we will only send *Partners* twice a year and our Project Book in between.

Now we would like to ask for your help – we purposefully changed our magazine size as you know because we were concerned about our environment AND because we wanted to get the good news about ABM's work into as many hands as possible. That's where you come in:

Receiving *Partners* on-line. If you receive this as an individual – you may want to decide that you now receive *Partners* on-line and save on paper and postage costs. To do that go to www.abmission.org – locate the tab on the top right-hand side of the Home Page that says Join Our Mailing List – enter here and sign up. Don't forget to tick the box for *Partners* Magazine as well as other things. For a little while there will be some cross over and you will still receive *Partners* by mail to make sure you have it – please bear with us

as our volunteers help us get the system operating properly. If you are not on computer don't worry – we will still send you *Partners* in the same way through the post.

Getting *Partners* into more hands in your Parish or School – far too often we see *Partners* magazine languishing sadly at the back of the church or on an information table – not being handed out. The new size of *Partners* fits simply and easily into your pew sheet or newsletter in the parish or at school – will you help us get it out to more people? If you are part of a school or parish that orders *Partners* – we would like to encourage you to increase your order so that everyone who takes a pew sheet/newsletter finds a copy of *Partners* inside. The bulk mailing to your parish or school includes a form to fill in to increase your *Partners* Magazine numbers. Please encourage your priest/chaplain or mission secretary to send this back and let us know how many more copies you would like to have and we will adjust your order – then all you have to do is slip it in to the pew sheet/newsletter on the week that it arrives and help in sharing the great news about ABM and the work of our partners amongst those in great need. Thank you for helping us – we hope you enjoy this edition.

Debra Saffrey-Collins

Front cover photo: Claire Barrett-Lennard, Miranda Daughtry and Bishop Edward Malecdaan at the official ceremony to present cows to the community of Baguitan – the Philippines. Photo: Stephen Daughtry.



Dear Friends,

When I began with ABM some eleven years ago I little thought that I would one day be composing the Executive Director's piece for *Partners*. I begin my time in this new role not only with a sense of excitement, but also with a sense of the history of the organisation and the responsibility that goes with the role. Over the last decade ABM has done

much to renew and position itself for its work in 21st century. I would hope to continue and build on this good work. Yet, I am always mindful of the words of St. Paul – "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

High on my list of priorities is our Indigenous program. ABM's work among our Indigenous people goes back to our very beginnings but in recent times has become less prominent. I would like to ensure that we have a program that is responsive to the continuing needs of Indigenous people, strategic in its direction and well resourced for its delivery. There are also new, in some cases renewed, partner relationships opening up in Asia and Africa which will see fresh Church-to-Church and Community Development programs emerge and offer exciting possibilities for connection with the Australian Church. In the area of emergency relief, which sadly has been growing as the number of emergencies increase, ABM will begin to work with our partners to help them to be more prepared for these disasters and their aftermath.

However, none of these things can be done, without the generous support of the Australian Church and I am aware that ABM needs to reinvigorate its links to its grassroots. We are still blessed by the commitment of our Auxiliary and I look forward to finding ways to support their work. I am also

keen to build our 'Pilgrimages' program which connects our supporters and partners and makes real the experience of participating in God's mission.

Finally, this beginning is tinged with some sadness, as our Communications Program Coordinator, Debra Saffrey-Collins, who will be known to many of you, has resigned and accepted the position of full-time lay chaplain at the Brotherhood of St Laurence in Melbourne. This type of 'lay' position within the Church is unfortunately very rare and it is a testimony to Debra's great and diverse skills that she has been offered the role. Debra will finish in early October and we wish her all the best in the new position.

I have already pointed out to her that she doesn't actually leave ABM. Being Anglican bestows automatic membership!

As I move around the Church, I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you or hear from you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Deane'.

Executive Director

It has been a wonderful opportunity to work with ABM over the last 14 years in so many different capacities. Thank you for your encouragement and friendship over all those years and for all the support you give to us, the staff, and our Partners each and every day.

Debra



Farewell and Welcome

ABM says Goodbye to Linda Kurti and Welcome to John Deane as Executive Director

Dr Linda Kurti completed her time at ABM earlier this year. As Executive Director Linda achieved much in the areas of governance and procedural matters as well as representing ABM publicly throughout the world. She made a lasting contribution to the work and ministry of ABM and has the appreciation of staff, the members of the Board and our Partners for her commitment and clear insight.

Stepping into her shoes, the Reverend John Deane is of course no stranger to ABM, having been a member of staff for the past eleven years, most recently in the role of co-ordinator for ABM's overseas programs. During that time John has built strong relationships with ABM's various partners and has acquired a broad understanding of the Anglican Church in Australia. He has also made a valuable contribution to the Australian aid and development sector, serving for four years as a Vice President (Finance) for the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). He also continues to be one of three elected NGO members of the committee that oversees the principal program of co-operation between the Australian Government and the NGO community on international aid.

Before joining ABM John, who was formerly a teacher and ordained in the Diocese of Melbourne, was the Registrar of the Trinity Theological School and an Associate Teacher in Greek and New Testament at the United Faculty of Theology. He had also worked in inner urban and housing estate ministry.

John believes his passion for mission was sparked early in his ministry by his visit to the Karen refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border in the early



1990s and subsequently inspired by the work of the missiologist, David Bosch. His work at ABM has helped to deepen his appreciation of mission belonging to God and he firmly believes that by engaging in God's mission we are all transformed.

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Indigenous Ministry

Following in the Footsteps – Gippsland commissions first Aboriginal Pastor since Arthur Malcolm.

An historic event took place on Sunday 10 February. Kathy Dalton, well known in both aboriginal and non-Indigenous circles in West Gippsland, was commissioned by Bishop John McIntyre as an Aboriginal Pastor for the Diocese of Gippsland. It is believed that Kathy's appointment is the first commissioning of an aboriginal person for ministry in the Diocese since Bishop Arthur Malcolm was commissioned for ministry at Lake Tyers.

Some 60 people joined in a celebratory Eucharist which included the children of the Koorie Sunday School singing "Jesus loves the little children" in English and in language.

During the service Kathy was presented to Bishop John by two elders, Auntie Sarah Morgan and Auntie Norah (Nookie) Hayes. Two members of her family, cousin Ronald Edwards and brother William Dalton, spoke of their pride in her and in her achievements.

Archdeacon Heather Martin

Rector St Mary's Morwell



ABM is very proud to support this project and Kathy's ministry. We are also excited to advise that an appointment has also been made in the Southern end of the Diocese to work with the community at Lake Tyers (near Bairnsdale). Phyllis Andy will be commissioned as an Aboriginal pastor at St John's Lake Tyers on the 28 September.

Photo: (from left) Bishop John McIntyre, Rev'd Edie Ashley of Paynesville and Rev'd Peter Childers of Lake Entrance with Phyllis Andy.



Kathy with the Elders and Bishop John after her commissioning. L to R: Auntie Lizzie Edwards, Bishop John McIntyre, Kathy Dalton, Auntie Norah Hayes and Auntie Sarah Morgan. Norah and Sarah presented Kathy to the Bishop and Sarah welcomed everyone to country.

Photo: Heather Marten 2008.

Indigenous Ministry

New Ministry Developments in NT

When the rivers are not flooded making the road impassable, Rev Neil Forgie and Rev Joy Sandefur from Nungalingyah College in Darwin, visit the remote Aboriginal communities of Ngukurr and Numbulwar, Kerwilyi and Minyerri in the Southern Arnhemland region and into the area south of the Roper River. The churches in these communities are all led by local Indigenous ministers, many trained through Nungalingyah College in Darwin which ABM has supported for many years.

Together, Neil and Joy form a formidable team, providing training in areas such as preparation for baptism and confirmation, visiting the sick and pastoral care, administration and finance, and translating the liturgies into local language. Interest in the Christian faith is growing with new people, especially young people, becoming involved in the Church through action songs, flag dancing and Bible studies.

For Joy and Neil it has been very exciting to see this growth take place and to witness new people coming to faith – opening their lives to transformation and healing.

In 2008 ABM is proud to sponsor these important ministries through two specific projects – Aboriginal Ministry Development in NT”, and “Post ordination Training” – both of which seek to encourage, and resource ordained clergy and develop opportunities for the building up of lay leadership.

John Algar

ABM's Indigenous Program Manager



Yulki Nunggumajbarr and Joy Sandefur at Numbulwar.

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ABM RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES Over the past 10 months a number of natural disasters have hit the shores of our Partners – ABM is helping to bring hope to those who have lost so much and rebuild for the future.

AFTER THE CYCLONE – MOVING ON IN MYANMAR

In a year of natural disasters none was more prevalent on our minds this year than the cyclone which hit the Irawaddy Delta in Myanmar (Burma). The powerful cyclone and strong rains, left many thousands dead and many more homeless, living in whatever shelter they can find, whilst the long road to recovery begins. As you may be aware the International community sought to provide relief in whatever way was possible. ABM is delighted to have been able to ensure direct funds reach Myanmar (Burma) which has assisted the Anglican Church as it has sought to provide help to those in great need.

The Anglican Church in the Province of Myanmar (CPM) is one of ABM's long term Partners. Whilst we were able to respond quickly to the emergency situation caused by this natural disaster, we have also supported the CPM for many years as it has sought to care for some of the poorest people across the country. Programs such as health clinics and the training of village health volunteers, fresh clean water and sanitation programs, HIV and AIDS awareness raising, english language classes (essential for future employment prospects), small fishing ventures and other microfinance programs in local communities,

have been very positive ways in which the CPM has worked to help free people from a life of poverty and ill health.

Many Australians have responded very generously to our Myanmar (Burma) Emergency campaign, now the work of rebuilding begins. As it does, so too ABM continues to support the work across the country of the CPM who are seeking to give others a hand up out of poverty and a chance for an improved quality of life.

Project development by the Anglican Church in the Province of Myanmar

Water and Sanitation Program: People in many rural villages in Myanmar (Burma) have difficulty accessing clean water. Villagers are forced to use whatever is available even though it could mean becoming sick from diarrhoea and dysentery caused by polluted water. ABM continues to support water and sanitation projects so that the people who need it most are given a chance to improve their lives through the provision of clean water (via simple water systems), better health and sanitation, training workshops, and increased opportunities for income-generation projects.



The haunting faces of enormous loss – these children are now orphans having lost their parents who drowned in the cyclone and ensuing floods.
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English Language Classes:

Being able to speak English is a big advantage, as it can mean an increased chance of being employed. There are not many institutions that offer English courses; but those who do charge enormous fees, way beyond what local villagers can afford. Through the CPM, students pay a small fee and funds from ABM, purchase much needed equipment and teaching aids, as well as providing for the training of suitable teachers.

Myanmar (Burma) Diocesan Partnership: ABM, in partnership with the Church of Myanmar, continues to work across the six dioceses of Myanmar to strengthen the church's capacity to undertake programs which are focused on poverty reduction. Water and sanitation programs, which includes the distribution of plastic commodes and fly proof latrines, training of mobile health teams, HIV & AIDS education, and small livelihood activities such as integrated farming training courses are the particular area of focus in this program.

WHEN THE RAIN STOPS FALLING – Life After Cyclone Guba, PNG

You may have missed it with all the excitement of the Australian election or the sadness and media furore around the Bangladesh cyclone last November but a devastating natural disaster hit Oro Province in PNG – the heart of the Anglican Church.

Approximately 200 people died as direct result of the massive rains and subsequent and unprecedented flash flooding, while most of the bridges connecting communities were washed away. 50–60% of gardens were destroyed, a terrifying statistic in a country where people live from their land and have almost no cash income to replace lost crops.

For ABM this was a disaster that tore at the heart. PNG is our oldest Partner in mission and most of the staff here have good friends in Oro. For so many Australian missionaries this was the part of the world that touched and changed their lives. An immediate response was called for.

Immediate it was. ABM Staffer, Brad Chapman (now ABM's Emergencies and Disaster Management Project Officer), dropped everything and flew into Popondetta on the first available flight. Brad's role was to help the Anglican Church in Oro co-ordinate the many and varied Government, military and NGO groups who responded to the calls for help. Reports of Brad cycling through puddles from one critical meeting to another on a borrowed bicycle were light moments in a dark time. Back at home ABM launched an appeal for emergency assistance and made sure that the church in PNG knew that we'd be there for them in whatever ways we could.

In PNG, Bishop Joe Kopapa took the lead in



co-ordinating the church response and with the able assistance of many of his staff and clergy the Cathedral compound became the centre of activity. Oro is Anglican Church country and the church had the resources and the knowledge to make sure that aid was sent to, and received by, the right people. They knew where the villages were and who might be enlisted to work on the ground in the middle of the devastation.

Soon Hercules aircraft were flying in, helicopters were flying out and barges were bringing desperately needed supplies of fuel, food and medical supplies to the beleaguered province.

The reports started to come in and soon we knew



that whole villages had been washed away (many villages are built on the edge of the river for access to water), schools and churches had been destroyed and the Oil Palm industry that supports so many people (and relies on the roads and bridges) was in big trouble. Many of these reports took days to arrive as people had to walk in, often starving and exhausted, from outlying villages to deliver them.

ABM volunteer, Harold Richardson, replaced Brad



in PNG and gave wonderful support to the newly established Anglican Response to Oro Disaster (AROD), researching and writing detailed reports of what needs to be done to re-establish hope and security for the people of Oro. Even at this stage there are people still without a secure food source as destroyed gardens have to be cleared away and re-established.

Ten months on from the floods things are starting to get better and the rebuilding has begun – but this will be a process of years, not months. For ABM and the Anglican Church in Australia there was never a decision to be made about our commitment to the people of Oro province. These people are our family and when part of the family is in trouble the rest of the family kicks into gear. To date more than \$200,000 has been raised through the generosity of Australian parishes and individuals. You can be sure that now – and in the years to come – ABM will be there on your behalf, working with our friends and family to ensure that the people of Oro Province are able to look to the future with hope and confidence.



A Survivor's Story

It's hard to forget how I lost my whole family. It was 9pm when we saw the flood. It was unusual. We were cut off in an island. The water level reached the floor very quickly and I told everyone in the house that we were in great danger. We held our hands together and prayed for the last time. As we opened our eyes the house started to float away so I kissed my wife and children and that was it. She said "Hold onto our children, at least we will die together". I slung the two children on either side with laplap and we all climbed on to a big modawa tree that was just next to our house thinking that it would stand the current but it did not. I said, "We are falling with the tree," and I was totally helpless in that great current. The laplap tore quickly and I lost them. As I emerged on the surface, I touched a log and held on to it and that's how I survived. I don't need anything on earth but to have my family back.

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ANGLICARE STOPAIDS NEW STI CLINIC IS BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE

ABM Partner, Anglicare StopAIDS, is known as a leader in efforts to halt the spread of HIV in Papua New Guinea. It now aims to build on this reputation by becoming a model for others in the provision of integrated sexual health services, including the treatment of STIs.

Anglicare's National Director, Dominica Abo, says "We believe in treating the whole person, not just their illness. We want to provide services that are tailored to people's needs, in a comfortable, secure environment. This means having a welcoming building and happy professional staff."

Currently, Anglicare's centre in Waigani has only a limited capacity to diagnose and treat STIs. The proposed new clinic will have its own laboratory, making it possible for clinical staff to identify STIs accurately and provide the best treatment. At present clients may need to attend two or more places for different sexual health services, but at the new Anglicare clinic they will be able to get STI checks and treatment, HIV tests, Anti-Retroviral drugs, treatment for TB and other opportunistic illnesses and personal and pastoral counselling – all at the one convenient location.

To find out what kind of clinic both patients and staff would be happiest with Anglicare asked

Appropriate Technology Projects of Goroka to facilitate a process of consultation with the local community and staff. Over the course of three days around 50 members of staff, a number of stakeholders from the Health Department, National AIDS Council and other NGOs and, most importantly, over 80 members of the community were consulted. This included people living with HIV and AIDS who use the Anglicare drop-in Centre. It was a very interactive process, incorporating games to get the imagination firing and create a sense of fun. Community members even played at being 'architects for a day' designing their ideal clinic. This process generated lots of feedback, some great ideas and a few real surprises, all of which will be incorporated into the design brief for the real architects.

The clinic is now being built and the community



involvement continues, with young, unemployed youth being trained and employed on the construction site. This all contributes to the sense of ownership and trust that local people feel when they walk through the gates of the centre – an essential part of the life-saving, educational and diagnostic work being carried out by StopAIDS.

The Power of Pen and Paper

Everyone has a right to education, but in Melanesian communities that right has remained elusive, especially for women.

Socio-cultural norms and attitudes affect women's opportunities to attend school. Even among the general population it is difficult to ascertain the true literacy rate due to indications that even among those judged to be literate (who have been to primary and secondary school), the majority are only to read and write at a very basic level.

ABM recently held a literacy regional conference in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The event brought together ABM Partners from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu who are working in literacy programs at the village/parish level, diocesan level and Provincial/national level.

The conference reviewed the current literacy programs while participants were able to share current strategies, materials and resources. Participants also discussed issues they confront as a way of identifying a longer term strategy to implement literacy training.

The majority of literacy work occurs at the grassroots level, in parish halls, on people's verandas or under the shade of a tree and literacy teachers are mainly volunteers. Most women

enrol in literacy classes so they can learn practical life-skills; how to give correct change at the market, read medical prescriptions for their children, attend important community meetings and write letters to their families.

Even when the benefits of literacy are so evident it remains difficult to implement literacy classes due to lack of resources such as teaching materials, curriculum, stationery for the students and lack of trainers. There are also women who stay away from classes as they cannot afford the fees or have family commitments that makes the time commitment to learning impossible.

Even so, there is light at the end of the tunnel. During the literacy regional conference I mentioned to one of the literacy teachers (a Mother's Union volunteer) that it might be



Participants from the Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands Regional Literacy Conference 2008.

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frustrating working with such limited resources. But this particular teacher made me aware that the benefit women get from attending the literacy classes is immeasurable. The local women are equipped with knowledge and skills to enable them to participate in the community's social, economic and political affairs.

With our Partners ABM celebrates every step into fullness of life.

Faith Masila

Church to Church

Women's Centres in Egypt challenge culture to bring life.

It wasn't just your average day at the office. Sitting in a room filled with Egyptian women all wanting to tell me how the Community Centres run by ABM Partner, the Anglican Church in Egypt and North Africa, had changed their lives for the better.

Beside me sat Bishop Mouneer, who had taken time out to drive with me to visit the women and translate their stories for me. That's typical of Bishop Mouneer's humility and willingness to be among those his church strives to assist.

One after another the women related the ways in which their lives – and the lives of their families – had been improved through contact with the church. Some had learnt to read, others had come to faith in Jesus, some had been enabled to have a holiday with their family for the first time in their lives. Things we take for granted that are impossible for the poor in the slums of Cairo.

Shadia stepped up to speak. She didn't stand out really; a middle-aged woman who you might pass on an Australian street without looking twice. Then she spoke.

"In the awareness classes I learnt that female genital mutilation is wrong and can destroy the life of the girls especially after they are married.

I had this done to me as a girl. I said to my husband, "We should not do this to our girls" – and he agreed with me. She added, "I was also able to convince my sisters to stop this bad practice with my nieces."

Sitting there with Shadia I realised just how valuable our support of mission can be. The ABM Auxiliary had supported these centres through our Church to Church Program and had directly been involved in saving many young girls from this traditional, painful and completely unnecessary practise.

Small groups of people in parishes around Australia have changed the world and the future for their counterparts in our Partner countries.



Shadia.

Photo: Stephen Daughtry ABM

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This is the reality of mission – and of the family of God.

Bishop Mouneer put it simply, "We are grateful to the Anglican Board of Mission in Australia who support this awareness programme."

Stephen Daughtry



A Blooming Miracle

A sincere thank you to all the people who bought the Auxiliary Rose, and for your patience and continuing support during the times when the supplier was unable to fulfil all our orders. We have completed the project and are happy to report that the Auxiliary made a profit of \$11,114 which has been paid into ABM'S general funds. We sold over 1,500 roses and people have reported that they are thriving wherever they have been planted.

Meeting Carolyn was probably the highlight of my first year working at ABM on the PNG program.



Carolyn graduated from the 2003 Literacy class in Simbai PNG.

Photo: Kirsty Robertson

As our interview begun Carolyn was obviously nervous talking through an interpreter but as the conversation turned towards literacy there was a change in her manner. Carolyn glowed with pride as she pulled her literacy graduation certificate out of her billum. It was signed and dated in 2003 but obviously took pride of place in her life. She explained that it took her two years to graduate from the literacy class because she needed to tend to her garden and look after her 6 children while studying in her spare time. Both Carolyn and I were about the same age but it was becoming clear our lives were very different.

In the four years that have past since her graduation her life has changed dramatically. Before the classes Carolyn could not read or write and only spoke her local dialect which meant she could not communicate with many people. "I can speak to Big Men now" she explained. "I can see respect from my children and my husband". Carolyn is now a key member of the Mothers Union in her parish and takes time out of her busy days to visit nearby communities to encourage women to value education for themselves and their children.

When the conversation through our interpreter ended I tried my best in broken pidgin to let her know my appreciation that she choose to share her story with me. She replied saying that my pidgin was not good and maybe I could join the literacy class in Simbai with her friends!

Kirsty Robertson

ABM's PNG Program Manager

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Mission is how we, as the Anglican Church, reach out to the world and how we affect positive change in the lives of those who ask for our assistance. We invite you to grab hold of one of our DVDs, put it into your player and immerse yourself in the good news of how your prayers and giving are changing the world.

Earlier this year your parish was sent our latest DVDs – a series of documentaries called “ABM Life Stories” – you can borrow them by asking your minister or mission representative – or just call us on 1300 302 663 and ask us to send you one. Averaging about 11 minutes for each professionally-made story they're a great conversation starter, easy to watch and good for bible studies too. We want you to get involved in the reality of 21st century mission by watching the stories and hearing the voices of our Partners. They're our family – it's time we got acquainted.

Six New Stories – get into ABM Mission today...



Rubbish Dump Kids – an inspirational story of young people who are reaching out to those in need

*ABM Life Stories DVD & ABM Life Stories for Schools DVD
Country: Philippines
Duration: Approximately 12 mins*

When your family makes a living scavenging scrap metal and plastic from a huge rubbish dump you don't expect anyone to think you're important, but for the kids of the Macabut landfill life has changed thanks to a group of young Christians who have decided to reach out and make a difference.



Not Drowning... Waving – Indigenous Christians with a story of hope and healing

*ABM Life Stories DVD
Country: Australia
Duration: Approximately 12½ mins*

The sad and bad news that we get fed about Indigenous Australians has been lightened recently by the federal government's apology. Now take the next step and meet some truly inspiration Indigenous Anglicans who are training to lead their own people.



Fighting For Life – The struggle against HIV/AIDS in PNG is a story of courage and determination

ABM Life Stories DVD

Country: PNG

Duration: Approximately 12½ mins

ABM Partner, Anglicare StopAIDS has grown from a good idea to become one of the most respected AIDS education agencies in PNG. Their life-saving work is a fine example of practical love in action.



Quiet Revolutionary – the amazing story of Rita Simeni and the women in Ministry Project

ABM Life Stories DVD

Country: PNG

Duration: Approximately 11 mins

Rita Simeni is a faithful, radical and visionary woman, championing the rights of women in PNG and dreaming of a future in which her culture recognises gender equality.



Not Just A Drop In The Bucket – Giaan Rooney searches for water in the Philippines

ABM Life Stories DVD

Country: Philippines

Duration: Approximately 9 mins

Olympic Gold medallist, Giaan Rooney, travelled to the Philippines with ABM to discover the value of clean fresh water in the lives of villagers who had never had a tap prior to the implementation of an ABM Water project.



From Comfort Rooms To Cows – Two young Aussies visit a community in the Northern Philippines

ABM Life Stories DVD & ABM Life Stories for Schools DVD; Country: Philippines

Duration: Approximately 12 mins

Claire and Miranda experience how an ABM Community Development project has revolutionised life for the people of Banguitan in the mountains of the Philippines. Along the way they get to ride a tricycle and do the 'Gong Dance'!

ABM now has 20 different stories available on DVD and if your parish has mislaid theirs then further copies may be obtained by ringing ABM on 1300 302 663 (cost of a local call) or by accessing the ABM website www.abmission.org where you will find links to the films online and many other resources as well.

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*May you have Peace and
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the New Year*



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After many years of service to ABM Michael Horsburgh has retired as the Chair of the ABM Board. Michael has served on the Board since the early 1990s and saw ABM through its major restructure in 2000. He also served as Acting Executive Director on a number of occasions.

Richard Refshauge became Chair of the Board at its May meeting this year. Richard who is a judge of the ACT Supreme Court brings much experience in the work of not-for-profit organisations such as ABM at the Board level.



New Chair of The ABM Board – Justice Richard Refshauge meets with Bishop Suheil Dawani from Jerusalem during his visit to Canberra.



Michael Horsburgh

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STAFF CHANGES AT ABM

Staff were sad to farewell the following colleagues during the year

Linda Kurti
Rachelle Quiggin

Faith Masila
Debra Saffrey-Collins

And welcomed

Julianne Stewart – Programs Co-ordinator
Brad Chapman – Emergencies and Disaster Management Project Officer; Pilgrimages Program Manager

Annabel Dulhunty – Coordinator, Australian NGO Mainstreaming Protection Project

Beth Sneddon – Programs Finance and Community Development Administrative Support Officer

Vivienne For – Liaison Officer Communications Program

We also congratulate Chris Peters who moved into the role of Pacific Project Officer.

We welcome back Lisa McMurray from maternity leave to the role of Learning and Effectiveness Officer.



Members of the ABM Board and Staff congratulate The Rt. Rev. Edward P. Malecandan (pictured) from the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP) on his election as the 4th Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Bishop Edward will take over from the Most Rev. Ignacio C. Soliba.

Congratulations also to Development Officer, Fr Brent Alawas (pictured), who will succeed Bishop Edward as Bishop of the EDNP.

