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Local farming and animal projects in the Philippines create a stronger income for families, empowering communities. © Melany Markham/ABM, 2010.

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Through this program in Kenya, women are establishing their own sources of income and providing stability for their families. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2015.



# From the ABM Executive Director



## Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2016 edition of ABM's Project Book, bringing to you the work of our Partners here in Australia and overseas.

Within the Project Book, you will find a range of projects which express ABM's commitment to mission through partnership. The spectrum of activities is diverse as ABM responds to spiritual and physical need in the world around us.

All the projects give witness to the transforming love of God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and bear the "marks of mission". Where possible they seek to remedy or alleviate the actual causes of need and injustice to provide sustainable change and benefits.

I am often asked why we should continue to commit to overseas work when there is need here in our own backyard. My response is fairly simple. Firstly, the gospel knows no boundaries and nor should we. Secondly, it gives us a perspective on how affluent and fortunate we are and how much we have to share – both here and there! Thirdly, God calls us to mission so that we grow as well. Our Partners may not be rich but they are usually spiritually blessed and have much to share and teach us in return.

I would ask you to consider supporting one or more of these projects over the next 12 months. Such support may take a number of forms – through giving, prayer and making the work known to others.

At the same time I would like to thank each of you, whether individually or collectively through your diocese, parish or school, for the support that you have provided to ABM and our Partners last year.

I hope that you will be inspired by the work of our Partners and continue to give thanks to God for their faithfulness.

May you have a blessed and prosperous 2016.

Yours in Christ

John Deane ABM Executive Director

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Hope for Life program, used with permission.

## Hope for Life -Teenage Pregnancy Support Pilot Project

Hope For Life is a specialised, early intervention service in Moree, NSW designed to assist teen mothers, particularly Aboriginal teenagers, and their support circle to develop a healthy family environment.

Hope For Life has been running since September 2015 and in the first eight weeks, four referrals were received with six other enquiries and potential referrals. This highlights the strong need for such a service in this community where 6% of pregnancies are amongst teenage girls.

Louise O'Neill is the Team Leader of the project. She is a Moree woman who brings local knowledge and experience to the role. She said, "Our primary referrals have been for indigenous teenage girls. The feedback to date has been extremely positive, some girls have minimal support and Hope For Life is a safe place for them to express themselves and get the extra support they need."

"Hope For Life is servicing a large area with high indigenous populations. The purchase of a car from ABM's support for this purpose has been such an essential part of the program. It has been instrumental in allowing us to travel the distances between the towns to meet with our Hope For Life participants," she said.

"Hope For Life still requires donations to be able to continue servicing the outlying townships and continuing to boost our indigenous teenage girl's self-esteem, self-worth and positive relationships."

Some of the participants are already actively involved and loving time with Louise, covering topics relating to pregnancy, motherhood, relationships, housing, craft and many other things. A second part-time staff member is required to add to this vital work.

Please support this project so that this assistance can continue to be given to young mothers at such an important time in their lives.

AU013HL needs **\$33,000** 



Youth Engagement Across the Top End Remote Communities

Last year a new focus for the ABM Reconciliation Program was the initiatives toward Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth engagement.

The Diocese of the Northern Territory is "thrilled that ABM is able to support the Diocese as we seek to undertake some initiatives to reach and support younger and emerging Christian leaders."

Amongst others, one initiative that commenced in 2015 to engage younger leaders is changing the way diocesan training is provided. A small team of trainers will be sent out to each community. In many NT locations, a small charter plane is the only method of travel and the costs of providing pastoral support and training to the remote churches in the diocese are enormous.

It is hoped that taking the training to each community will not only enable a larger number of people to attend but that it might give younger and emerging leaders the opportunity to participate.

When these plans were shared with Christians in communities from East and South East Arnhem land, the reaction from the younger leaders was very enthusiastic.

Nola and Joy, both from Numbulwar, were particularly thrilled that they would be able to be included. "We really need this," Nola said, "because we are the ones trying to help the kids in the church to know about Jesus."

Please give to this project so that people like Nola can share the love of Jesus in their rural communities.





Women from St Matthew's Anglican Church studying 2 Corinthians at a Bishop's Award training event in Ngukurr community, NT with MDO Kate Beer. © The Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory.

#### **Bishop's Award Project**

The Bishop's Award program continues to look at opportunities to train Christian leaders from remote areas throughout the Northern Territory.

It is the travel to and from remote communities that is the largest cost. In 2015 a new approach was taken to encourage as many local community leaders as possible to participate in the training.

With a new Ministry Development Officer (MDO) appointment, as well as Bishop Greg Anderson's vision, a small team of trainers go into a number of the remote communities for up to a week to train as many community Christian leaders as possible. This is a change to the last few years when the leaders were brought to a central location for a week of training.

The aim of the new approach is to allow and encourage younger leaders to join in and benefit from the training.

This format began in August 2015 when four diocesan trainers travelled through Numbulwar, Ngukurr, Urapunga, Kewelyi & Minyerri delivering a two-day training package in the Kriol language. The Program comprised five sessions from 2 Corinthians 8-9 which aimed to further develop bible study skills, provide safe ministry training in a culturally appropriate way, and assist Arnhem-land parishes to think together about stewardship of God's grace in all its forms.

Ministry Development Officer, the Rev Kate Beer said, "It was hoped that by providing the training in this way we would create opportunity for younger emerging leaders, as well as reach a larger number from each community in training. Not only were these two hopes met overwhelmingly, but by reaching church communities in context, in language and as a larger cohort, the training is having the opportunity for greater impact."

This same program, delivered in different languages, will continue to travel around the large region. Delivering the program in this way has been significantly more demanding on the diocesan trainers. The financial costs of supporting remote Anglican churches and Christian leaders in this way are very high, owing to vast distances, difficult terrain and expensive but scant accommodation. The Rev Beer said, "There were also some difficulties posed in trying to deliver this kind of training in such remote and challenging contexts - everything from malfunctioning equipment to intermittent water supply threatened to derail plans and required flexibility and a sense of humour from all!"

"However, the high attendance

numbers and positive feedback were evidence of very deep appreciation, with one participant sharing that she had been feeling spiritually weak before the training, but now she was really happy because she was going away strong in God's love again."

The trainers too benefit from this new delivery method. It provides an invaluable opportunity to learn more about the challenges each leader in each context faces in reaching the hearts of their community with the Good News of Jesus.

Your support of this project will continue to provide training to emerging Christian leaders in remote indigenous communities.

AU008BA needs **\$55,000** 



Miriam Numamurdirdi studying the scriptures at a Bishop's Award Program training event in Ngukurr community, NT. © The Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory.



### The Rev Gloria Shipp & NATSIAC

The work of the Rev Gloria Shipp in the Diocese of Bathurst continues as she supports the indigenous community through a variety of ministries.

The Elders' weekly gathering continued to meet every Monday and Tuesday during the school terms. The Elders do craft, some of which they sold at the church fete and have guest speakers as well as a massage therapist, podiatrist and dieticians visit. Recently, the Elders were very excited to get shirts with the group logo on it!

To help renew spirit and take time out from busy lives, the Rev Gloria hosts Men's and Women's Camps which were a great success last year. At the Women's Camp a guest speaker spoke of her breast cancer journey and her Aboriginal cancer support group. Others used parts of nature to talk about their lives and the brokenness that may be felt which led into a healing dance and service the next day. A family camp was also held at Baiame Cave outside the village of Milbrodale in late 2014.

The Rev Gloria's work also includes work at the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre and to end the year she holds a Christmas Service and Gift Giving at the Centre.



The Rev Gloria is currently the Chairperson of NATSIAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) and many of her hours are spent with administration and organisation of travel to gatherings and meetings for all other members. She worked to coordinate the NATSIAC gathering which was held in Sydney in 2015 and also attended the installation of the Bishop of the Northern Territory.

Your support of this diverse work assists the Rev Gloria to continue her ministry supporting Aboriginal men and women.





Artist Nakyah Mudine Hickey - Gawura School Artworks displayed on Sydney Ferries by Gawura students.

## St Andrew's Cathedral Gawura School

The Gawura School offers indigenous students from Kindergarten to Year 6 an intensive program of literacy and numeracy skills in a vibrant environment that celebrates and strengthens indigenous culture.

All students commence in Kindergarten which supports ABM's preference to 'Stop the Gap' rather than 'Close' it. After Year 6, Gawura School graduates are offered a smooth transition to St Andrew's Secondary School and are provided full scholarships taking them through to Year 12.

In 2015 five Gawura students were in Year 12 which was the biggest cohort of graduates since the school was established in 2007.

The curriculum is diverse with targeted literacy and numeracy programs within the Gawura classroom, along with art, sport, music and other co-curricular and social activities with the rest of St Andrew's students.

An example of one of the exciting extra-curricula activities in 2015 was during NAIDOC week in July when Gawura artworks were displayed on Sydney Ferries. The students worked extremely hard on their artworks; they are full of colour, life and culture. As a sign of respect to the NAIDOC theme, the art works symbolise each student's personal connection to the land they travel on every day. They represent their totem, their protector.

David North, Head of Gawura said NAIDOC week is amongst his favourite time of the year as it is a day that celebrates indigenous culture, academic excellence, music and dance and it is always a bit of fun. Support Gawura and help raise \$35, 200 to "stop the gap".

AU009SS needs \$35,200

## Georgia and Rachel, Students at Gawura

"We love coming here. There are amazing people and the teachers are lovely. They really care and there's a connection - it's a great atmosphere at St Andrew's. Not everyone gets these opportunities and we're very grateful."

## Dion, Student at Gawura

"My family is really proud of me coming here and I know they are really happy with the school. It's sort of like 'my people' here."

## Annie, Teacher at Gawura

"At Gawura the opportunities I see are not just academic but opportunities for things like music, drama and art which really helps the whole person, and this really ties in with indigenous culture which is about educating the whole child."

"Supporting this school is important - at the base level, helping our indigenous children is actually helping our whole country. I'm a firm believer that for indigenous kids, they can do anything."

## Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College, Cairns

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, based in Cairns, provides leadership training for indigenous people in the fields of theology, mental health and community development. The College has grown substantially in recent years with five courses now running.

In recent years the delivery of a brand new course Certificate IV Indigenous Mental Health (Suicide Prevention) was possible and over 20 students learnt the knowledge and skills required to work in the field of indigenous mental health, with particular attention to youth suicide prevention involving counselling, youth work and responses to a variety of addictions.

Students are gaining employability skills in communication, teamwork, problem solving, initiative and enterprise, planning and organising, self-management, learning new ideas and how to accommodate change and technology as well as having obtained their certificate in First Aid.

One student said, "These blocks have changed me so much in my understanding about mental health, with more knowledge and insight into mental health issues."

Another said, "Having dealt with people through the Cert IV in Indigenous Mental Health who have mental health issues, it is good to know that strategies I have used, is similar to what I am learning.'"

Josephine Gela has been studying with Wontulp now for four years. In this time she has completed her Certificate III in Addictions Management & Community Development; Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Addictions Counselling; and recently completed Certificate IV in Indigenous Mental Health (Suicide Prevention).

It has been through her continuous persistence to better herself that doors have opened in many areas. One was the opportunity to undertake a role within the College as trainee teacher, in which she has shined to the point that now with all of her experience and knowledge she was blessed with employment within her own community of Thursday Island working in the field of Mental Health.

Your support of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College will continue to help students like Josephine achieve their goals and dreams.



### Nungalinya Theological College, Darwin

In the Nungalinya Annual Report, the College Principal, Dr Jude Long, notes that students regularly say they love to come to Nungalinya because it is a safe place—physically, culturally and spiritually. One thing they really enjoy is meeting other Indigenous Christians from different communities who have different languages, customs and denominations, and learning together. All that incredible diversity of culture, age and experience that we experience at Nungalinya is united around Jesus as the centre of all that happens here.

The College is gaining more applicants than ever before – over 280, and is proud to have a new resource centre and a new music course.

Nungalinya's Resource Centre was officially opened in 2014 and students enjoy browsing for resources that they can use in their ministries at home while locals also come to buy scripture materials for personal or church use.

The College is offering a Certificate II in music in which students are encouraged to explore Christian music in their own languages.

"I feel immensely privileged to be a part of what God is doing at Nungalinya College and also to be a part of the supportive network all over Australia that enables us to keep going."

Dr Jude Long said, "The students coming to Nungalinya College are agents of change. Many express their desire to be bringing gospel transformation to their communities. Many are outstanding leaders. Many have an incredible capacity to care for others. Many are talented artists, musicians and story tellers. I feel immensely privileged to be a part of what God is doing at Nungalinya College and also to be a part of the supportive network all over Australia that enables us to keep going."

Funding staff for the College is one of the largest expenses for this project and with growing enrolments, one of the great needs is for more teachers so that students can continue to learn and have the necessary support. Please give generously to allow Nungalinya to continue to grow.

## AU004NG needs **\$49,500**

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AU003WB needs **\$55,000** 



A strategic planning meeting for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. © Vivienne For/ABM, 2013.

## **Church Capacity Building**

ABM supports the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) as it continues to grow and expand its Community Development programs. To facilitate this, in 2015 several workshops and training sessions were conducted, guided by the churches' newly developed Strategic Plan.

## **The Positive Parenting Program**

In Melanesian culture, issues such as sex, early marriage, child abuse and other forms of family violence are often taboo to discuss. Facilitators of the Positive Parenting Program work hard to break down the barriers and the unhelpful traditional beliefs that may be harmful to children within families and communities.

This program is based on building relationships of trust within small groups to tackle issues and questions which affect parents. Topics covered in a parenting group range from 'the development stages of the child' to teenage sexual reproductive health, along with domestic violence and child abuse.

The Positive Parenting Program is run through the Mothers' Union (MU), a strong arm of the Anglican Church of Melanesia with around 16,000 members in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

The Mothers' Union considers the core of their work to be the support of parents. Through participation in a peer parenting group, parents can realise the love and friendship within their wider families and communities, finding the support they need to raise children in the best possible environment.

The Positive Parenting course is a worldwide Mothers' Union Program which has been implemented in Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Rwanda, Trinidad and Tobago and Uganda. It is based on a volunteer ethos – preventing the creation of aid dependency – which uses the strengths of church organisations to invite communities to elect volunteer facilitators to undertake training and run parenting groups in their parishes.

This pilot program is now in its third year in the Solomon Islands and great progress is being made in the Diocese of Central Melanesia. Steady growth saw 12 groups completed in 2015. Due to this success the coordinators are receiving requests to run the course for teachers from local primary and high schools, staff at local women's hostels, clergy from the churches, and members of the Honiara Police force.

All these groups have seen the benefit that this program is

A Strategy Workshop, facilitated by the World Vision strategy consultant to the Pacific, was held in order to assess the goals of the church, identify Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and develop an implementation plan with staff, budgets and a timeline.

The responsible dioceses are now required in the process of adding further detail to this implementation plan, and once submitted to the ACOM Provincial Headquarters, will guide work in both Community Development and Church activities, focusing energy and resources for maximum effectiveness.

Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction procedures has also been a major focus of this project, allowing staff to learn from peers in other Partner countries. There has also been training in effective monitoring, evaluating and reporting of projects.

Most recently the entire financial staff from both ACOM Solomon Islands and Vanuatu received training in financial management systems, funded by ABM. This training was delivered by South Pacific Software Services, and included expert guidance on the use of the Attache accounting system to support work in acquittal reporting on Community Development projects.

By supporting these vital workshops and training sessions, you will help the Anglican Church of Melanesia strengthen its systems, management and people to deliver increasingly more effective Community Development programs throughout the Solomon Islands.

#### SB012IS needs **\$12,000**

having in the lives of community members around Honiara, and wish to share it more widely.

In 2016, the Positive Parenting Program will be supported to extend this momentum into the remaining dioceses of the Solomon Islands. Your donation will assist in continuing to train local volunteer facilitators and support the establishment of new parenting groups.

#### SB012PP needs **\$6,000**



Women participate in workshops to discuss ideas around topics that are not discussed openly in Melanesian culture. © Vivienne For/ABM, 2013.

## Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Program

The Solomon Islands are increasingly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and natural disasters. In 2015 alone, two devastating cyclones affected various islands within the archipelago, causing widespread damage and loss of life.

In April, Tropical Cyclone Pam brought strong winds and heavy rain to Temotu and the remote islands further east, destroying homes and family gardens before moving on to Vanuatu. And in early July, Tropical Cyclone Raquel became the first ever recorded winter cyclone in Queensland waters since satellite monitoring began in the 1970s. High winds and rain affected the Solomon Island provinces of Western, Choiseul, Isabel and Malaita, with one confirmed death and 40,000 affected families in Malaita alone.

ABM is committed to supporting the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) in preparing communities for these increasingly frequent disasters. This involves the implementation of a Disaster Risk Reduction program, especially developed for the Solomon Islands context, and drawing on the existing strengths and resources within communities.

Through this program, communities are empowered to map evacuation routes appropriate to each type of possible disaster, considering the safety of the most vulnerable such as elderly, children and the disabled. Evacuation centres are identified and equipped and Disaster Committees are formed and trained in emergency leadership roles. Also incorporated into this program is the continued development of the organisational wide Disaster Action Plan.

This involves the identification and training of teams within ACOM Provincial Headquarters, tasked with specific responsibilities in the aftermath of a disaster. A key feature of this plan includes the establishment of a distinct 'line of communication', enabling information to flow between the ACOM Provincial Headquarters, Diocesan offices and right through to every local parish and community. This will enable information on the extent of damage to be quickly communicated, and a response organised with maximum efficiency.

As the effects of climate change take their toll, the region's Atoll Islands are also coming under increasing threat. King tides, rising water levels and salt intrusion into water supply and crops is causing havoc in the region; all effects which are classed as contributing to a "slow onset disaster".

ACOM recently began supporting the new Pacific Council of Churches Resettlement Officer, who is tasked with coordinating the resettlement of communities affected by these consequences of climate change.

ABM funding will assist this work, assisting both short and long term solutions.

By giving towards this program, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of many facing disaster in the Solomon Islands, and help to alleviate the severity of the impact.

SB012EP needs **\$24,000** 





ABM supports the Child Nutrition Project that operates from Ahli Arab Hospital. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2015.

## Al-Ahli Arab Hospital - Gaza

The Al-Ahli Arab hospital is run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and provides a tangible witness to the love of Christ in action. As part of the many services it delivers to the residents of the Gaza strip, Al-Ahli provides a Child Nutrition program for vulnerable families.

Last year, this program was delayed following the outbreak of war between Hamas militants and the Israeli Defence Force. Despite several months of overwhelming causalities presenting for treatment, as well as enduring shelling against the hospital itself, the staff of Al-Ahli showed a remarkable degree of commitment and resilience in re-launching the program after only four months.

This type of commitment is understandable, given the need that exists. According to a recent cross sectional study conducted by UNICEF and Vienna University, 29% of children in the Gaza strip suffer from stunting, as a result of malnutrition. Around 31% also suffer from anaemia, with levels of iron and zinc reportedly at critically low levels in these children.

Many more children are underweight, and suffer deficiencies in vitamin A, E and D. These problems were made more acute by the war in July 2014, which facilitated the closing of borders, restricting access to food and basic goods, and the loss of many livelihoods in the economic collapse that followed.

During her visit in 2013, ABM's Programs Director, Julianne Stewart, was able to visit the hospital and speak with the Hospital Director. Suhaila Tarazi spoke of the children, the families and the challenges of the context in which they all live. She displayed incredible faith despite these difficulties, citing that she wished to be a "living stone" for God's service, demonstrating His compassion and love to all who come. The Child Nutrition program seeks to alleviate the suffering of these children, and provide support to families struggling to cope. Throughout the course of three months, children are given a complete medical assessment by an expert Paediatrician and a program for nutritional support is developed. The hospital provides the necessary supplements and monitors the children for signs of improvement.

Treatment for illness and disease such as scabies, parasitic infection, bronchial asthma, rickets and congenital heart disease is also given free of charge, along with parental nutrition education for sustained health.

Your support of this project will make an enormous difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of the Gaza strip.

PS001LH needs **\$41,265** 

# Community Library, Addis Ababa

There are now 1,970 registered users of the Community Library in Addis Ababa. The library is a resource for local students to study and access the internet. Three students share how the library assists them.

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#### Rediet Oda, 12 years old

I am in grade 6 and I live with my parents together with my two brothers and five sisters. My father is a weaver (doing traditional cloths) and my mother is a garbage collector. We live in a local government house which has only one room for everything.

When I came to the St Matthew's Community Library two years ago, I found everything I want; books, pens and pencils, friends who can help me, and reading space as well.

Since my parents can't afford to buy educational materials, I was not competitive in my class. But now, thanks to this library, I am successful in my education and even my result is improving from time to time and now I am among the top ten students in my class.



#### Kaleab Alemayehu, 17 years old

I am the only son for my family and I am from Ethiopian parents who have barely enough monthly income.

I have been using this library for six years and I am very happy to be a member of St Matthew's Community Library. My parents can't afford to buy every material that I need so I prefer to come here for further reading.

I prefer to use the library because I can study together with my friends. This library is unique from others because it has a variety of books, text materials and exam papers. The library gives free internet service which helps us to browse for our assignments.

I have had big success after using this library and the reason behind this is that the library community are willing to help each other in educational purposes. In general, St Matthew's Community Library allows students of Ethiopia to achieve a better education level and build their capacity to compete in international levels.



#### Hawi Eshetu, 12 years old

I will be in grade 8 in the next academic year. I live with my parents and my brother. My father is a stone mason (on a daily basis) and my mother bakes Injera (traditional food) in the women's association.

I have been using the St Matthew's Community Library since 2012. I come here every day to study because I get different books which my parents can't afford to buy and I get reading space since our home is very small with no place to study. In addition, I get a preschool support in the beginning of each year and I participate in different tutorial programs.

I prefer this library to other school and public libraries because I can come here any time to get books I want and study together with my friends. I am now successful in my education and score very good results.



Community Library, Addis Ababa, Osed with permission.

### Sustainable Livelihoods Program

In 2009 when ABM first engaged with a development arm of the Anglican Church of Kenya, much of the area covered by Machakos and Makueni counties was suffering the effects of infrequent and increasingly unpredictable rains.

Since that time, with support from ABM and other partners, the church has had a huge impact on reducing hunger and increasing the incomes of the local farming communities, many of whom are woman-headed households.

The key problem in the two counties was the fact that the main sources of water for both human and agricultural use were rivers which only ran once or twice a year when the rains came. The rivers would quickly fill with water, and just as quickly rush out to empty into the Indian Ocean, leaving the farmers with little water for their use for the rest of the year.

The solutions have been multi-pronged. One was to teach farmers how to conserve water – by erecting numerous sand and earth dams, hillside contouring, massive tree planting and use of drip irrigation and zai pits to store water in the fields. Another was to persuade the farmers, through the persistent use of demonstration plots and seminars, to plant crops that were more drought-resistant or had a longer storage life. This way farmers could make better use of market fluctuations, and diversify their farming activities.

Now, in the targeted communities in both counties, 5,000 people have benefitted immeasurably from the church's support.



Among other solutions, the Sustainable Livelihoods Project has taught communities how to conserve water. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2015.

KE001IC needs **\$11,160** 



Mary Maundu lives in Machakos County and has a family of five. Mary benefitted from receiving drip irrigation training on efficient water use. After the training she struggled to get funds to excavate the farm pond where she harvests rain water to irrigate the farm.

But she managed to make the pond and purchase a drip kit and the pond liner in October 2013, after getting a loan from her Village Savings and Loans group.

It successfully harvested water and since then she has been using the pond ever since. Mary has turned her focus to business.

Currently she is doing small scale farming at her drip farm. She has been growing kale, tomatoes and onions which she has been selling to the community on a daily basis at the farm gate. The drip technology is allowing her to sell produce regularly which she values because the rain fed farming method failed her for many years.

On a daily basis she makes sales ranging between \$4-5 which in turn gives her about \$130 each month which she saves in her bank account.

She told ABM's partner in Kenya, Anglican Development Services-Eastern (ADSE), that her family loves the technology and has promised to expand the farm with time to serve the increasing demand for her products so they can receive even more income.

With her improved income Mary has managed to pay school fees for her two daughters in secondary school. One of them successfully completed school last year and waits to join college. Mary is now comfortably supporting her family's basic needs and coping with life, unlike other community members who are struggling with earning an income.

Your support of this project will see more people like Mary achieve success in their local communities.



Through this program women are establishing their own sources of income and providing stability for their families. Pictured Jennifer Matua, the ADSE Projects Officer. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2015.



## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children's Program**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry in Anglican Churches in Kenya aims to grow in 2016 with some assistance also going to development of this ministry in Uganda and Southern Sudan.

The church in Kenya recognises the need to improve the faith nurture of children. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is now growing strongly with more dioceses selecting this program as a priority for the Christian nurture of children and young people. It is being well received by both the children and their families. The Archbishop and the Bishops in Council recognise that this program is very effective and is encouraging its spread all across Kenya.

The program is a Christian Education ministry which builds young children's faith from ages 3 through to 12.

One of the priorities in 2016 is to make sure that this program is available to as many children as possible in poor rural areas. The aim is also to further develop four training areas in Bungoma, Nairobi, Makueni and Namatala in Uganda and to expand the number of Formation Leaders by developing them in Level 3 of the program and encouraging their growth as leadership coordinators.

The ministry is growing strongly in several schools and the Church would like to strengthen these relationships and consolidate the success.

Leaders of the program reported to ABM in 2015 and said, "Because of the way in which children and young people have so much fulfilment from the approach, the program is having wide acceptance by families, Church communities, schools and more widely among senior Church leaders, Government and Police services."

"It is wonderful to see the widespread take up of the program, made possible by the sacrificial generosity and hard work of a dedicated team of Leaders aided by generous support and encouragement from ABM, Church groups and individuals both in Australia and East Africa."

Your support of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry in 2016 will see the program continue to grow and strengthen, sharing God's love with children in Kenya.

## **Youth and Sunday School Empowerment** into Worship Project

This new project will offer leadership training to youth leaders and Sunday School teachers in Kenya.

Previously leadership training has been targeting the church leaders in the parishes and the youth and Sunday school children have missed out. This project will educate young people and Sunday school pupils on the person of Jesus Christ such that they grow knowing who Christ is and His love for humankind. It will also challenge their thinking in terms of how they can live in harmony with God's creation as stewards, not exploiters of the natural environment (Proverbs 22:6).

In Kenya, there are many young people who are influenced by the radicalisation movement due to the insurgence of terror groups and the promise of good life across the border in Somalia. It is hoped this project will encourage young people to embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a way of dealing with this challenge.

This will be done through developing theologically sensitive materials for the Sunday School teachers and for the youth chairpersons. Youth conferences will be organised on an annual basis where speakers would be invited to speak on particular themes of relevance such as relationships and sexuality, drugs and substance abuse, climate change and global warming, radicalisation and the importance of embracing one's faith.

During the youth conferences and the training of the Sunday School and youth leaders, the aspect of environmental conservation and preservation will be covered. This is something the church in Kenya wants to make prominent and will encourage the youths and Sunday School children to participate in environmental conservation issues, have tree planting and clean up days.

The dioceses involved will also select "environmental champions" based on best performance in terms of environmental conservation and protection. These people would be honoured by the Bishops in special events to commemorate the good works done in preserving our planet.

#### KE006YM needs **\$24,000**



young people. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2014.

KE003YC needs **\$18,000** 



## **Revise ACPNG Eucharist Liturgy**

This project aims to help the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) revise the Church's Eucharist Liturgy so life can be brought back into services offering greater participation.

The first ACPNG Prayer (Brown) Book was published in 1991. Prior to that, when the Church became a Province of its own in 1975, it continued to use the Australian version of the Prayer Book.

For more than 38 years, people have seen the priests doing the same things with people having little part to contribute to Sunday Services. Over the past years, people became spectators by watching the priests and servers doing almost everything at the Sanctuary – so many Anglicans have lost interest and given up Sunday Services.

Leaders of the Anglican Church tell ABM that many people are deserting the Anglican Church in PNG, backsliding into the world or joining Pentecostal churches.

The House of Bishops (HOB) meeting in March 2015 have considered this to be the one big issue the Church is facing. The meeting resolved to revise the Church's Eucharist Liturgy. Each bishop has been tasked to contribute towards revising and making changes to the Liturgy so that people will have greater participation.

The HOB would like people to enjoy the liturgy in the worship – to be filled with life. In this way the liturgy will attract many Anglicans back again to be participating worshippers.

Your support of this project will help the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea bring life back to the liturgy.

#### PG013EL needs **\$11,934**

## **Provincial Mission and Ministry Program**

The Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) is more than 100 years old. As the time changes the world is also changing. And as the world changes, the people are also changing. Today, Pentecostalism is growing faster everywhere which is becoming a threat to the mainstream churches including the ACPNG.

Archbishop Clyde Igara said, "The membership of the Anglican Church is being affected because people are either backsliding into the world or moving to Pentecostal churches. Sunday worship and spirituality which are being led by the clergy are becoming tasteless. Most sermons preached are dry, so giving of self and money to the churches is poor. People lack ownership of their churches in parishes."

The Provincial Mission and Ministry program proposes to bring clergy and laity together to Dogura Diocese for the national conference to focus on the need for an effective mission and ministry in ACPNG.

The Newton Theological College and Kerina Evangelist College are training centres for the church in PNG but Archbishop Clyde reports he has seen the need to host the mission and ministry conference to refresh, equip, and empower all clergy and lay ministries to standardise their strategies in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ through evangelism and ministry.

He said, "There is a desperate need to shift from maintenance type of ministry to reaching out to people (where they are) to make Christ known."

Please give generously to this project so that Archbishop Clyde can bring his clergy together to reinvigorate them and build mission and ministry programs.

PG023EM needs **\$24,000** 



This project will help the church in PNG revise its Prayer Book. © Melany Markham/ABM, 2010.



The Encounter Program – Partner Clergy Training in Australia

In recent years, ABM has supported many visitors from partner countries to visit Australia.

Fr Grayson Elea from Popondotta Diocese in PNG visited Rockhampton Diocese for a two-month visit. Also Fr Luke Foai from the Solomon Islands visited Western Australia and spent time with Mission to Seafarers.

Fr Hilary Anisi also from the Mission to Seafarers in the Solomon Islands visited Australia back in 2008. Many years on he still talks of the inspiring visit and how he learnt so much.

He said, "I really learnt how to run and administer a centre whilst on the Encounter program, and the importance of hospitality and I've tried to implement that here in Honiara."

Fr Hillary spent time in Tasmania and Gladstone learning from Mission to Seafarer Chaplains. He returned and

established a Centre for Mission to Seafarers in the Solomon Islands which offers hospitality, pastoral care and a safe place for international and national seafarers.

The Encounter Program allows ABM to bring clergy from its partner churches to Australia for mutual learning. ABM helps the Australian parish to devise a program which transforms and enriches both the parish and the visitor, who is able to experience Australian and Anglican life.

Please continue to support the Encounter Program so that ABM can offer these learning opportunities to its partners.

## S AU012EP needs **\$15,000**



#### General Community Development Projects

Like many not-for-profits, ABM chooses to contribute to other organisations that are working to achieve similar goals. With all work grounded in the Five Marks of Mission, ABM asks donors to support this General Community Development Fund that contributes to support of the Anglican Alliance, Transparency International and the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, amongst other things.

The Anglican Alliance brings together those in the Anglican family of churches and agencies to work for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict and to safeguard the earth.

Dr Julianne Stewart, ABM's Programs Director said it was most important for ABM to support the work of the Anglican Alliance and be a part of those international conversations.

The purpose of the Anglican Alliance is to put Anglican Churches around the world in touch with each other, to share stories of their development, advocacy and relief work and to engage in shared learning. Advocacy might include anything from Climate Change to Human Trafficking. For development, some of the priority areas include the economic empowerment of women and youth, and food

#### security," she said.

ABM's partners are involved in three of the Anglican Alliance's regional structures, in the Pacific, South East Asia, and Africa. ABM also supports an Aboriginal priest to attend the Pacific meetings and to be part of these important conversations.

ABM also belongs to Transparency International (TI) which tackles corruption around the world. TI aims to give voice to the victims and witnesses of corruption. It works together with governments, businesses and citizens to stop the abuse of power, bribery and secret deals. TI has offices and chapters in many of our partner countries.

Another example of what the fundraising from this project goes towards is the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa with its goal to coordinate and articulate issues affecting the Church and communities across various regions of Africa, and to train churches to have a strong advocacy role in these regional hubs. Your support of this project enables our partners to get together and learn from each other as well as allowing ABM to assist organisations that work in our partner countries.

XG011 needs **\$120,000** 



#### National Evangelism and Christian Education Program

This project aims to develop lay people, ordained, youth and children towards a vibrant, dynamic, caring, witnessing and mission oriented church. It is focused on the development and capability building of the human resources of the Church.

It will also focus on a Christian understanding and active participation on peace and environmental issues such as climate change. The primary activity of the project is to provide venues for the ordained, lay (men and women), youth and children to share their faith journey stories and concerns relative to the above issues.

From these sharing opportunities, appropriate trainings and seminars will be conducted to further enhance the



Meagan and Rodney at Rodney's graduation from Tadian course. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2015

respective ministries and participation in the life and work of the church.

The ongoing Catechism-based Evangelism and Christian Education "teaching-learning-doing" activities are contextualised while developing a theology that is easy to understand as well as consistent to the Biblical teachings and the Anglican doctrine.

Please give to this project to continue the Christian Education Program and grow a strong faith in the Philippines.

## PH010EM needs **\$24,600**

#### **Disaster Risk Reduction**

This is a new project for 2016 and the Disaster Risk Reduction program in the Philippines will provide funding to ABM's partners E-Care and VIMROD to provide training and the implementation of a Disaster Risk Reduction program, drawing on the existing strengths and resources within local communities.

Communities are empowered to map evacuation routes appropriate to each type of possible disaster, considering the safety of the most vulnerable such as elderly, children and the disabled. Evacuation centres are identified and equipped and Disaster Committees are formed and trained in emergency leadership roles. Also incorporated into this program is the continued development of the organisational wide Disaster Action Plan.

The Philippines is in a region often affected by natural disasters such as floods, typhoons and tsunamis. In 2013 ABM was on the ground in the Philippines assessing the damage and supporting the relief provided in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan.

In the past, E-Care has also provided important training to many of ABM's partners with representatives from the Solomon Islands, PNG and Myanmar gathering to learn from each other. Such a training event would not be possible without support of this project. Please give generously to continue to enable our partners to share their local learnings.

#### > PH006EP needs **\$6,000**

## **Community Capacity Building**

ABM supports asset based community development in communities in the Philippines. Your support of this project will help people like Mercy.

"I am Mercy Bartolome, 45 years old, and a member of the projects committee of the BAKAS ABCD project organization in Daculan, Estancia, Iloilo. BAKAS has 27 members (19 female and 8 male) and was formed in November 2014.

Fishing is the main source of income of the community where I come from and livestock-raising is the secondary livelihood. Due to the decreasing fish supply and the unpredictable weather condition, many of the people in our barangay are forced to find odd jobs in order to sustain the family's needs.

Before, I had no interest in getting involved with the concerns of our community. Instead I stayed home to tend to my family. Every day, I tried to make ends-meet with the small daily income of my husband who is a fisherman. Many of our needs were not provided for because we prioritise food above anything else.

Last year, I was introduced to the concept of Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). At first I was hesitant in getting involved but I realised that it was simply because the life I used to have is limited to the affairs of my own family. I started to accept the process and began to understand the ABCD. I realised how relevant the program is to women like me who for the longest time remain at the shadows of their husbands.

When I became a member of BAKAS, I made sure to attend the trainings and seminars because I believed that I will learn many new things from attending such activities. Indeed, it helped me to discover my potentials and establish relations with the other members of the organisation.

When the ABCD concept was applied to our community, we came to a consensus of formulating and managing an asset-based project called organic hog-raising. This project was formulated since all of us know how to tend live stocks like pigs and there is available vegetation in our community that have not been utilised.

We prepared the pig pens, including the construction materials and labour as part of our local contribution to the project. The 'Bayanihan system' or free collective work in constructing the pens became an inspirational support towards realising the project. Our project is guided by a set of policies which all of us contributed to conceptualising.

Monthly meetings were helpful to us as a method to monitor whether

our activities are on the right track according to the plan. We formed a project committee, composing mostly of women including me, which was very effective in monitoring and assessing our asset-based project. The data that we provide helps BAKAS to ensure that our organic hog-raising will continuously provide the members with economic opportunities.

After four months of tending, we were able to market 8 pigs. Each of the members was able to receive around \$100 to \$120AUD as net income. BAKAS was also able to receive an organisational share of 10% from the gross profit.

I felt very proud that I was able to contribute to my family needs out of my own efforts. I also felt proud of what I have become due to my involvement in the community's development initiatives.

With these kind of development efforts, I am hopeful that we in BAKAS will continue our journey towards serving our community through the ABCD project. I am very thankful that other countries particularly Australia are helping our communities".









#### **Economic Empowerment**

The Economic Empowerment project aims to build self-reliant and sustainable communities. Activities are aimed at increasing family incomes using resources already available to the communities.

One example is in the community of Sitio Mahayahay in the Philippines, which is home to 45 Bisayan settler families whose main livelihood is coffee production. Most of these families own farms that range in size between 1 and 5 hectares and yet in spite of this huge production of coffee beans, the community's farmers have no facilities for handling the coffee berries, thus reducing the quality of the produce that they sell.

The challenges facing these farmers are compounded during the off-season. Many will produce corn and other cash crops to survive but it is often not enough for medical and school fees so many farmers feel compelled to turn to traders and loan sharks for financial assistance.

With interest rates of at least 10% per month it is hard to repay the loan. As such, these indebted farmers are

often obliged, during harvest time, to sell their coffee products at a lower market price – one usually dictated by the trader who gave them financial assistance.

In 2014, the community of Mahayahay entered into a partnership with ABM's partner, the Episcopal-CARE Foundation (E-CARE). The local people identified the potential to enhance their coffee production and income through the establishment of post-harvest facilities. The postharvest coffee facilities have enabled the community to ensure the quality of the coffee beans whilst at the same time adding value to the crops by selling them as depulped beans.

This means that more of the income from the sale of the coffee is returned to the farmer instead of being lost to outside agents. The project has also provided the opportunity and capital for 41 women to engage in a variety of alternative livelihood activities. These range from hog-raising to corn production, aquaculture to other microbusinesses. In the community of Bagahabag, it was identified there would be benefit of owning a thresher, a machine for separating the stalk and the grain so hog-raising could be done in a more natural way. E-CARE offered training and support in natural farming systems so the project could expand to hog and duck raising enabling the sale of quality organic meat. Locals have noticed a significant improvement in the quality of the meat on their animals saying that their pigs are "meat-i-licious" rather than fatty. Another benefit has come from the fact that the pigs are much less odorous. This means fewer complaints from the neighbours which has enabled farmers to keep more animals on their site.

Your support of this project will give communities like Sitio Mahayahay and Bagahabag the opportunity to pursue new and more effective livelihoods.





The Catechist Conference held in 2015 was successful and to run again in 2016 it needs your support.© CPM 2015.



MM011MR needs \$11,832



For theological education of clergy and lay this project will help issue the Anglican Digest three times a year. © CPM 2015.

The staff and students of the Church Music School hope to create traditional music for the church. © CPM 2015.

## **Catechist Refresher Training**

Sittwe Diocese is in a remote area in Myanmar but has 60 priests and 165 catechists. The Diocese tells ABM, "We are proud of having these active ministers and give great thanks to God for giving them such."

The Diocese tries to hold catechist refresher training courses every two years which sees small groups of catechists gather for a month. Refresher training is very important because there are many new catechists and all need to access up-to-date information and knowledge.

"Catechists have many difficulties and challenges in their field and changes are happening every time. We conduct refresher training to motivate catechists in their knowledge and spirituality," the Diocese representative said.

Through this refresher training, the leadership skills and abilities of catechists will be improved, and it is hoped their work will become successful for the church, the community and those in need.

The Diocese has previously run these trainings with their own resources but in 2016 is facing financial challenges so they are asking for support. Please give generously.

## **Organisational Development for Anglican Study and Research Centre**

Founded in 2012, the Anglican Study and Research Centre (ASRC) has been serving as a think-tank for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM). In the course of the last four years, ASRC has contributed intellectually to CPM by producing research-based reports, articles and periodicals.

With the assistance of ASRC, CPM was able to respond to the Anglican Communion Office regarding the Anglican Communion Covenant. For theological education of clergy and lay people of CPM, ASRC has been issuing a periodical (Anglican Digest) three times a year.

In order to promote and preserve the performance of the ASRC, some organisational development is in dire need.

In spite of the long history of the presence and witness of the Anglican Church in Myanmar, dating back to 1825, there is a need to further define Myanmar Anglicanism. This is especially true in terms of the Myanmar Anglican Church's position in responding to the current emerging issues of other Provinces throughout the Anglican Communion.

By giving to this project you will be offering CPM a platform for theological educators, students, church leaders, and lay people to participate in theological workshops and seminars on issues related to Myanmar Anglicanism.

MM011TR needs **\$8,400** 

#### **Church Music School**

Music is very important in Christian worship, yet in the Province of Myanmar, there has been no church music school. The aim of this new project is to train people in Myanmar in church music so that they can serve the Church through music and worship to God. The training will be offered through a two year course that provides students with a certificate in church music.

It is also hoped that this training will go some way to create traditional church music for Myanmar and be more effective in God's ministry.

A Diocesan Music School commenced in late 2015 which. in the future, will also be open to other denominations.

Your support of this project will offer the Church Music School some teaching aids and musical instruments.

#### MM011YA needs \$6,000



Young people and students of the church music school. © CF



## **Producing Textbooks for Discipleship Trainings**

Evangelism and Mission seminars have been held for clergy and catechists throughout 2015 and over 200 people have participated.

The feedback from the participants was extremely positive but it was felt the seminars would be improved by the production of textbooks or handbooks. Without handbooks the participants could not remember the entire lectures.

The Evangelism and Mission committee members have approached ABM to fund these handbooks to strengthen their seminar delivery.

They hope to produce five handbooks to give to the participants during the seminars covering: The Way to Discipleship; You and Christian Stewardship; Mission and Discipleship; Footsteps of Jesus; and Church Mobilisation.

Your support of this project will strengthen the training of clergy and catechists in Myanmar.

#### MM010UR needs **\$10,590**

## **Income Generation and Transportation** for Bible School

St Peter's Bible School in Toungoo Diocese, Myanmar is training men and women, and hundreds of St Peter's graduates are currently throughout Myanmar ministering as ordained and lay ministers.

Students and members of the faculty spend their Christmas and Summer holidays by visiting parishes regularly but they have to use public transportation which is not reliable, expensive and requires so much time.

This project seeks to give the school a vehicle to help with transportation which will enable the clergy to further minister to their communities.

A representative from St Peter's Bible School told ABM, "If the school could have a vehicle for transportation it would be very helpful and useful in its ministry and mission. The school could also get some regular income by having the vehicle rented by the community when they need its service. Both school and community would be benefited."

Please give to this project so a vehicle can be purchased to reach the local people and share the good news of the church more effectively.

#### MM010UF needs **\$12,000**



Work taking place on the Action Plan. © CPM 2015

### **Church Capacity Building**

The Church Capacity Building project aims to enhance the Church of the Province of Myanmar's (CPM) capacity to deliver sustainable community development initiatives at both Provincial and Diocesan levels.

This has been an ongoing project of ABM with a commitment to helping to ensure that the structure is sustainable in the longer-term.

Work is continuing following the 2014 roundtable with overseas partners, an historic event for the Church in Myanmar, which helped develop a strategic plan for community development work. A free Action Plan (2015-18) has been put in place, with diocesan development desks operational from 1st of June 2015.

Last year ABM's Programs' Director, Julianne Stewart, visited Myanmar. She met with Bishop David Nyi Nyi Naing, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Mandalay, who told stories of old community development projects that ABM and other donors had supported in the diocese.

The Linkho Clean Water Project is still reporting the benefits of having access to clean water four years after completion of the project. A Planting Project in Namatu (supported by another of CPM's partners) where the church bought land for a village to grow crops on, after just one year, has made enough from selling the crops to buy the land outright.

"You call these projects, but to us they are life", Bishop David said.

Please give to this project so further capacity can be built at all levels of the Church and more success achieved by the Church of the Province of Myanmar.





#### Education

Following a visit to Myanmar last year, ABM Programs' Director, Julianne Stewart said, "This is a church which is playing no small part in contributing positively to the dynamic social fabric of modern Myanmar. I visited the **Diocesan Learning Centre that ABM** is supporting in Mandalay and met its new Principal. This Centre is teaching English, as well as some computing, music and Japanese. It is partly an income-generation project and partly a service to the local young people. I came away feeling that the Church in the Province of Myanmar is a church

that is full of energy, dedicated to helping people to flourish, in all the possible meanings of the word."

ABM has supported education and learning in Myanmar in a number of different ways.

In recent years, the program funded training which covered English classes, basic computer skills and building skills for community work. The training also aimed to raise awareness in a range of issues faced by young people in Myanmar today, such as the trafficking of women and children, protection of the environment, drug addiction and other

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social issues.

ABM also supports the Bum Sam Middle School in Myitkyina Diocese, in Kachin State. The school is located in a very remote part of the state, only accessible by river. Sadly this part of Myanmar is frequently affected by armed conflict and the Church had to suspend classes for a time during 2015 for the protection of staff and students. ABM is currently working with the Church on a sustainability plan, so that the school will eventually be self-supporting.





## Water and Sanitation

In Myanmar, ABM is working to assist with water and sanitation infrastructure. The villages of Shwe Lei Vum and Lat Pan Kaing, located in Paletwa Township in Sittwe Diocese, are two examples of this work.

The area is remote and people mostly rely on casual labour to make a living as they do not own land.

The current water system uses streams which no longer provide fresh water from February to May. As a result, villagers often suffer from water-borne diseases such as cholera and diarrhoea. Many cannot afford to pay for medicine or treatment.

This project will directly benefit 80 families in Shwe Lei Vum Village - 460 people including 127 women and 110 children. In Lat Pan Kaing Village, 60 families will benefit from a new water system – 314 people including 108 women and 102 children.

This project plans to improve this system so that locals will have access to clean water for drinking and domestic use. With better health, the money saved can be spent on other necessities such as food and education.

The water source is from a mountain about 1.5km away and will be carried into the villages via PVC pipes. Both villages will have three cisterns each which will distribute water to six communities in Shwe Lei Vum Village and seven communities in Lat Pan Kaing Village.

The labour will be supplied by the villagers themselves, working with committees managing the process in each village. The committees have already bought pipes and other materials and trenches have been dug to lay the pipes. They are also building concrete tanks for water collection.

Your donation to this project will give clean water to local communities in Myanmar and assist hundreds of people.

MM001WS needs **\$43,020** 



ZM004TF needs **\$12,000** 

#### **Gender and Governance Initiative**

ABM and its partner, Zambia Anglican Council, have been working to improve gender equality outcomes across many parts of Zambia since 2011. The church's Gender and Governance Program addresses gender inequality, including advocacy about women's rights with government, within the Church itself and with the broader community.

The program has sought to confront cultural traditions which deny women equal rights and has even addressed negative theological interpretations of the status of women perpetuated by some members of the Church.

Some of the program activities have included mobilising communities and parishes to participate in International Women's Day activities and church and community participation in campaigns such as the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Other aspects of the program have sought to equip communities and parishes to learn about and develop skills to deal with Gender-Based Violence (GBV) at the local level. Communities have formed Gender Action Groups, who become champions of gender equality and the quest to eliminate gender-based violence. Some of these are then trained to counsel members of their communities and churches who are experiencing GBV first hand, and to refer cases to the police and women's refuges.

One of these groups is the Lui Mwemba Gender Action Group, which ABM visited in 2015. This is a group of 20 community volunteers, 10 men and 10 women, representing various parts of the community. They receive training and are assisted with a group incomegenerating activity to fund their travel and meeting costs in spreading the word about gender equality and the elimination of GBV.

In this very remote and economically impoverished part of Western Zambia, community members work hard and speak passionately about the changes they have brought about. These include working with the local school and parents to change attitudes about girls being "sold" into early marriage upon the girl getting pregnant.

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## St John's Seminary – Theological Training Support

2015 was an exciting year for St John's Seminary in Zambia. Eight of its students completed their Bachelor of Theology Honours course in December and will now go on to serve in local parishes and communities.

The Seminary also established a new board with seven Board members who hope to achieve the great need for capacity building of the seminary.

New entrants will begin in 2016 and the training program continues to be extended to other church groups. It gives training opportunity to the laity, both men and women, and youth who make up the large majority of each congregation. The church needs training for both the laity and clergy to support the growth of the Church wholesomely.

Archbishop Albert Chama visited the Seminary in late 2015 addressing students in the Chapel on the subject "Reading for Leading the 21st Century Church and how to be relevant as a leader in today's global Church".

The seminary depends on ABM donors' support to top-up teachers' salaries, cover costs for special courses, internet access, books for the library and maintenance.



Lui River children may grow up in a more gender equal world. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2015.

Grace, one of the group members recounted this story: "A few days ago a girl child was about to be married. The fee had already been paid by the husband (who was a boy at the same school) to the girl's parents. I went to the village and advised the parents not to marry her, but to let her stay at school. The value of the child would increase if she stayed at school. So they called the girl's uncle and he came and took her to school in the Copper Belt."

In an address to one of the Lui Mwemba Gender Action Group's meetings, Crispin, a member of the group said, "We pledge to tirelessly work extra hard to bring positive behaviour change to our community. As you know, changing someone's attitude is not a walk-over thing. It needs power and time."

You can fuel this power and bring change to attitudes in Zambia by supporting this project.



Anglican Board of Mission – Australia 📮 **2016 Project Book** 

"I was delighted to come back to the Seminary to study for my BA Hon degree after many years of my parish ministry. My theological knowledge has increased and my personal library has increased and I am now well equipped to teach others.

Thanks to the Seminary staff and my diocese for giving me the opportunity to study. I am now a proud graduate after 2yrs of intensive studies. Thanks to all who contributed for my school especially ABM". Fr Moses Simudenda Lusaka Diocese. Choma parish

"Completing a BA Hon degree is a dream that has come true. I am now of great value and appreciated by my congregation. Thanks to ABM and the Seminary for their contribution to fulfill my dream. I pray that others will also benefit from such generosity".

Fr Japhet Ponda Northern Zambia. St Barnabas Parish

"Theological training and a BA Hon degree has shaped my trust and understanding of Holy Scriptures. I can now contribute knowledgeably to the building up of the Church in love through Christ my teacher. Thank you ABM for the privilege to study again after 20 years in parish ministry". The Rev Canon Friday Malaya

Central Zambia Masansa Parish Mukushi

"Theological training support that was given to me for two years of my study is something I will not forget. My theological knowledge has increased, my spiritual life has improved and my preaching has improved greatly.

Thanks to all who contributed to my sponsorship through St John Seminary. Thanks to my wife and family for their encouragement and to my diocese for giving me another chance of theological training". The Ven Canon Chawelwa Pascale

Central Zambia. Kabwe South Parish

"The theological training I have received is an eye opener in view of addressing many challenges the Church and the world are facing today. The Seminary has been of great help in addressing some of these challenges through its theological training offered in collaboration with North West University of South Africa. We are happy with the support from ABM, Zambia Anglican Council, our dioceses and our families".

The Rev Christopher Koloko Lusaka, Livingstone parish



## Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

When safe water is readily available in communities there are many benefits. Of course, disease decreases and the instances of diarrhoea, particularly among children, reduce.

Girls and women, who previously had to walk long distances for water, can now use that time to study or attend to other matters. These women are also not subjected to long walks through unsafe environments.

Throughout 2016, the Anglican Church of Melanesia will continue to deliver clean water and hygienic toilet facilities to people in rural areas.

For the past five years, this project known as the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (or WASH) has seen wonderful progress, including 73 VIP (Ventilation Improved Pit) toilets installed, 26 tanks and two wells built or installed as well as repairs made to four further tanks.

However, there is much left to be done. Due to population growth, many traditional water sources have become contaminated through increased farming and human activity. With the onset of the El Nino cycle, parts of Vanuatu are already struggling in the grips of drought. These factors mean that many people in Vanuatu do not have reliable access to safe, clean water.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia works with communities to repair existing water storage systems, such as tanks, and to install new water systems. This includes tanks, wells, and gravity fed water systems.

Through this WASH project, ABM also supports the Anglican Church of Melanesia to install Ventilation Improved Pit toilets (or VIP toilets). This style of toilet can be built for relatively little money and provides a safe, hygienic facility for people.

In 2016, these toilets will be installed in schools and communities. Staff from the Anglican Church of Melanesia work with local youth to train them in VIP toilet installation, giving young people a practical skill that they can use to benefit their community.

By donating to the WASH project your money will go to materials for water point and toilet installation, as well as training workshops for youth in how to install VIP toilets.





### Language, Literacy & Numeracy

Many adults and teenagers in Vanuatu missed out on formal schooling or had their schooling cut short due to family, health or financial reasons, so the opportunity to learn to read and write is highly valued.

Through the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) program, volunteer teachers from within the local community are trained in the skill of basic literacy education and equipped with materials such as pens, exercise books and blackboards in order to hold weekly classes with local students.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia, with support from ABM, continues to strengthen the LLN program throughout the two dioceses of Vanuatu. The Literacy Coordinators, Mrs Gracetella Smith and Miss Sheila George, are passionate about extending Literacy education to every community in the region, supporting the vital work of the volunteer teachers.

The classes are open to any members of the community but it is often women who attend due to higher rates of illiteracy among females in Melanesia. It is well known that the education level of a parent will impact strongly on their children, and many adult learners in Vanuatu envision a brighter future for their children than what they themselves have experienced.

Learning how to read and write is a step on the road to education. Many who have gone through the program have now moved on to further studies, such as Rural Training Colleges and Technical Institutions in Port Vila. As the literacy students tell ABM – if you can read, you can also learn more about the world from signs, books and newspapers.

The Vanuatu Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program is an exciting opportunity to bring real change to the lives of rural people, especially women, in Vanuatu and ABM is proud to support the Anglican Church of Melanesia as it reaches out to communities.

Your support of this project will assist ABM to provide training workshops for literacy teachers, basic materials like pens, pencils, chalk, exercise books and blackboards, as well as the ability for Gracetella and Sheila to travel to rural areas to hold teacher training workshops.

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#### **Disaster Risk Reduction**

Along with the other countries of Melanesia, Vanuatu has experienced an increase in both the frequency and severity of natural disasters. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the two most recent cyclone seasons were the most active on record, with over 306,000 people affected and \$77 million in damage across the region.

These trends are set to continue as the El Nino cycle takes full hold. Wild weather, landslides, floods and droughts will cause many challenges for those living in these island nations, stretching both human and material resources to their limit.

However, the severity of the impact can be mitigated depending on the planning and preparation of organisations, governments, churches and communities. The choices made about how and where food is grown, where houses and buildings are placed, what sanitation and water facilities are available, and how education is delivered will all contribute towards how quickly people can recover from a natural disaster event.

ABM supports the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) in Vanuatu in their Disaster Risk Reduction work, helping to prepare communities for emergency situations and to run education campaigns on mitigating the effects of climate change disasters.

This program is run in conjunction with the Vanuatu Church Council and their partner, Act for Peace. Together with the other member churches, ACOM participates in joint training sessions for Disaster Risk Management and Response and has opportunity to both share and learn from the experiences of others, helping to strengthen this work nation-wide.

By supporting this project you will assist ACOM in preparing for crisis through safety action plans, safety training with communities and adapting their work or environment to make people safer in instances of a disaster.

VU006EP needs **\$12,000** 

#### **TOPIK (Towards Peace in Korea)**

In late 2015, the 125th anniversary of the mission to Korea that began the Anglican Church in Korea was celebrated.

The Rev John Deane, ABM's Executive Director visited for the anniversary and said, "Korea has a very strong memory of the work of ABM and we are very committed to maintaining a strong relationship."

"It's a small church but it's great with innovation and has some very creative programs we've supported over the years," he said.

One example is the Towards Peace in Korea program.

TOPIK continues to work for the reunification of Korea and provides much needed support to people in North Korea. In previous years the program has donated a much needed ambulance and equipment for a hospital in North Korea, via a People's Committee in the area where the hospital is located.

The Rev Deane said, "TOPIK is the church seeking to, in a way, do something quite radical within the Korean context in that it is seeking to continue to press for an ongoing re-engagement with North Korea with the desired outcome being a reunification of the peoples of Korea.

The Anglican Church of North Korea was really quite strong and since the war, not much is known about what's happened to that part of the church. I guess many fear the worst but it's history that drives the church to continue to communicate and find ways we might move forward."

Please give to the TOPIK project so that assistance and hopes of reunification can continue.

KP001NP needs **\$6,600** 

군 탁아소 유치원 식량(밀가루 180톤) 개성육로전달

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Supplies being sent to North Korea as part of the TOPIK project.

# Adopt a Project... and support the Anglican Church around the world.

Help strengthen the Anglican Church around the world by su the form below and send it back to ABM. <b>Contact Details</b> :	upporting a project from this book. Simply fill out
I/we are: Organisation Parish Family	
Please include all relevant information that applies to you in the following	please specify) section:
Contact Name/s	
Address for correspondence	
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Phone daytime	Fax
Name of organisation/group/school (if applicable)	Tax
	Name of Diocese
Name of Priest/Chaplain	Name of Diocese
Name of Parish (if applicable)	
Email address	
Pledge Commitment	- I
I/We would like to pledge our support to the following project(s). (You may please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select the method	
Project Name 1	Amount Pledged \$
Project Name 2	Amount Pledged \$
I would like to donate by:	<b>U</b>
<ul> <li>Regular giving through ABM's Direct Debit Program – Please turn over</li> <li>Regular giving via cheque payment: fortnightly monthly</li> <li>You will receive information about your project via email. If you wish to parish, please tick.</li> </ul>	quarterly
Immediate Donation	
I/We would like to make a one-off donation to the following project(s). (You then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select your	
Project Name 1	Amount \$
Project Name 2	Amount \$
I enclose my cheque made out to ABM	
<b>OR</b> Charge my credit card (minimum credit card donation \$10):	Visa MasterCard Diners Amex
Credit Card Number	Expiry
Name on card	Signature
<b>OR</b> I will deposit the amount directly into the ABM account. Acct Name: Anglican Board of Mission – Australia. BSB: 032 00 Describe transfer as NAME OF DONOR and PROJECT CODE	08 Acct: 130754
Please detach and return this form to:	
POST       Att: Vivienne For       FAX         Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd       Locked Bag Q4005       (02) 9         Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230       1230	9261 3560 EMAIL info@abm.asn.au

Gifts to ABM will be applied to the support of project(s) selected. In the unlikely event of the project being oversubscribed or not proceeding to completion, donations will be applied to a similar project to the one(s) selected.

# **Direct Debit Request**

## Request to debit my account

Λ	D	Π		Anglican	Board of	Mission	- Australia & Justice
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Surname ("you")	
Given names	
Address	Postcode
Phone daytime	Postcode
Phone alternative	
	Board of Mission – Australia (ABM) to process the amount specified below through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System ncial Institution below, subject to the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement and further below.
Name of Financial Institutio	n that holds the account
Financial Institution Name	
Branch	
Details of account and amo (Please note that direct debiting	unt to be debited may not be available on all accounts)
Account Name	
BSB Number	
Account number	
The amount to be debited is \$	one payment only  at any one time
(amount in words)	

The first debit may be made on					
· ·			monthly	4 weekly	quarterly intervals (after first payment)

### Acknowledgement and Signature of Account Holder

By signing this Direct Debit Request you acknowledge that you have read this and understand the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (overleaf) under which debit arrangements are made between you and ABM as laid down in this Direct Debit Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

Signature	Date	
Signature	Date	

#### DEFINITIONS

**'account'** means the account held at your financial institution from which we authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

**'Agreement'** means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

**'business day'** means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a national public holiday. 'debit day' means the day that payment by you to us is due.

'debit payment' means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

'Direct Debit Request' means the Direct Debit Request between you and us.

'us or we' means Anglican Board of Mission - Australia (ABM).

'you' means the customer who signed the Direct Debit Request.

**'your financial institution'** is the financial institution where you hold the account that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

#### **DEBITING YOUR ACCOUNT**

By signing a Direct Debit Request you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this Agreement for the terms of the arrangement between us and you.

We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request

**OR** We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the Direct Debit Request, a billing advice that specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.

If the debit day falls on a day that is not a business day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following business day.

If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

#### **CHANGES BY US**

We may vary any details of this Agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days' written notice.

#### **CHANGES BY YOU**

If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment, you must notify us in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next debit day.

You may cancel your authority for us to debit your account at any time by giving us fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next debit day.

You may change the arrangement (but not stop, defer or cancel) under a Direct Debit Request by telephoning us on 1300 302 663.

### **YOUR OBLIGATIONS**

It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request. If there are insufficient funds in your account to meet a debit payment you may:

- a) be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution;
- also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment

You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

#### DISPUTES

If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 1300 302 663 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. If we conclude, as a result of our investigations, that your account has been incorrectly debited we will request your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted. If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will provide you with reasons and any evidence for this finding. Any queries you may have about an error made in debiting your account should be directed to us in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve the matter between you and us. If we cannot resolve the matter you can still refer it to your financial institution which will obtain details from you of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on your behalf.

#### ACCOUNTS

You should check:

- a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions;
- b) your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and
- with your financial institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information. We will only disclose information that we have about you to the extent specifically required by law, or, for the purposes of this Agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim). The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia will not sell, lend, disclose or give your personal information to any external individuals or organisations unless:

- a) you have consented to the disclosure;
- b) Anglican Board of Mission Australia reasonably believes that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to an individual's life or health; or
- c) the disclosure is required by law.

#### NOTICE

If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this Agreement you should write to ABM-A Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230.

We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.

Any notice will be deemed to have been received two business days after it is posted.

# **2016 Projects**

	Project Code	Project Name	Tax Deductible	2015 Fundraising Target	Page
	Australia –	Reconciliation Program			
	AU008BA	Bishop's Award Program, Diocese of the Northern Territory		\$55,000	6
	AU005DB	The Rev Gloria Shipp & NATSIAC, Diocese of Bathurst		\$22,000	7
	AU013HL	Hope for Life – Teenage Pregnancy Support Pilot Project		\$33,000	5
	AU004NG	Nungalinya Theological College, Darwin	$\checkmark$	\$49,500	9
	AU009SS	St Andrew's Cathedral Gawura School, Diocese of Sydney	✓	\$35,200	8
	AU003WB	Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College, Cairns		\$55,000	9
	AU011YE	Youth Engagement Across the Top End Remote Communities		\$22,000	5
	Australia a	nd Overseas Exchange Program			
	AU012EP	The Encounter Program – Partner Clergy Training in Australia		\$15,000	17
	Ethiopia				
	ET002CL	Community Library, Addis Ababa	✓	\$24,864	13
	Holy Land				
	PS001LH	Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza	$\checkmark$	\$41,265	12
	Kenya				
	KE003YC	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children's Program		\$18,000	15
N	KE006YM	Youth & Sunday School Empowerment into Worship Program		\$24,000	15
	KE001IC	Sustainable Livelihoods Program	▶ ✓	\$11,160	14
	Korea				
	KP001NP	TOPIK (Towards Peace in Korea)	✓	\$6,600	30
	Myanmar (B	Burma)			
N	MM011MR	Catechist Refresher Training		\$11,832	22
N	MM011TR	Organisational Development for Anglican Study & Research Centre		\$8,400	22
N	MM010UF	Income Generation & Transportation for Bible School		\$12,000	23
N	MM010UR	Producing Textbooks for Discipleship Training		\$10,590	23
N	MM011YA	Church Music School		\$6,000	23
	MM001CE	Church Capacity Building	· √	\$32,400	24
	MM001EA	Education	✓	\$43,020	24
	MM001WS	Water and Sanitation	✓	\$43,020	25

	Papua Nev	v Guinea									
New	PG023EM	Provincial Mission & Ministry Program			\$24,000	16					
Vew	PG013EL	Revise ACPNG Eucharist Liturgy			\$11,934	16					
		All our community development projects in PNG this year are fully									
		funded by the Australian Government									
	Philippines	3									
	PH001IF	Community Capacity Building	Australian ND	$\checkmark$	\$40,000	20					
Vew	PH006EP	Disaster Risk Reduction		$\checkmark$	\$6,000	19					
	PH001EE	Economic Empowerment	Australian ND 🔶 Oli	$\checkmark$	\$40,000	21					
	PH010EM	National Evangelism and Christian Education Program			\$24,600	19					
	Solomon Islands										
	SB012IS	Church Capacity Building		✓	\$12,000	1(					
	SB012EP	Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change		✓	\$24,000	11					
	SB012YC	Positive Parenting Program		✓	\$6,000	1(					
	Vanuatu										
Vew	VU006EP	Disaster Risk Reduction		✓	\$12,000	29					
	VU006EA		Australian ND 🔶	$\checkmark$	\$22,000	29					
	VU006WS		Australian ND 🔶	✓	\$66,000	28					
	Zambia										
	ZM003GE		ND 🔶	✓	\$35,000	26					
	ZM004TF	St John's Seminary – Theological Training Support			\$12,000	26					
	General										
	XG011	General Community Development Projects		$\checkmark$	\$120,000	18					

Australian Receives partial funding from the Australian Government.



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