

# MEDIA ALERT Thursday, November 17 2016

# The Gift of Knowledge this Christmas

This Christmas ABM offers the chance to give the gift of education to people supported by its partners in Australia and internationally.

Throughout Australia, ABM provides grants to help the Church with initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In the Northern Territory, funds help small teams of trainers to reach remote communities in Arnhem Land and islands in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

There they provide friendship, pastoral support and training for leaders to equip churches in responding to the substantial challenges confronting Aboriginal young people in remote communities.

In ABM's partner countries, the gift of education is also being received.

In Kenya, the newly introduced Youth and Sunday School Empowerment Program encourages young people to partake in leadership training and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

With donor support, youth conferences will be organised on an annual basis where speakers will be invited to speak on particular themes of relevance. Sunday school teachers and youth leaders will take part in training and develop materials that respond to contemporary issues.

Youth and Sunday school children will also be encouraged to participate in environmental conservation issues as well as tree planting and clean up days.

Please give a gift to ABM's partners this Christmas. Donate at <a href="https://www.abmission.org/christmas2016">www.abmission.org/christmas2016</a> or phone 1300 302 663.

#### FREE CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

ABM has a variety of free Christmas resources available. Available at www.abmission.org/christmas2016 is an eCard which you can send to all of your family, friends and contacts with a personalised message.

ABM's weekly readings, reflections and prayers are also available for download at www.abmission.org/christmas2016.

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