



The Bishop of the Diocese of Vanuatu, the Rt Revd James Ligo visited the Auxiliary in 2008. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.

“The Diocese of Vanuatu continues to grow year after year and the church has been able to assist some of the remote parts of the country that the government has been unable to assist.”

– Rt Revd James Ligo

WHAT IS NOW the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), the Melanesian Mission was founded by Bishop Selwyn in 1849. The Diocese of Banks & Torres and the Diocese of Vanuatu make up ACOM in Vanuatu. Until 1975, the Church was the main provider of education in Vanuatu. Presently, the Church continues to provide both formal (primary and secondary) and informal education.



Literacy provides women with options beyond the traditional roles. © Don Brice/ABM 2008.

THE MOTHER'S UNION, the Melanesian Brotherhood and Youth Ministries all work within the church parishes through the far flung islands of Vanuatu. With this reach and pervasiveness, these organisations are ideal vehicles for education in Vanuatu. Educating women is particularly important. If women can read and count, they can manage the household budget and make sure that food, clothes and other necessities are bought for a fair price. Basic literacy also provides opportunities to increase income by taking on paid work, if it is available.

WHAT CAN YOUR AUXILIARY GROUP DO TO HELP?
\$300 provides learning material for literacy classes
\$500 helps a literacy trainer travel to remote islands
\$800 is the cost of training for one literacy teacher



ABM'S PARTNERSHIP with Melanesia is as old as the church in that country – 150 years.

Formerly an Anglo-French condominium, the islands gained independence as recently as 1980. Vanuatu has not fallen victim to the recent conflicts that have touched neighbouring Fiji and the Solomon Islands. Although developing slowly, with few mineral resources, the islands are dependent on agriculture and tourism industries.

Up to 83 percent of ACOM's parishioners in Vanuatu live in the northernmost of the two Dioceses – the Diocese of Banks and Torres. As the islands that make up the Diocese are removed from the two main population centres of Port Vila and Luganville, the Diocese suffers from a lack of basic infrastructure. This is particularly problematic for young people who are seeking to further their education. The only option available is the church's vocational training college, the Fisher Young Rural Training Centre, near the village of Sola on the island of Vanua Lava.

The Centre suffers from the same lack of infrastructure as the rest of the islands in that they are reliant on wells for their water supply, electricity is available on a sporadic basis through a generator and access to the Centre is only via boat or on foot. The Centre remains the only option that is available for further education. With a young population in the nearby islands there is a strong likelihood that more young men and women will look to the Centre to build on their education.

Literacy teachers funded by the Auxiliary Project will help provide other options for women and girls who are unable to enter the Rural Training Centre.

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU	
Population:	226,000
Life expectancy:	63 years
Ethnicity:	98% Ni-vanuatu
Languages:	72% Bislama (Pidgin) 23% English 5% French
Literacy rate:	74%
Unemployment rate:	1.7%

(UN & US Dept of State: 2008)

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 Literacy in Vanuatu


Linda Seda with literacy teacher Salome Haridi. Teachers may need to begin by assisting students to learn how to hold a pen or pencil.
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Education is not compulsory in Vanuatu. Less than fifty percent of students who start school make it to high school (UNESCO: 2008).

As the country's population is dispersed throughout 80 islands, the efficient delivery of health care, education and other social services is difficult (UNICEF: 2008). Poverty forces many children to drop out of school because their parents can't afford school fees. Providing even the most basic education is made even more difficult by Vanuatu's linguistic diversity. English or French are the languages used in schools, yet over 109 living languages are spoken throughout Vanuatu.

In 2009, the National Auxiliary of ABM has chosen to fund literacy in Vanuatu.