

Proclaiming the Gospel in the Philippines



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
– 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

- **\$350** runs community consultations in Mindanao for the Church
- **\$600** allows for two training seminars, focusing on evangelization and leadership, in a new mission area

Archbishop Roger Herft with the Prime Bishop of the ECP Edward Malecдан outside St. Mary the Virgin, Sagada. © Dr Linda Kurti/ABM 2007

In total we are trying to raise \$18,750 in 2009

Imagine what it must be like to be young and gifted, full of energy and enthusiasm, but unable to fulfill your potential because of poverty. Well, that's just the situation in which the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) finds itself. Established in 1901, the Church became a self-governing part of the Anglican Communion in 1990. There are six dioceses which cover the archipelago, and each of them strives to proclaim Jesus Christ.

The Reverend Lioba Achawon is a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines. She coordinates the Diocesan Renewal and Evangelism Program. She tells us: 'The clergy and lay

people who participate in the Renewal and Evangelism Program will be enhanced through skills and leadership development. The clergy will be able to minister to the people more effectively and the trained lay people will be able to assist the clergy in church services, lead Bible studies and prayers even in the absence of the clergy, especially in far-flung areas where no clergy are available They'll also be able to help in the education of the other members of the Church.'

ABM is asking Australian Anglicans to generously support the work of our young but highly-capable sister-Church in spreading the Good News.



Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines, and in particular for Bishop Edward Malecдан, for Bishop Brent Alawas, his coadjutor, and their priests and people, remembering especially the Revd Lioba Achawon, the Diocesan Renewal and Evangelism Program Coordinator.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Luzon, and in particular for Bishop Renato Abibico and his priests and people, remembering especially Fr Hilary Pasikan, the Renewal, Evangelism and Stewardship (RES) Program Coordinator.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Diocese of the Southern Philippines, and in particular for Bishop Danilo Bustamante and his priests and people, remembering especially Pastor Nemesio 'Jun' Trinidad, a member of the Brotherhood of St Andrew and the Diocesan Coordinator of the Lay Organizations.

Robert McLean - Church to Church Manager

Robert has often described himself as a professional Anglican who has worked in a variety of Church contexts. His motivation is to help the Church to become stronger, more vibrant and focused on growth. Although the development sector is new for him, Robert finds it both challenging and rewarding. His most significant moment at ABM was hearing a first-hand account of the plight of the people of Zimbabwe from the Bishop of Harare, Dr Sebastian Bakare. Robert is grateful for the generous support that ABM donors give to this project and to the Church to Church Program.



As the manager of the Church to Church Program, he is able to develop the skills he's acquired working for the Anglican Church during most of his adult life. Robert says that whether it is through his contact with Anglicans in Australia or in our partner Churches overseas, he knows that he is working with members of his own family.

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OUR PROFILE ABM is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia.

We work with Anglican Church Partners to develop and provide for the spiritual, social and material needs of people, both overseas and within Indigenous communities in Australia. We help the Anglican Church and the wider community realise and respond to the call for each of us to be a part of God's hope for the world.