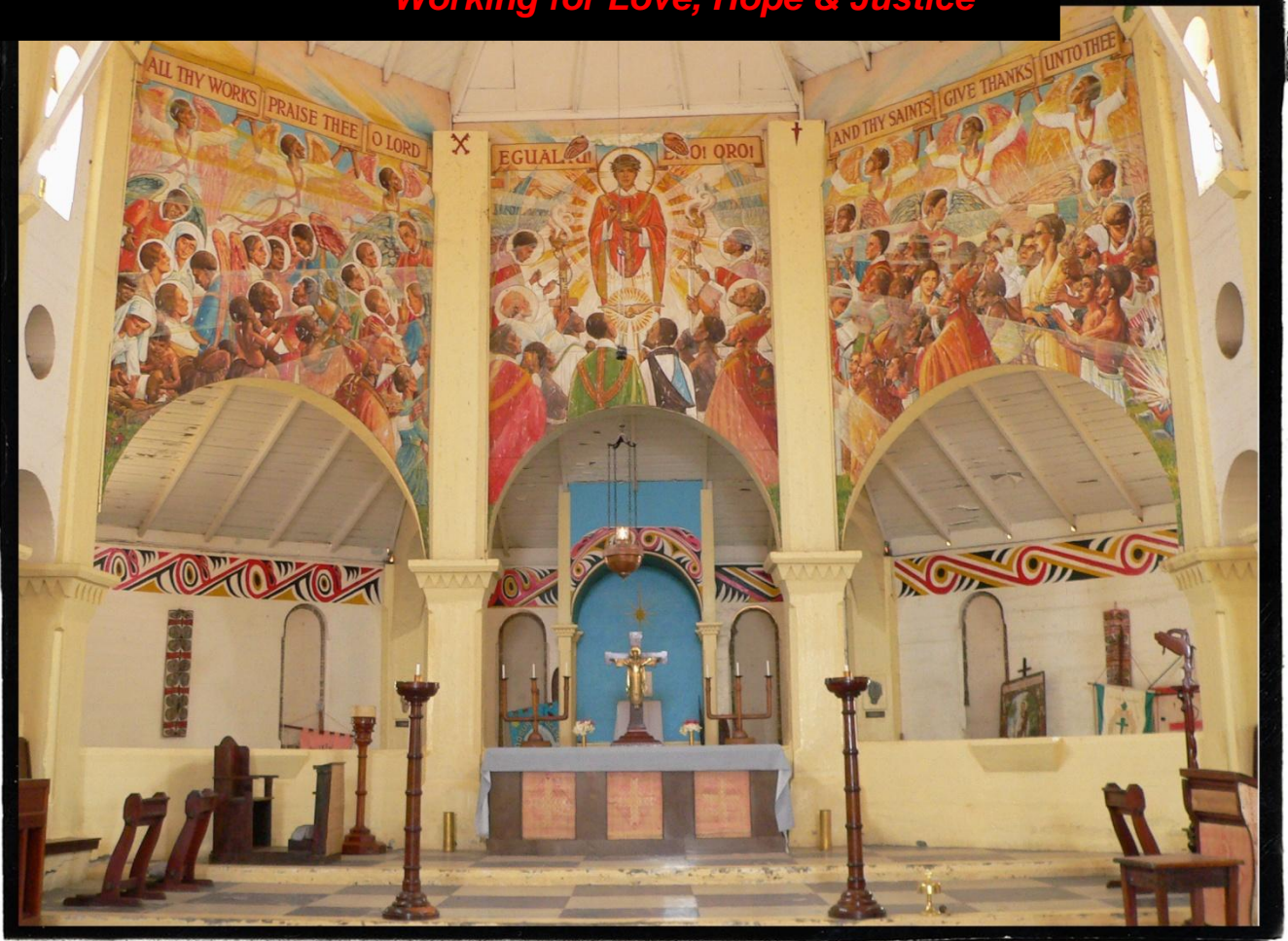


# PARISH PROJECT 2010

*Working for Love, Hope & Justice*



*The interior of the cathedral of Saint Peter and St Paul in Dogura, Milne Bay Province. © DonBrice/ABM2008*

## Proclaiming the Gospel in Papua New Guinea

**Target: \$8,000 in 2010**

Bishop Clyde Igara of the Diocese of Dogura is on a mission to help the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) to grow and strengthen in faith. He believes that by providing training for all lay evangelists, both men and women, they will be better equipped to spread the Good News within their local parishes.

In the Diocese there are more than 30,000 Anglicans. Over the last few years, the Church has been focused on expanding the number of parishes. At present, there are 25 parishes and 180 churches within Dogura Diocese.

It is important to the Church that lay ministers are able to support ordained clergy, equipped with some knowledge of the Bible and sacraments to help the congregation in their spiritual journey. They are taught to communicate and evangelise more effectively, so that the gospel can be shared with others, some of whom are hearing about Jesus for the first time.

Over the next ten years Bishop Clyde wants to concentrate on the evangelism programs so that people will become more responsible for their local churches and parishes.

ABM hopes that the ACPNG will be able to reach out to more people and help them experience life through Christ with funding from this project.

### **What your gift can do:**

- **\$15** will provide a Bible for an evangelist
- **\$250** will train an evangelist for mission in Dogura Diocese

### **Prayer Points:**

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea.
- Give thanks for those whose who have a passion for spreading the Good News, to make God known to all.
- Pray that the people of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea will continue to grow in their faith.

### **The Right Revd Clyde Igara, Bishop of Dogura**

*"I believe that it is God's will that I had become the bishop of His Church, so that the wealth of experience I have received in the secular world... I am willing to work with the people to make them know their God and make Him real, to live with Him in everyday Christian life – and not only for a few hours on Sunday."*



### **Papua New Guinea Facts:**



**Location:** Oceania, group of islands including the eastern half of the island of New Guinea between the Coral Sea and the South Pacific Ocean, east of Indonesia

**Population:** 6,057,263 (July 2009 est.)

**Languages:** Tok Pisin, English, and Hiri Motu are official languages; some 860 indigenous languages spoken (over one-tenth of the world's total)

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 27%, Evangelical Lutheran 19.5%, United Church 11.5%, Seventh-Day Adventist 10%, Pentecostal 8.6%, Evangelical Alliance 5.2%, Anglican 3.2%, Baptist 2.5%, other Protestant 8.9%, Bahai 0.3%, indigenous beliefs and other 3.3% (2000 census)

### **(CIA-The World Factbook)**



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**OUR VISION** ABM wants to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ, and to this end support our partners as they participate in God's mission.

**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.