



**VANUATU CYCLONE PAM EMERGENCY APPEAL - [www.abmission.org/vanuatu-emergency](http://www.abmission.org/vanuatu-emergency)**

**Cyclone Pam, which hit Vanuatu over the week-end (14<sup>th</sup> March), has led to a State of Emergency being declared across 65 islands with a total population of 267,000.**

The Cyclone was one of the fiercest in living memory. Communication to the tiny state of Vanuatu was knocked out due to the severe winds and rains. Aerial sightings have shown devastation across most of the islands. Eight people have been confirmed to have died but this number is expected to rise sharply once communication is re-established with areas outside Port Villa, the capital city.

ABM's staff member responsible for our programs in Vanuatu, who was on a monitoring visit to the country, was unable to leave Northern Vanuatu last week as the rains meant that planes could not land on the sodden grass runway. We pray as we await to hear news.

Bishop Nathan Tome, currently Bishop of Guadalcanal who was formerly the Bishop of Banks and Torres, the northern most diocese of the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) in Vanuatu, spoke with ABM on a scheduled visit to our Sydney offices. "I spoke with my wife last week; she was concerned as the winds are quite strong, the seas are high and the rain heavy. I have not been able to speak with her or anyone else from ACOM all week-end."

ABM are seeking to raise **\$100,000** to provide emergency relief for those displaced. ACOM is currently assessing their most immediate requirements and we will respond accordingly.

**To keep up-to date or to donate to ABM's Vanuatu Cyclone Emergency Appeal** please call on 1300 302 663, email [info@abm.asn.au](mailto:info@abm.asn.au) or visit [www.abmission.org/vanuatu-emergency](http://www.abmission.org/vanuatu-emergency)

***Please pray for the cyclone victims, and all who are helping in the relief effort.***

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