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Waiting excitedly outside the church at Ngukurr for the start of the ordination service. © Anne van Gend, 2013. Used with permission.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2014 edition of ABM’s Project Book, bringing to you the work of our Partners here in Australia and overseas.

Within the book, you will find a range of projects which express ABM’s commitment to mission through partnership. The spectrum of activities is diverse as ABM responds to spiritual and physical need in the world around us.

All the projects give witness to the transforming love of God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and bear the ‘marks of mission’. Where possible they also seek to remedy or alleviate the actual causes of the need and to provide sustainable change and benefits.

I would ask you to consider supporting one or more of these projects over the next 12 months. Such support may take a number of forms – through giving, prayer and making our work known to others.

At the same time I would like to thank each of you, whether individually or collectively through your diocese, parish or school, for the support that you have provided to ABM and our Partners last year.

I hope that you will be inspired by the work of our Partners and continue to give thanks to God for their faithfulness.

May you have a blessed and prosperous 2014.

Yours in Christ

The Rev John Deane
Executive Director
The Bishop’s Award Project and Clergy Retreats, Diocese of the Northern Territory

The Bishop’s Award Program has been formed over last few years in consultation with indigenous people in the Northern Territory.

It aims to encourage, train and support the people of these local communities so they are equipped to do ministry.

The Ministry Development Officer of the NT, the Rev Anne van Gend told ABM of some of the challenges indigenous clergy face.

“There are a number of languages, big distances to cover, it’s expensive but it’s deeply worthwhile because the ministry in those communities is so important,” she said.

“It’s tough to be the centre of ministry and a pastoral support in communities where there are weekly tragic deaths, a great deal of dysfunction, a huge amount of depression and much substance abuse.”

To assist with some of these challenges ABM also helps to fund retreats for indigenous clergy.

In 2013 the men went to a lagoon and shared bible stories and had a wonderful time fishing.

The women went to Darwin and enjoyed a week of refreshment and met some non-indigenous clergy. They were able to think about how the love of Christ can rejuvenate them and refill them.

Rev Anne van Gend said, “The churches are a centre of hope in Arnhem Land. We hear a lot of negative things, and in fact there are, but it is still a place of hope. Indigenous clergy work at a very grass-roots level. The people who come to worship with them do so because they need God and they need hope. There is some purpose and future. In praying for these people we need to pray for strength for the leaders and give thanks for the fact that there is so much good happening in a place that doesn’t often have good news. We are very grateful for ABM and all those who support this ministry in the top end of Australia.”

You can help support this project and provide encouragement to our indigenous clergy.

$ AU008 needs $33,000
With students coming from a wide cross-section of top end communities, Nungalinya College in Darwin provides training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The College has courses in literacy and numeracy, media, music, and theology. The courses being offered in media and music are particularly focused on young people and seek to empower and encourage them in their faith as they learn technical skills.

Currently students come from over 20 different communities as well as tiny outstations. Often these communities are in the news as places of severe dysfunction but the students remind us that in all these places there are faithful Christian people trying to make a difference.

Many of the students are key Christian leaders in their communities and work in a voluntary capacity to improve the conditions there.

The literacy and numeracy project is a vital part of the work of Nungalinya College. Students are highly motivated to learn because teachers are using the Bible as the basis for learning literacy. They are keen to be able to read the Bible and grow in their faith. Teaching numeracy helps with the fact that the inability to manage money is currently a huge problem for many Indigenous people in remote communities.

The course provides a basis for further study in theology or for students to enter employment. Many end up working in schools, medical clinics, playgroups, credit unions and women’s shelters so the skills they learn at Nungalinya College are vital for their ability to be employed.

By supporting this project, you can help empower Indigenous people to have the basic skills they need for life as well as opportunity for further study and employment.

Diocese of Bathurst – the Rev Gloria Shipp

The Rev Gloria Shipp’s work within Walkabout Ministries in the Diocese of Bathurst aims to empower people and encourage transformation in lives through fellowships.

Gloria works on a variety of activities including Women’s Dinners, weekly Elders groups, Sunday services, Juvenile Justice Centre Chaplaincy, Camps for the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community, as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Her ministry is shared with her husband and other helpers.

As the Chairperson of NATSIAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) many hours are spent with administration and organisation of travel to gatherings and meetings for all other members. Her responsibilities as the NATSIAC Chair are an encouragement to all members across the country.

Other challenges for Gloria include ongoing support of the boys she is Chaplain to at Orana Juvenile Justice Centre. This work requires resilience and positivity to support the boys in difficult situations. Financial support from ABM provides administration support and contributes to Gloria’s stipend.

You can support Gloria in her work to address some of these challenges and continue to provide Indigenous ministry in Bathurst in 2014.
Thank you. ABM has been a wonderful supporter of Gawura since 2009 and continues to support a Gawura secondary scholarship (Middle School) in partnership with St James’ Church. We are immensely grateful for the passion and commitment of all our supporters in particular ABM, without whose support, Gawura would not exist today.

Gawura Secondary School Scholarship

In 2013, 25 Indigenous students were enrolled in Gawura School (K-6 multi-stage class), and 10 students in the Secondary Scholarship program. The year prior, three students from the Gawura successfully completed their HSC at St Andrew’s Cathedral School. One of them is now studying a Bachelor of Fine Art, the first in his family to complete Year 9, not to mention be accepted into university.

With success like this, the Gawura School is a quiet revolution in Indigenous education. The unique program, which commenced in 2007, offers places for up to 28 students in a multi-stage class for Kindergarten to Year 6, delivering an intensive programme of literacy and numeracy development in a vibrant environment that celebrates and strengthens Indigenous culture.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are incorporated deeply into the teaching program, including instruction in Wiradjuri, an Aboriginal language. Students undertake targeted literacy and numeracy programs within the Gawura classroom, and join other St Andrew’s students for art, drama, sport, music and other co-curricular and social activities.

Gawura students are provided a dedicated bus service to and from school, a major factor in achieving attendance rates of greater than 90%. All students commence in Kindergarten to support the philosophy of “Stop the Gap” rather than close it.

After Year 6, Gawura School “graduates” are offered a smooth transition to St Andrew’s Secondary School and are provided full scholarships taking them through to Year 12. In fact in 2014, the first cohort of Kindergarten students will transition into Year 7 at St Andrew’s Cathedral School.

Help continue the success of students at Gawura and empower young Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders to gain an education.

$ AU009SS needs $35,200
$ AU003WB needs $55,000

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns

The mission of the College is to equip students through training, to empower them with the necessary skills for them to be effective within their own homes and their communities.

ABM supports Wontulp-Bi-Buya in Cairns to help achieve this mission.

Victor Joseph, the Principal of the College reports on some success stories.

“Many students of the College have gone on to study all the courses we offer and they leave a better person than when they were since commencing studies. To give an example, we had an atheist who came to study at the College and within a few months of studying he was baptised in a swimming pool and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour and he’s now a trainee teacher of the College,” he said.

“There’s another example of a few students who come from communities where there is no priest but they want to proclaim the Gospel themselves and share the good news of what they are learning here at the College.”

By supporting Wontulp-Bi-Buya College you can contribute to these success stories. Supporting the College will help to grow the ministry to Indigenous Australians and also develop its profile to further sustain and build its activities.
ABM’s work in Myanmar is diverse. Programs vary from youth community work training, water projects, community based development projects and the funding of the provincial development desk in Myanmar.

From here, the work of the church is coordinated including the management of the community development work, with support from overseas partners. Through these programs ABM works with the church in Myanmar to empower locals to strengthen their own communities.

One project, BumSam Mission Middle School, is working to strengthen education in rural Myanmar.

The school is about 50 miles from Sumprabum, a small town in the north of Myanmar and a further 150 miles away from Myitkyina, the closest city. Because it is in a remote, mountainous area there has only been a small primary school until 2012 when there was a need for a middle school and the primary school grew due to demand.

The school was run by volunteer teachers at first. Some of them graduated from theological colleges and universities and some of them are catechists. Then the Diocesan bishop managed to fund the salary for the teachers by finding sponsors.

Today, more teachers are needed as the number of students is dramatically increasing and more resources are required. ABM assists with this project so that the local people, who have not had access to education for a long time, develop and the region also benefits as education levels increase.

The Anglican Young People’s Association (AYPA) conducted youth training in previous years and has had great success. Some young people were employed by NGOs and some served the church by working at their Diocesan offices. Some youth even attended theological schools.

They applied the knowledge that they learnt from the training and were capable of performing with excellent ability in their chosen field of education and work.

With these achievements, the Provincial AYPA is planning to provide a similar training to last year. ABM will support this work to implement the capacity building program for the new generation in the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

You can help support projects like this and more throughout Myanmar. Phone for more details 1300 302 663.
Almost half of the health workers working in the area this project will target indicated they did not know how HIV was spread. It is this lack of knowledge that increases the community stigma for people living with HIV. This health project in Fengping district in Yunnan Province, China aims to improve the livelihoods of the people living with HIV (PLHIV), decease the stigma and improve the capacity of local health workers.

In the target locations, a baseline survey showed that 91% of PLHIV feel excluded from the general community. In order to improve the livelihoods and self esteem of these people, the project will establish care and support groups, run agricultural training, and administer microloans.

Care and support groups are particularly targeted at injecting drug users, who are the key risk population in the area. The health and confidence of people living with HIV will be improved by providing opportunities for social interaction, counselling, nutrition assistance as well as physical checkups.

To meet the second aim of improving the capacity of local health services to respond to and treat HIV and related conditions, the Amity Foundation, in cooperation with the Chinese Health Bureau, will work closely with local health facilities to improve the knowledge and skills of health workers to respond to HIV, and provide clinics with the necessary equipment.

100 health workers from town and village health centres will receive training from the Centre for Disease Control experts three times per year. This training will reduce current high levels of stigma towards people with HIV and health workers will learn how to recognise and treat anti-opportunistic infections.

The baseline survey also showed that up to 90% of general community members hold incorrect beliefs about modes of HIV infection. 10,000 villagers and 150 village leaders will be targeted with HIV-related information, and 84 community activities will be undertaken throughout the life of the project. These activities will be implemented by local Women’s Associations in cooperation with established PLHIV groups, with the aim of improving community understanding of the virus, leading to reduced levels of discrimination towards people living with HIV.

ABM’s work with the Amity Foundation has seen a number of public health information campaigns which have improved community health. © ABM/Julianne Stewart, 2012.
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children’s Program

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Education program which builds young children’s faith and encourages them to develop a conscious and intimate relationship with God.

The Catechesis is divided into three levels, split into age groups from 3 to 12. The catechist acts as facilitator of the children’s self-discovery of the meaning of these things for themselves. The program covers the essentials of faith and all three levels include presentations on the Sacraments, the Bible, Geography, Infancy and Passion Narratives, Prophecies, and Parables, in an age-relevant way.

This faith development program is one which provides firm foundations for children and is being very well received in Kenya by both children and their families.

The Archbishop has heard this positive feedback and wants it to spread all over Kenya. His Diocese includes the huge Kibera slum where there is a need to grow faith in the children there as well as in other slums and poor rural areas.

The church in Kenya has requested ABM provide funding to help to further develop the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children’s ministry there.

In 2014 the church aims to further develop a training area for leaders in Nairobi, to grow this ministry in the Kibera slum and to further train its Formation Leaders.

Given the success in Kenya, it is hoped some funding will also go to develop this ministry in Uganda and South Sudan.

Please give to this project if you want to help strengthen children’s faith in Africa.

KE003YC needs $18,000

KE003TR needs $24,000

Machakos Diocese Leadership and Management Training – Phase 2

In 2013, 1590 leaders from 106 parishes were trained in readiness for the division of Machakos diocese into two dioceses of Makueni and Machakos. There was a peaceful transition and now there are two Dioceses, each with their own Bishop.

The next step in this project is important as it addresses the leadership challenges and problems faced by the community. Since the dioceses are experiencing rapid growth, this calls for good leaders and for the community members to be strong in terms of having sustainable and diverse livelihoods. This will mean that they can contribute positively to the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Phase 2 is to train ‘trainers’ to continue the work and spread the learning. There are inadequate skills for leadership and management roles in the church so this training is very important.

Generally people who attend church in these regions are poor and lack options for livelihood improvements which would enable them to be in a position of supporting the mission work.

The training will also focus on the socio-economic status of the people who attend church and aim to build improvements for the general community.

Each of the two Dioceses will hold a two-day vision conference aiming to upgrade the leadership and management skills for the struggling parishes in both dioceses.

This visioning will culminate with training of the trainers who will be empowered to then continue with more training in the future.

You can support this project and grow the number of leaders throughout this region in Kenya. Give generously to help strengthen leaders and in turn, their communities.
Martha and other women tend to their multi-storey gardens. © ADS-Eastern, 2013. Used with permission.

Integrated Livelihood Improvement (previously Wanzauni)

In eastern Kenya, people experience long periods of drought so often that these conditions have become the norm. Two staff members of ABM visited ABM’s partner, the Anglican Development Services (ADS) – Eastern, and saw the hardship of the communities they serve, and how the church in Kenya is standing in solidarity with those who are poor and in need.

The Kamba people in south eastern Kenya have experienced at least five periods of drought in the last ten years. Martha and her family were among those affected by the harsh conditions and she had no choice but to queue up at the local government office to receive support.

Families like Martha’s are able to register with the government to access this relief support (3kg of rice or maize for each family). Martha and her family have been on the register for the last ten years. But proudly, in February this year, she was able to walk to the office of the district area chief and ask for her family to be taken off this list.

Martha is one of the beneficiaries of ADS’s integrated food security program that works with communities to minimise the effects of climate change and periodic droughts by introducing farming techniques that promote resilience.

This program has introduced drought-resistant seeds and drip irrigation for vegetable farms which are close to the rivers or sand dams so that even with only very little water, farmers and their families can plant vegetables to eat and even to sell during drought periods.

In Martha’s village, a demonstration fishpond has been recently set up so that families can have fish throughout the whole year. Each time the fish are harvested, Martha and the other community members get a share of the harvest, as well as a share in the income from surplus fish sold in the market.

Martha has a multi-storied garden (what some call a kitchen garden) in her backyard planted with kale, spinach and other vegetables. She learned how to grow this food and look after it through the ADS program. After receiving training in poultry and goat raising she is breeding these animals and taking care of an organic farming compost.

ABM works in partnership with ADS – Eastern to help communities in the Ukamba region improve their livelihood and increase their resilience to the effects of climate change. This 3-year integrated food security program works with women and men with small farms, providing training in new agricultural techniques and teaching them environmental conservation measures to improve productivity, among other things.

You can help change more lives like Martha and her family by supporting this project.

$ KE001IC needs $140,000

More than 20 people in Kenya were assisted with additional sustainable energy access.

69 people working to overcome poverty in Kenya increased their access to financial services in 2013 thanks to ABM.
Literacy

Ethel George and Edith Willie from the Mothers’ Union (MU) work with the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) on the Literacy Program in Vanuatu.

The program relies on volunteers to be trained as teachers who can then go out and work within their communities. The church and its volunteers are hoping for a motivational skills workshop to assist them in ways to communicate with the public about the importance of voluntary services, and to get more people involved in teaching literacy.

This year they aim to organise some workshops on capacity building for the literacy teachers as well as MU workers.

During a visit to this project in 2013, ABM could see that in some locations the local people have adapted their own systems and methods of doing things. It is important ABM encourages these initiatives where they are happening. It is also important to support communities to advocate for greater government involvement in ensuring the education of all people in Vanuatu, particularly in rural areas.

Sabene Gomes, Pacific Programs Officer at ABM said, “Things are looking good now, and we hope that if the program can be maintained by the support of ABM, things will look even better in the future.”

“This really enjoyed my recent experience in Vanuatu and meeting with the MU literacy volunteers. We are currently looking at different ways of maintaining the program and achieving sustainability.”

You can help sustain the literacy program in Vanuatu by giving to this project.

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Update on Water and Sanitation

ABM staff member, Sabene Gomes reports on how your support of the Water and Sanitation project has helped people in Vanuatu.

“While I was at one of the sites in 2013, I actually saw some people coming up and using the water tank which was a really good thing to see. We also got reports from the majority of the priests in that area of people bringing empty bottles to fill them up and then using them at home.”

“I really think it’s benefiting the community and even the surrounding communities where the tanks are, so that was very impressive”, she said.

Fr Mathias Tarileo from Mango Parish said, “The total number of people living in Mango community who access the water tank is roughly about 400–500 including our children. We have our nearby villages such as Mango II and Nereg who also have access to use this water tank. So therefore if we total up the number of people in these 3 communities there are 600–700 people using this water tank.”

ABM’s support is still needed to continue to construct tanks in the many communities who still do not have access to clean water.
Health Commission Support

The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) continues to run a health system which complements that of the new government of South Sudan and helps to focus on the needs of people in rural communities and remote areas.

ABM began supporting this project for three years and helps to fund the salary of the Provincial Health Coordinator as he rolls out the church’s strategic plan for health.

The first two clinics are almost ready to receive patients and two more clinics are in the planning.

Community construction is part of the process. In 2013, field visits were also conducted to monitor the effects of the project. During one such visit to Maker Mayuen (Aweil), the villagers welcomed the diocesan development coordinator, community leaders and key government officials who were visiting.

The Health Coordinator said, “We were welcomed from about one mile from the village as the women and children pull goats that were meant for us. They ran and danced in applause as the women covered our two cars with their bed sheets. They wanted us to spend more time with them which we could not do for fear of rains and bad roads.” Community members were very happy to see their visitors because their needs will be met by the project.

In Maker (Wau), where a clinic is almost complete, the community expressed that they used to seek health-care services from northern Bar El Gazal which is far from Maker. In Maker Mayuen (Aweil), where no infrastructure and water sources exist, community members were very happy and urged that the project be started soon but warned their visitors of the poor roads and bad weather which would cause losses of materials and increase the project costs.

There are many challenges working in South Sudan. To travel to the remote areas of the project locations is expensive and very time consuming. In fact some locations are sometimes totally inaccessible, like Twic East, due to weather conditions.

In determining the location of these clinics, ECS works with state governments and the large health NGOs to ensure appropriate integration.

By supporting this project you will contribute to a stronger health system in South Sudan.

Solar Ovens Update

This project will be going ahead, it’s just taking us a little longer than we’d hoped. We are now working with the newly reconstituted development arm of the Church to ensure the project is rolled out this year. Check out our website for the most up-to-date information on this project, and all of our other projects.
In August 2013, the first Positive Parenting Program training began in the Solomon Islands.

This program aims to boost self-confidence of vulnerable members of communities such as women and children to play a more active role in the decision-making processes which determine their lives.

The initiative also aims to reduce the levels of Gender-Based Violence which are highly prevalent in the Solomon Islands. This is done by engaging wives, together with their husbands, in group sessions where family life is discussed and critiqued in a safe and open environment.

The program provides an opportunity for wives, husbands and other family members to come together with the wider community and speak about ways of promoting more positive interaction within the family unit which can then translate to the community at large. This ultimately leads to societal and behavioural changes where levels of physical, verbal and sexual violence within households are reduced due to heightened knowledge about good practices.

This program is led by volunteers from the Mothers’ Union (MU) who dedicate their time to teaching about parenting skills, associated health and children’s development.

“Home is the base of life in Melanesia and it’s really exciting to do this project that is centred on the home and parenting”, said Mary Vunagi, the coordinator of the program.

The program is starting in Honiara and it is intended to be rolled out across dioceses in the Solomons.

However, rolling it out really depends on funding as it’s an expensive program.

“People are waiting for this program,” Mary said. “We’re training volunteer leaders, and people in other dioceses are hoping they get to learn from it.”

The Positive Parenting Program is transforming communities by educating and empowering women and men with parenting skills and information that helps them to build community and strengthen values.

The first session of the training introduced seven women who were enthusiastic to learn. Some of these women were grandmothers. Jillian, a young woman with a 1-month-old baby confessed she knew nothing about child health, hygiene and disease. The majority of the group admitted to knowing little about how HIV is spread.

Many of these women are starting families and learning about parenting skills and support systems, such support and knowledge that we take for granted in the developed world.

Without this program, MU and ABM’s technical and financial support, these women would continue to lack opportunity to learn and, more importantly, teach their families and own communities.

Mary said, “It’s hard work, but it’s worth it. We value our work, it’s God’s work.”

“My dream is to see this as a national program with its own staff and resources,” she said.

You can support this project and help MU share the program with even more women and men in the Solomon Islands.

ABM is currently planning to work alongside the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) in order to develop an organisational wide Disaster Action Plan that will be applicable across all 9 dioceses in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. The plan aims to train Diocesan staff about emergency procedures and, in turn, train their corresponding communities on the basic and practical principles of Disaster Risk Reduction methods.

SB012PP needs $27,500
This initiative is aimed at capacity building for the Mothers’ Union (MU) to deliver services to the grassroots community in Melanesia, including the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. The Mothers’ Union is a strong arm of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, with around 16,000 members in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

The needs of women and families are great and the Mothers’ Union is struggling to do as much as it can to help. Leadership is a problem at all levels, and especially in rural areas where there are not many women who feel able to become office bearers. Although they are capable, they lack confidence. Therefore, leadership training and confidence building are very necessary elements of Mothers’ Union input into delivering effective services and mission to impact peoples’ lives.

This project gives support to the dioceses for capacity building to strengthen administration and leadership at all levels of the Mothers’ Union. Throughout 2013, visits have been made to Dioceses by the Provincial MU Team to conduct participatory workshops to identify the strengths that each area could build on.

The team has been welcomed to the Diocese of Temotu and Diocese of Hanuato’o. They said they did not come with the answers to every question but were there to help the Mothers’ Union members in each diocese to identify their own strengths and weaknesses. They also wanted to see what good things were happening in order to build and help them work more effectively in their leadership roles.

The participants were ready for this new experience and they identified areas to build capacity such as leadership, planning, money and financial matters. You can support this project and help empower the women of MU in Melanesia.

Bildim Ap – Mothers’ Union Leadership Empowerment

Edith Koete, President of Provincial MU in the Anglican Church of Melanesia, encourages women of the MU to serve God faithfully with the support of ABM through the Bildim Ap program.

“Our training aims to encourage relevant and dynamic leadership development for our growing community, society and the church. We are working to become effective witnesses of Christ in the most challenging situations of today and seek to be faithful to the aims and purpose of the MU.

“There are battles going on in the families, communities, churches, societies everyday, battles of deep and critical issues and problems on prostitution, trafficking, violence, and abuse affecting families, young people, men and women.

“This means that we in the Mothers’ Union must have the passion of sharing the gospel of Christ in our work, that brings life and gives hopes to the people and families we are looking after. All these challenges ask us to have a fresh vision of leadership so that we can have the inspiration and courage in working together with the people we serve, right at the heart of their own communities, sowing together the seeds of hope which will flourish into transformed future for families of all kinds. Our major programs and activities enable us to do just that, in order to foster strong families and independent communities.”

Edith Koete, President of MU. © ABM/Elizabeth Baker, 2013.

At the Christian Care Centre in the Solomon Islands, the only women’s refuge in the country, 25 women survivors of violence received services such as counselling:

Over 400 partner staff were trained in management, leadership and strategic planning through ABM’s Pacific partners including people in the Solomon Islands, PNG and Vanuatu.

Update on Climate Change

This program, now funded through the Disaster Risk Reduction, has achieved some good results in 2013. There is much to be done but Jasper Bonie, the Climate Change project worker, reported to ABM on how he has taken water tanks to Ontong Java.

“Water, especially for atoll islands is very difficult. It’s because of the intrusion of salt water that has created problems with good quality water to drink and to use for the community. So with this help, which ABM is providing, we are happy because we can actually improve the lives of people getting better quality water, better catchment and better systems so at least they have water all the time. We hope that they can sustain themselves for longer terms. So we are very happy with ABM’s assistance.”

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SB012YC needs $33,000

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Evangelism and Christian Education

Each year this project directly assists 50,000 people who come to learn the Christian story and strengthen their faith.

This project aims to create a strong mutual ministry in 2014. This mutual ministry will develop lay ministry through Christian Education in partnership with the clergy.

Encouraging churches to become self-sufficient and share resources with laity will help to build a Christian Education program that again reaches 160,000 people in the Philippines.

It is anticipated that new activities and materials will be developed to enhance lay ministries as well as continuing to strengthen activities among clergy which cover spirituality and shared ministry.

Such activities will be conducted yearly through spiritual retreats, seminars and workshops.

Our partner, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, aims to empower and challenge churches to become self-sufficient and, in turn, give opportunity to help smaller churches develop higher levels of status and financial autonomy.

The Evangelism and Christian Education Program Coordinator said, “Their churchmanship will be deepened resulting to a more meaningful Christian life and active participation to the life and work of the church.”

“The vision is to also open new mission opportunities, create more programs and better support clergy and other personnel,” he said.

This project needs $24,000 in 2014. Your support will share the Christian story with thousands who will come to know Jesus.

Community Capacity Building

This program is engaging with 14 new communities where ABM works in partnership with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) and the Philippines Independent Church, to empower communities in that country to work together to solve problems and change lives for the better. Here is one story of communities being transformed.

“Kunak no saantay nga maaramind daytoy idi damo” (“I thought we would not be able to accomplish this when we started.”) said the gentleman.

His neighbour responded and said, “Apay ket nga saan no agkaykaysa tayo amin nga agtrobah.” (“Why not, if we all work together?”)

This is a conversation that took place between two members of the Kabiraoan community in the northern Philippines as they and their fellow villagers were resting after lunch at the site of the reservoir tank where they had laid out the pipes that would bring water to the community.

While this may sound like an
This project is an umbrella for many smaller opportunities that allow community groups to identify an income-generating activity using resources already available to them.

One of the initiatives of this program is to ensure that the produce generated by communities, from their own economic empowerment activities get to market and provide them with income.

The program has established at least three shops to buy and sell local products rather than leaving communities to engage with middlemen who invariably give them a deal that means less money for their products and reduced income for their own community.

In 2014, one of the projects Economic Empowerment will help is focused on organising the group of knitters and weavers of Igorot Village into a Cooperative or a Knitters’ Association. The area is inhabited by a mixture of indigenous people called ‘Igorots’ and ‘Tagalogs’, an ethno-linguistic group. It has been identified that the people are already engaged in weaving for livelihood. They produce bonnets, scarves, sweatshirts, and other knitted products.

In order for these livelihood endeavours to be enhanced, it is recommended that they be organised for mutual support. In this way, they will also develop unity and cooperation between and among themselves which can lead towards better negotiating capacity with their clients.

The people are certain that when the project will be established and will operate as expected, their situation in life will improve a lot.

This project therefore is seen as a means of intervention in the community for the main purpose of improving their socio-economic situation.

Ordinary conversation, it reveals much of how the ABM-funded project changed the situation and relationships in four villages in the Municipality of Gonzaga. The people from these villages were beneficiaries of the Kabiraoan Community Water and Sanitation Project.

Local villages are inhabited by different indigenous groups. Animosity and mistrust prevailed among these culturally very different people. During a previous project sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, when the people from all four villages had been asked to contribute community labour towards the construction of a public solar drying pavement, there had been no cooperation from these neighbouring villages.

The development workers from the Episcopal Church use community asset mapping and other methods which encourage interaction among and between community members. These community meetings paved the way for the different villagers to be able to appreciate each other and to recognise each one’s strengths, thus slowly developing mutual respect and closer co-operation. The project has also made possible the coming together of members of the different Church denominations and sects to work for a common cause.

The project has shown all the villagers that they can accomplish much of what they want or need by adopting a spirit of unity, cooperation and mutual respect.

By supporting this project you are encouraging communities to use their own strengths and achieve goals.
Gender & Governance Initiative

Twenty kilometres and seven hours walk from the main road, along deep sandy tracks, is Lui-Mwemba Public School, the site of community meetings for an exciting initiative in Zambia.

Located in the Lui River Valley, Western Province, Zambia (population 1,300), there is no public transport from the village and numerous socio-economic challenges.

Limited employment opportunities, lack of access to health facilities (4–5 hours to a clinic) and higher education, low representation by police, poor agricultural soil, and poor road network hinders access to markets for selling produce or buying necessary medicines and fertilisers, the list continues.

In the wet season the valley floods and the commute to other villages is by canoe only.

The plight of women and children in this area has been exacerbated by negative cultural practices such as female child marriages, wife beating and rape, child beating, child labour, child defilement, land rights and gender inequality.

Through the Zambia Anglican Council’s Gender and Governance Initiative, the Lui River chiefs and community selected 20 volunteers (10 women, 10 men) from the valley to form a Gender and Development Action Group (GAD) which is tasked with sensitising the communities about negative cultural practices.

This sensitisation group is active, excited and engaged by their work. They utilise creative means to communicate their message about negative cultural practices such as group written drama, dance, songs, and poems, community traditional dancers, and reflection sessions.

The impacts are being felt in the communities. One village head man said, “I have learned something today – I do not have to wait for my wife to put water in the kettle. I can do it myself, and it is not a wrong thing to do.”

The action group holds business meetings at the Lui-Mwemba Public School and has established an income generation project – a community grocery shop.

This shop is both a source of income for the action group volunteers, and a provisioning point for the valley – selling vital items to villagers (school supplies, basic medical, hygiene and laundry items, and basic dry food goods) at affordable prices.

This saves the villagers a long walk to nearby towns, where prices are overly expensive. The group has established a revolving loan initiative (for group members) saving surplus funds to buy a threshing machine that can be used by the local communities who currently have to commute long distances to have their grain ground.

This is just one of a number of communities in which our partner, the Zambia Anglican Council, is working to build community awareness about gender equality and negative cultural practices. You can support this project and continue its success.

ZM003GE needs $130,000
St John’s Seminary – Training Leaders for the Church in Zambia

St John’s Seminary is the national Seminary of the Anglican Church in Zambia serving the five Dioceses.

In 2014 this project wants to develop a local university program which will enable priests and other participants to achieve the internationally recognised certificate.

This step would also improve resources for teaching at the Seminary.

The Rev Francis Mwansa of the College said, “We want to develop a local university program which will enable priests and other participants to achieve the internationally recognised certificate. Also to improve resources for teaching. We wish to promote theological training for lay people who are the majority in our congregations.”

“The church needs training for both the laity and clergy to support the growth of the church,” he said.

The seminary depends on donor support to top-up teachers’ salaries, who are paid less than most, contribute to costs for special courses, pay for technology and internet capacity as well as books for the library and students’ personal use.

In preparation for this opportunity to strengthen education, steps are being taken to register the Seminary with the ministry of education of the Zambian Government.

In 2014 St John’s Seminary needs $12,000. You can support this project to improve the education of clergy and others in Zambia.

Health Clinic Equipping

A number of health centres were built by the Zambia Anglican Council’s Health project in the last couple of years with donations from international donors, like ABM. Three of these clinics are in the areas of Mambwe, Chishkinka, and Chipili – remote rural areas where there are limited medical services. The health centre treats everyone who comes, however a large part of the services is the provision of maternal and new born health services.

These health centres currently sit empty and mostly unused, because funding from other donors was limited. Patients who come to these clinics are attended to in the facility yard – they do not use the inside of the clinic. Patients cannot be cared for inside these health centres because there are no mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, privacy curtains and not enough beds. As a consequence women have stopped attending the clinic for childbirths, and the risk of infant or mother deaths has substantially increased.

Through this short-term project maternal-child health services will be improved as pregnant women are able to access supervised delivery services, health checks and in-patient care. As a result of making these clinics functional, people in these three areas who will directly benefit from the clinics are: 13,155 women, 6,204 children under 5 years old, and 12,913 men; and those who will indirectly benefit: 8,156 women, 6,204 children under 5 years old, and 7,529 men.

Your support will greatly impact on lives of mothers, children and babies.

Health Centre in Ofrika village in the Torit area of South Sudan. © ABM/Beth Snedden, 2013.

ZM004TF needs $12,000

ZM003HE needs $38,500
ABM is able to support our overseas partners in helping to prepare churches and communities for disasters which may occur.

Disasters may include natural disasters such as floods, typhoons, cyclones and landslides or situations such as war or community violence.

ABM is currently supporting our partner the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) to create an organisational wide Disaster Action Plan which encompasses all dioceses within the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. After the disaster which hit Temotu in February this year, it became clear that a holistic Action Plan needed to be drawn up and implemented across the region which is known as the ‘Ring of Fire’ due to the high prevalence of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

As the effects of climate change take their toll, the region’s atoll islands are also coming under increasing threat. King tides, rising water levels and salt intrusion into water supply and crops is causing havoc in the region; all effects which are classed as contributing to a ‘slow onset disaster’. ABM is also assisting ACOM in their plan for the resettlement of inhabitants of sinking atoll islands such as Ontong Java and Sikaiana. This is being undertaken in conjunction with the National Government of the Solomon Islands and their Provincial counterparts.

This is just one example of how Disaster Risk Reduction funds are able to be used. In 2014, ABM will also support disaster risk reduction work with our partner in South Sudan. Climate-caused disasters are often exacerbated by, and can lead to, human conflict.

By supporting this project you will assist ABM’s partners in preparing safety action plans, conducting safety training with communities and adapting their work or environment to make them safer in instances of a disaster.


When disaster hits, the most vulnerable can lose not only their homes but also their livelihoods and even their lives. © Church in the Province of Myanmar, 2008. Used with permission.

Rising sea levels affect many of the low lying islands in our Partner countries. ABM is supporting strategies, which are being developed by our Partners, to reduce the effects when natural disasters occur. © ABM/Elizabeth Baker, 2013.
Responding to Typhoon Haiyan

In late 2013 the Philippines experienced one of its worst and most destructive typhoons on record. Across nine regions, 9.5 million people were affected, leaving at least 5,200 people dead and 620,000 displaced.

ABM launched an Emergency Appeal to support its Anglican Church partners, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) and the Independent Philippines Church (IFI), who are located in some of the worst affected areas.

The Philippines typhoon has hit the poor the hardest. Almost one quarter of the country’s population lives below the poverty line (DFAT). People who were already struggling had literally nothing — no clean water, no electricity, and almost no food, after the typhoon.

Fr Herbert Fadriquela Jnr, Executive Director of Visayas and Mindanao Relief and Development, part of IFI, was in his office when the typhoon hit.

“Suddenly there was an explosion in one of our power outlets in the conference room. When I saw smoke and sparks of fire in the power outlet, I rushed to the main switch and turned it off. I feel so nervous and cold,” he said.

When disasters like Typhoon Haiyan strike, it is ABM’s Global Rapid Response fund which allows ABM and its partners to react more quickly as we can dispatch funds immediately.

The Disaster Risk Reduction project also works with partners to prepare them for emergency situations.

Please give generously to these projects that assist in emergencies and also pray for the typhoon victims, the churches and aid workers who responded in the Philippines as people continue to rebuild their lives.

Also, in August 2013, ABM was able to respond to the worsening humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) with funds donated by supporters of this response.

Around 35,000 people have been internally displaced in the DRC and many others have sought refuge in surrounding countries. Anglican health centres and schools were destroyed and many women were being attacked and raped.

Bishop Ande Georges from the Diocese of Aru was most grateful for the financial assistance made possible by ABM donors.

He said, “Your quick action is much appreciated and we are grateful for your team (ABM Australia) for this kind and generous action for those who are suffering. Your support will be of great help.”

The assistance was specifically delegated toward food security in the region, and also toward the treatment of victims of rape, ensuring their future care and rehabilitation.

ABM’s timely support was possible because of the Global Rapid Response Fund.

Donations to this project provide emergency assistance that makes a tangible difference in the lives of many at a time of their greatest need.

Global Rapid Response

ABM is sending funds to the Episcopal Church of Sudan’s Sudanese Development and Relief Agency (SUDRA) to support various relief efforts in South Sudan.

The situation in South Sudan is still one of insecurity and political instability, with thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) continuing to need humanitarian assistance. According to reports from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), there have been 155,703 people displaced by violence since January 2013 (only those they were able to assess – actual figures will be more). Many thousands of people were again affected by severe flooding particularly in the northern half of the country in what is believed to be the worst flooding in 25 years. Many homes were destroyed as well as damage caused to essential infrastructure. The spread of water-borne diseases is a major health concern.

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The Gospel Festival will let young people and children play an active part in church life. © ABM/Isabel Robinson, 2012.

Papua New Guinea

2013 Diocesan Gospel Festival

This festival brings together youth, children and Sunday School ministry groups from different parishes to meet in Dogura for five days to exchange and share views and knowledge of the different ways and means of ministering in their respective evangelism programs.

The event will encourage and strengthen individuals and parish congregations by enabling them to network, share learning and compare different ministries.

This is the first time the church in PNG has brought together the young generation to give them an active part in the life of the church in the diocese.

Fr Martin Sawaroia said, “We did not give young people serious consideration in the past – and we believe this Gospel Festival will bring something new and good to our young people to look forward to in becoming full part of the Anglican Church, helping them to be good citizens.”

“Youth, children, and Sunday school ministries have been overlooked by the Church – and if there is anything in the parishes or local chapels, they haven’t been encouraged much. So, they become “on and off” ministries. The lay people including youth want to have a place in the church but the ordained ministry does not encourage it,” he said.

The Gospel Festival has a great response from the parishes and local churches – they have begun their preparations already. Leaders in the Anglican Church of PNG recognise that the outcome of this Festival will help to set direction for the future church in years to come.

You can support this new event and influence future generations. Please give to this project.

Evangelism Outreach to Deaneries

More than 120 lay evangelists and chapel priests have been able to complete refresher workshops through this program and are now back in their respective deaneries sharing the good news of the church.

This project has established diocesan evangelism teams that go out and work with the six deaneries in Dogura. This practical evangelism outreaches to communities and helps the lay evangelists implement the evangelism programs in parishes and local churches.

Around 3% of Papua New Guineans identify themselves as Anglican, although in some provinces (such as Oro) this figure is as high as 60%.

There are many areas where Christians are moving away from the Anglican Church to others or declining in their faith.

The diocesan evangelism coordinator said, “The Christians in the deaneries will be helped to know and understand the Christian values – and to accept the life which Christ has come into the world to offer on the cross. People will also come to know and understand the truths about life and come to reconciliation with each other in their families and communities. The people will be led to know their Lord and their God – who may become real in their everyday life in whatever they do and wherever they are.”

Over time, other evangelism programs, like the Diocesan Gospel Festival, will also become part of the deanery and parish evangelism programs. This project is part of a wider strategic plan for the church in PNG.

By supporting this project you are helping to share the Gospel in areas of Papua New Guinea.

PG013MF needs $9,900

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Previously ABM has offered funding to help the Melanesian Brothers of PNG with their evangelistic outreach. They are the Church’s frontline force, being the face of the Church in remote villages.

In 2014 four groups of Brothers will be brought together to understand ABM’s funding and, by working with the Diocesan Office, will properly plan to use the funds for their outreach programs for maximum achievement.

The Brotherhood’s Ministry is directed at the parishes – helping parish priests by visiting the families, giving more time to widows and orphans, praying for those who are sick and doing deliverance on people who practice magic, sorcery and witchcraft.

There has always been a lack of funding for the Melanesian Brotherhood which has left the brothers to turn to gardening for their needs and to choir singing as their main ministry, going around the parishes to raise funds.

Despite the lack of budget, the Melanesian Brotherhood is one of the Anglican Church’s great success stories. It was founded in 1925 by Ini Kopuria, a policeman from the Solomon Islands, whose vocation was fulfilled in the religious life. The order he founded spread to Papua New Guinea and now the Brothers number in the hundreds in that country.

It’s an order that fits right in with Melanesian culture as the Brothers make temporary vows after their novitiate which they can renew. Therefore it’s with no shame that Brothers leave the order to marry. Former Brothers often become clergy or lay leaders in parishes.

Brothers often travel long distances in difficult conditions to share the Gospel in rural areas of PNG. Some groups teach through performances and music, an effective way to outreach to communities.

This year ABM will support the Brotherhood and Diocese to plan their outreach work and maximise their resources.

Diocesan Secretary, Hardy Boloti said, “Thanks to ABM for coming to the Brotherhood’s rescue by supporting the diocese in funding their outreach programs.”

By supporting this project you will help the Brotherhood in their outreach to rural villages and parishes.
In 2014, ABM will be supporting the Anglican Church in PNG to improve the governance of its schools.

40% of people over 15 in Papua New Guinea are illiterate (DFAT). Therefore, investing in education helps to build skills and generate income as well as improve literacy levels throughout the country.

The new Anglican Education Division (AED) National Education Secretary, Percy Kaniniba, is a dynamic leader with a strong vision for the Anglican schools in PNG. Under his leadership, ABM will support five Anglican Agency Schools Conferences.

One conference in each diocese will enable school principals, teachers and administrators to meet and discuss how to improve the education services they provide. ABM will also support a conference of Diocesan Education Secretaries, to improve the governance and service delivery within the Education Division.

To complete the strengthening of education in PNG, ABM will support a high level conference to discuss the re-establishment of the Anglican Education Commission which is the highest body of the AED.

Whilst providing this support for education in PNG, ABM will continue its support of adult literacy schools in rural areas within Aipo Rongo and Dogura Dioceses, a highly successful program with mostly female students.

The women, after completing coursework and some practical training, received instruction in Bible readings and lessons, and in organising social and economic activities. On graduation they were given a Bible and Eucharist before returning to their village.

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Fr Rickson George Maomaoru is a school chaplain in the Solomon Islands. He spent three months in Australia in 2013 visiting schools and parishes as part of ABM’s Encounter program.

The Encounter program offers participants the opportunity to learn from ministry and life in Australia and also provides insight for ABM about experiences in our partner countries.

Fr Rickson visited ten schools and said he got a lot of experience about how they did things differently and it really enriched his life.

“It really encourages me when I go to different places, I still find that relationship is very important, knowing other people’s culture and learn about other people, what they are doing and what their beliefs are about, it’s enriching to me.”

“I think that my mission and my coming to here has also given me an opportunity to see more and broaden my understanding about different cultures aside to here and my work as a chaplain, to see different Anglican schools here, meeting different teachers, students and different people as well.”

Through his work as a school chaplain, Fr Rickson said he has a lot of opportunity to give more teaching and nurturing to young people while they are still young.

“I see a lot of success in that and I see young people really enjoy their youth in knowing about Christian faith and their lives and their future, and it is very encouraging.”

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 AU012EP needs $12,000
In the Gaza Strip, there is not one family who has escaped the affect of the ongoing political violence. Loss of life, injury and the loss of income has touched everyone, with poverty and poor health continuing to increase.

In 2014, ABM is supporting an outreach of Al-Ahli Arab hospital into the local community, the Child Nutrition Project.

This project will target children in the Gaza strip who need health services. The hospital staff will especially focus on those living in poverty and suffering from disease.

The social unit of the hospital will also work with children who are malnourished and ensure community partners can work with families on other facets of life.

All children who benefit from the program will receive treatment for three months from a medical team. Follow up care and health education will also be provided. If ongoing treatment is needed it will also be achieved through partnership.

Sawsan Aranki-Batato, head of the Diocesan Programs Development Department in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem said, “In Palestine the needs are massive so it’s crucial to prioritise the needs because of limited financial resources.”

“Thank you to ABM and the Australian church for the great support you are providing. This really helps us sustain our Diocesan services that we can provide to the needy people and it is highly appreciated. Particularly we are so excited for your contribution to the medical centre because it’s in great need in Palestine. Thank you,” she said.

You can give more to this region and support the Child Nutrition Project to care for children’s healthcare in war-torn Palestine.

$ PS001HY needs $27,500

Update from the Holy Land
Your support of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in past years has delivered quality care and love in this war-torn region. ABM is now supporting a specific Child Nutrition Project to continue care in Palestine.
Ethiopia

ABM supports St Matthew’s Community Library in Addis Ababa which serves as a quiet space for students studying for final exams and doing homework. It is located in one of the city’s poorest areas where most families cannot afford to buy textbooks for their children.

An average of 150 students use the library every day with approximately 1,500 enrolled members.

Ethiopia is one of the world’s poorest countries with over 20 million people living below the poverty line (UNDAF 2012-2015).

Education is a way out of poverty for many people but according to UNESCO, “Poverty is one of the main barriers to girls’ and women’s education.” Over 60% of adults are illiterate in Ethiopia, particularly women (UNDP 2009).

Many of the students who access the library are thankful for having access to reference books, textbooks and computers which their families can’t afford to buy. They are also able to use scientific calculators and technical drawing instruments.

One of the students said, “This library is like home for many students. I have been studying in this library since I was in grade 10. So far, I have got benefits from this library that I couldn’t get from any place else.”

ABM is continuing to fund the library as it is serving the needs of the local students and plays a valuable role in supporting their education.

The library has provided a place where children have access to books, computers and a peer support program aimed at improving study techniques.

Every weekday morning, the library also hosts a Breakfast Club where 40 children from vulnerable families are fed a cooked breakfast. Part of the funding goes towards buying breakfast for attending students who are assessed as most vulnerable.

Your support of the project will help to fund the salaries of two full time librarians, a relief librarian and two security guards. It will provide new books, and pay for utilities and administrative costs.

Community Library in Addis Ababa *New*

ET002CL needs $17,600
TOPIK – Towards Peace in Korea

In April 2013 leaders from around the Anglican Communion gathered for the 2nd Worldwide Anglican Peace Conference, held in Japan.

It was here they were encouraged to continue support for, and to join in with, the initiative of the Anglican Church of Korea, ‘Towards Peace in Korea’ (TOPIK), which is striving to promote dialogue with, and humanitarian assistance to, North Koreans.

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, who underscored the urgency of peace in the Korean peninsula said, “this Conference has come at the most needful time... May the initiatives you pursue contribute to the breaking down of enmities and to the establishment of a permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula.”

Those at the conference heard stories of, and saw vibrant hopes for, peace and reconciliation in the region. The Anglican Church of Korea is working in its ministry for the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula and humanitarian assistance to North Koreans in need.

Last year, the Korean church ran a campaign to help the North Korean people who are suffering from flood damage and Towards Peace in Korea actively participating in this. Permission had to be granted from the North Korean government so that humanitarian aid such as food and necessary items for the flood victims and those in need could be shipped to North Korea.

Your support of Towards Peace in Korea will help more food and aid be sent to North Korea and bring hope to those suffering the effects of the instability. Help promote peace by giving to this project.

**Living with St Francis**

In Korea, through ABM’s Partner, the Society of St Francis, there is often interest from lay people to study the Society of St Francis but there is not material nor opportunity available.

This project will offer lectures and field trips for lay people so they can study and understand the Franciscan approaches to some of the problems of modern society.

The aim of the program is to help educate people in Korean churches about Franciscan spirituality and theology, to help them proclaim and present the good news from Christ in their churches and communities.

St Francis’ ideas are focused on peace and environmental issues around us. It could be said that we can find clues for solutions to these problems from him.

Through this, Francis gives people in Korean society a way of thinking about many social issues about the poor, environmental pollution, and religious/cultural division, especially Islamic culture, and other religions in Korea.

Through this learning and understanding it is expected that this program can help to assist with some social problems in Korea including hatred against people of different cultures and religions.

This new project needs $9,204 in 2014 and your support will help reduce stigma and increase learning in Korea.
**General Global Fund**

The Anglican Board of Mission has a holistic view of God’s mission. We work with Anglican Church partners and others to see lives empowered and transformed spiritually, materially and socially.

All of ABM’s work in the field with our Partners is made easier by the relationships that we have. We often talk about the relationships with our Partners, which you generously support through prayer and donations.

These relationships vary in their complexity and breadth. We have some formal agreements with dioceses within Australia to carry out mission and development work on their behalf. We have working relationships with other Anglican agencies around the world to work together in certain countries but to also ensure that we’re not doubling up in other countries. There are also relationships that ABM has with other Christian agencies in Australia and overseas.

As the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, we sometimes undertake work for the Church, whether it’s acting as representative at a Primate’s enthronement, or facilitating a visit to Australia from someone around the Communion.

To make all of this happen and coordinate our regular programs, there is a significant amount of work that happens behind the scenes such as our financial department, governance bodies and administrative staff.

For ABM to effectively communicate across the country, our Diocesan Representatives gather once a year and our Auxiliary members also meet annually.

The costs associated with this other work do not come out of the money that you give for projects, but from the money that is kindly donated for ABM to continue its purpose of serving the Church. These funds continually need replenishing.

If you would like to support the work of ABM and help strengthen all of our work as well as our partner relationships please donate to the General Global Fund.

$ XG005GZ needs $110,000

**Anglican Alliance Support**

The Anglican Alliance has a mandate to bring together development, relief and advocacy work across the Communion.

Its mission is to build a world free of poverty and injustice. Churches and agencies working together worldwide.

To support relief, the Alliance helps the Anglican response to emergencies. Empowering 80 million Anglicans on the ground, closest to the need.

It also has an aim to advocate, to speak out against injustice and be a voice for the powerless. At global level, national level, and in every community.

Tagolyn Kabekabe, the Pacific Facilitator for the Alliance is based in the Solomon Islands and works to keep abreast of issues in the Pacific and facilitate relationships.

She told ABM, “It’s a good role, connecting the people in the Pacific, but actually it’s not only the Pacific Islands, it’s Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji.”

“I have contact with people in lots of places. I have this woman from Tonga, Reverend Lola. She actually helps to support, something like a crisis centre in Tonga, so she works there and I get feedback from her and lots of people on the ground,” Tagolyn said.

“I get to talk to the other facilitators and meet lots of people. There are facilitators in Brazil, South America and the Caribbean and in Bangladesh. There have been quite a lot of things happening in South East Asia, especially in Bangladesh. We are actually working on a trafficking paper to take to the UN, so we all work together.”

This development, relief and advocacy work cannot be done without the Anglican partners around the world.

ABM supports the Alliance by being a partner and contributing $50,000 to the Alliance’s work.

You too can help. Please donate to the Anglican Alliance Support in 2014.

$ XG011ZD needs $50,000
A selection of achievements by ABM’s Anglicans in Development Program

Over 4,500 poor people gained access to **agricultural technologies** in the Philippines and Kenya alone.

Over 2,000 people were provided with awareness raising/training on **gender issues** and women’s equal rights.

Almost 5,000 people were provided with **climate resilience training** and/or awareness activities.

11,632 people were provided with increased access to **safe water**.

1,696 men and women were trained in **literacy** in the Pacific.

$51,902 raised from our **Martyrs Day fundraising** campaign.

In Papua New Guinea over 2,200 people were provided with voluntary HIV/AIDS and STI testing, counselling and other **health care services**.

Almost 10,000 people were provided with HIV/AIDS and STI awareness or education.

ABM worked with partners to increase knowledge of **hygiene practices** for 2,653 people.

In the Solomon Islands **25 women survivors** of violence received services and support such as counselling at the **only women’s refuge** in the country.
Adopt a Project...
and support the Anglican Church around the world.

Help strengthen the Anglican Church around the world by supporting a project from this book. Simply fill out the form below and send it back to ABM.

Contact Details:
I/we are:  [ ] Organisation  [ ] Parish  [ ] Family
[ ] Individual  [ ] School  [ ] Other (please specify)

Please include all relevant information that applies to you in the following section:

Contact Name/s

Address for correspondence

State  Postcode

Phone daytime  Fax

Name of organisation/group/school (if applicable)

Name of Priest/Chaplain  Name of Diocese

Name of Parish (if applicable)

Email address

Pledge Commitment
I/We would like to pledge our support to the following project(s). (You may choose more than one project. If you need more space then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select the method of your pledge payments.

Project Name 1  Amount Pledged $

Project Name 2  Amount Pledged $

I would like to donate by:
[ ] Regular giving through ABM’s Direct Debit Program – Please turn over and complete the Direct Debit Section.

[ ] Regular giving via cheque payment:  [ ] fortnightly  [ ] monthly  [ ] quarterly

[ ] You will receive information about your project via email. If you wish to also receive a laminated project info sheet to display in your parish, please tick.

Immediate Donation
I/We would like to make a one-off donation to the following project(s). (You may choose more than one project. If you need more space then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select your method of payment.

Project Name 1  Amount $

Project Name 2  Amount $

[ ] I enclose my cheque made out to ABM

[ ] OR  [ ] I will deposit the amount directly into the ABM account.

Acct Name: Anglican Board of Mission – Australia  BSB: 032 008  Acct: 130754

Describe transfer as NAME OF DONOR and PROJECT CODE

OR  [ ] Charge my credit card (minimum credit card donation $10):  [ ] Visa  [ ] MasterCard  [ ] Diners  [ ] Amex

Credit Card Number  Expiry

Name on card

Signature

Please detach and return this form to:

POST  Att: Vivienne For
Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd
Locked Bag Q4005
Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230

FAX  (02) 9261 3560

EMAIL  info@abm.asn.au

Gifts to ABM will be applied to the support of project(s) selected. In the unlikely event of the project being oversubscribed or not proceeding to completion, donations will be applied to a similar project to the one(s) selected.
**Request to debit my account**

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Request and authorise Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM) to process the amount specified below through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System from an account held at the Financial Institution below, subject to the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement and further instruction that may be provided below.

**Name of Financial Institution that holds the account**

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**Details of account and amount to be debited**

(Please note that direct debiting may not be available on all accounts)

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**Acknowledgement and Signature of Account Holder**

By signing this Direct Debit Request you acknowledge that you have read this and understand the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (overleaf) under which debit arrangements are made between you and ABM as laid down in this Direct Debit Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

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DEFINITIONS
‘account’ means the account held at your financial institution from which we authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.
‘Agreement’ means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.
‘business day’ means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a national public holiday. ‘debit day’ means the day that payment by you to us is due.
‘debit payment’ means a particular transaction where a debit is made.
‘Direct Debit Request’ means the Direct Debit Request between you and us.
‘us or we’ means Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM);
‘you’ means the customer who signed the Direct Debit Request.
‘your financial institution’ is the financial institution where you hold the account that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

DEBITING YOUR ACCOUNT
By signing a Direct Debit Request you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this Agreement for the terms of the arrangement between us and you.
We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request
OR We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the Direct Debit Request, a billing advice that specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.
If the debit day falls on a day that is not a business day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following business day.
If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

CHANGES BY US
We may vary any details of this Agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days’ written notice.

CHANGES BY YOU
If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment, you must notify us in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next debit day.
You may cancel your authority for us to debit your account at any time by giving us fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next debit day.
You may change the arrangement (but not stop, defer or cancel) under a Direct Debit Request by telephoning us on 1300 302 663.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS
It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request. If there are insufficient funds in your account to meet a debit payment you may:
a) be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution;
b) also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment
You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

DISPUTES
If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 1300 302 663 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. If we conclude, as a result of our investigations, that your account has been incorrectly debited we will request your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted. If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will provide you with reasons and any evidence for this finding. Any queries you may have about an error made in debiting your account should be directed to us in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve the matter between you and us. If we cannot resolve the matter you can still refer it to your financial institution which will obtain details from you of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on your behalf.

ACCOUNTS
You should check:
a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions;
b) your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and

c) with your financial institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

CONFIDENTIALITY
We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information. We will only disclose information that we have about you to the extent specifically required by law, or, for the purposes of this Agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim). The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia will not sell, lend, disclose or give your personal information to any external individuals or organisations unless:
a) you have consented to the disclosure;
b) Anglican Board of Mission – Australia reasonably believes that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to an individual’s life or health; or

c) the disclosure is required by law.

NOTICE
If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this Agreement you should write to ABM-A Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230.
We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.
Any notice will be deemed to have been received two business days after it is posted.
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