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PROJECT BOOK

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Welcome to the ABM Project Book for 2009



As I was reading about our projects this year, I was reminded of the long history ABM has in working with people both in Australia and overseas. More than one hundred and fifty years ago, ABM began supporting missionaries in their work. Today, the seeds sown by those labourers have borne much fruit. Partner Churches have emerged with their own vision and sense of mission and we are now able to step back and listen. We listen to their needs and discuss solutions. In the process we learn from each other and grow, all of which enriches our understanding of God's purpose in mission.

Thousands of people around the world benefitted from the generosity of Australian Anglicans last year. The first indigenous principal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns received funds from ABM supporters as well as people in Myanmar who were devastated by Cyclone Nargis. In the coming year, our work will continue and extend into other projects that will provide food aid in North Korea or enhance ministry in the Philippines.

Within these pages I know that you will find many projects worthy of your support and, on behalf of our partners, I would like to thank you for that support – in the past and into the future.

God bless,

The Revd John Deane, Executive Director, Anglican Board of Mission

Below you will find all the information you need to sign up for a project this year, but if there is something else you would like to know please do not hesitate to contact us. ABM's Liaison Officer, Vivienne For, can be contacted through the ABM office on 1300 302 663 (Sydney 9264 1032) or by email at: vif@abm.asn.au

So what do you need to do?

Please have a look through our Project Book and see the many ways in which you can support our Partners. Then...

For Parishes/Schools and Groups: make a decision about which project you would like to support this year, and how much you think you can raise. Please also consider a second project – just in case the one you choose first is fully subscribed. Then turn to page 24 and complete the form.

For Individuals and Families: once you have made a choice (and a second option just in case) please complete the form on page 25. You might also like to consider providing your gift through the Direct Debit process. If so please also read and complete the form on pages 26 and 27.

Tax deductibility

ABM's Community Development programs and some indigenous projects are tax deductible and appropriate receipts will be provided. Donations to these programs can also count toward the amount which your parish contributes. If you would like your parish to benefit from the amount you give, please let us know the name of your parish on your form so it can be applied.

Other questions you might want to ask?

We want to support the project we've always supported but we are unable to find it in this book?

That's OK – just write the name of that project on the form and we will ensure your gift is credited to that particular project (if it's still being supported in 2009 by ABM). If it's not running because it's finished or for another reason, we will advise you and give you a second option of a similar project.

What if the project I send my gift in for is oversubscribed or does not go ahead in 2009?

Sometimes when parishes and individuals send us their gift (often at the end of the year), a project is oversubscribed or isn't able to go ahead, even though when you signed up this was not the case. If it should happen that any of the listed programs do not proceed or are over subscribed, funds will be applied to your second nominated project or when you have not nominated another project, to a similar project within the same program.

We have always supported a project; do we have to fill in a form?

Yes please – it helps us to keep our records straight and provide you with ongoing information about your chosen project. It also gives us an idea of how much we might be able to send to our Partners.

We don't want to support a project but we do want to send ABM some money.

ABM is always very grateful to those who continue to support our general fund. This money can be used for a variety of activities that we are involved in. Please advise us by letter if your gift is for ABM's general funds.

What happens once we sign up?

You will be sent a confirmation letter advising you that we have received your form. Then we will send you a project kit which will give you information about your chosen project and the Partner Church you are supporting including prayer points.

Later in the year we will provide you with a further update. If you are continuing to support the same project as in previous years we will provide you with an update on that project.

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Hailye Fantanun studies in a library established by the Anglican church in Ethiopia.

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The Revd Nathaniel baptising in a billabong at Minyerri in the Northern Territory. © Gwen Tremlett 2007.

As Indigenous Australian communities have changed over the last two centuries, the Anglican Church's ministry to these communities has also changed. Earlier this century, missionaries fought for the human rights and protection of Indigenous Australians. Today, their advancement is seeing Indigenous people take religious leadership of their own communities. Indigenous clergy and lay people are working in remote parts of Australia giving new expression to God's word through aboriginal culture.

The Revd Hiley Diweula

Alice Springs

There is often a strong affinity between indigenous people from different parts of the world. Originally from PNG, the Revd Hiley Diweula works with Aboriginal people at two of the "Town Camps" near Alice Springs where he conducts regular Worship services. In his spare time, the Revd Diweula is also involved in teaching Religious Education in the schools and visits prisons. He brings to his work an understanding and compassion that is highly deserving of the support of Anglicans across Australia.

\$9,000 will support the Revd Diweula's mission work near Alice Springs.

Aboriginal Ministry Development

Northern Territory

Sometimes, it's simple things that enable communities to improve their own circumstances. Basic skills in finance and administration are fundamental to development. In the Diocese of the Northern Territory, the Revd Neil Forgie works in the communities of Oenpelli, Minyerri, Ngukurr and Numbulwar. He meets with Church leaders addressing training needs in areas such as fellowship and outreach, administration and finance. His presence in these communities helps the Reverend to identify new church leaders, and to encourage them in their Christian journey. As well as funding travel for the Revd Forgie, your support enables the Revd Yulki Nunggumajbarr to be able to travel to Oenpelli to minister to that community for several weeks at a time.

This project needs \$15,600 in 2009.

Post Ordination Training

Northern Territory

Since the establishment of the Roper River mission in 1908, where Anglican missionaries fought for the human rights and protection of Aboriginal people, the Anglican Church has formed a strong partnership with Indigenous people in South East Arnhemland. For ministry anywhere to survive and thrive, ongoing support and training is essential. ABM supports Aboriginal Clergy in the Diocese of the Northern Territory with further training in preparation for baptism and confirmation, anointing the sick and pastoral care. Through this project some clergy have travelled to Darwin for conferences and training at Nungalinga College.

This project needs \$5,000 to support one of the longest Anglican Indigenous partnerships in Australia.

Indigenous Church Workers

Nungalinga College

The Revd Colleen Mamarika from Umbakumba on Groote Eylandt and Marjorie Hall, one of the Kriol Bible translators from Ngukurr community in Northern Territory, went to Nungalinga College in 2008 for two weeks of training and theology studies. Students welcomed them, especially as they spoke in their own languages, deepening their understanding of the gospel. This is one way Nungalinga College delivers theological education to Aboriginal people, who often come from communities with different languages. Your support for this project will help Aboriginal students of theology to gain a greater understanding of the gospel and help them grow in their Christian journey.

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Theology Teacher

Nungalinga College

Those who have studied theology know that engaging with the Bible regularly lifts the spirit and enriches one's life. Supporting a theology lecturer means this experience can be passed on to the next generation of Christians. Last year funding to this project supported Malveena Welsh, an Indigenous woman who taught at Nungalinga. This year, the funding will help a Nungalinga theology teacher to meet the need for theological learning among Aboriginal people and convey study skills in the process. Improved reading and essay writing will be added benefits for those studying theology and open new opportunities to the students.

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Indigenous Ministry

Diocese of Rockhampton (formerly Ministry at Woorabinda)

Woorabinda Mission was established in 1927. People from at least seventeen different language groups were forcibly placed in the camp during its early years. Today, the Revd Dan Joyce visits and conducts services at Woorabinda Aboriginal Community and at Murri Wodja at Rockhampton. Dan is ably assisted by his wife Edith who conducts her own ministry visiting prisons. He is involved in the lives of the Aboriginal people at Woorabinda, challenging them, providing pastoral care and encouraging them on to further studies, often at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College. Your support is important encouragement to Dan and the people of Woorabinda.

\$17,250 covers transport and some other costs of this ministry.



The Revd Yulki Nunggumajbarr and her niece Sarah in Arnhem Land. © Steve Daughtry/ABM 2007.

The Revd Saul Burns

North Queensland

Spiritual development is an important part of rehabilitation and is perhaps no more so than in prisons. An Aboriginal priest in Northern Queensland, the Revd Saul Burns, ministers at Lotus Glen Correctional Centre as a prison chaplain and leads occasional worship services at Herberton. In the Tablelands inland from Cairns, Saul shares God's word with the prisoners. His hope is that God will bring men out of prison and raise them up to be leaders in their communities where they will be witnesses to their families and friends. Support the Revd Burns and you can play a part in transforming a life and perhaps a community.

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Regional Clergy Conference

Torres Strait Islands

Bishop Saibo Mabo of the Torres Strait Islands convenes a conference every year that brings together clergy from the Islands as well as some islander clergy who work on the mainland. It is a time for these priests to share their problems and joys in their ministry. Bishop Saibo's wife, Sania and the wives of the priests, screen printed calico shoulder bags at the last meeting, which helped raise funds to cover the conference. ABM supports Bishop Saibo through the Diocese of North Queensland and your support helps meet travel and accommodations costs for the conference. Without it most clergy would be unable to attend the conference, which is vital to the cohesion of this Diocese.

This project needs \$11,250 in 2009.

Bishop James Leftwich

Diocese of North Queensland

As assistant bishop in the Diocese of North Queensland, Bishop James Leftwich has a special responsibility working with Aboriginal people. His role is an acknowledgement that some groups deserve special attention and respect. His work requires him to travel a lot to represent the Indigenous voice at national church meetings. The funds of ABM supporters help make it possible for Bishop James to visit other dioceses and parishes around Australia as he ministers to Indigenous people.

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Indigenous Theology Scholars and Leadership Training

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

Theology students at Wontulp College come from all over Queensland. Courses are taught in two week blocks so that Aboriginal and Islander students can complete a module and then return to their own families and community. Although effective for the students, it requires significant planning and coordination. Your support for this project contributes to the success of the theology and community leadership courses. When they return home, the students are able to practice the new understanding they have gained from their time at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College.

This project needs \$25,000 in 2009.

Indigenous Principal and Assistant Principal

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

The Revd Victor Joseph, Principal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, moved from Moa Island in the Torres Straits to take the position of Principal in March 2008. He and his family are now based in Cairns, where he also teaches the Certificate of Theology course. The Assistant Principal, the Revd David Thompson, is a long-serving staff member and provides financial management and curriculum development support. These positions are not funded by government grants so your donations towards this work are very important for the success of the college and its ongoing capacity to deliver Theology and Community Leadership courses to Indigenous students.

This project needs \$37,500 in 2009.

Regional Workshops

Wontulp-Bi-Buya

Ministering to people in remote and isolated communities has always been central to mission work and remains so today. The Revd Michael Connolly (Mick) and his wife Valma (Val) from Yarrabah in Queensland are similar to their counterparts one hundred years ago who travelled almost endlessly to reach people in remote communities. Mick and his wife conduct regional workshops in rural Queensland. A former Principal of Wontulp, Mick has a passion for delivering theology subjects to Indigenous students and along with his wife, often conduct Bible Studies in the evenings in communities. This program pays for accommodation and travel costs for Mick and Val and your support means Aboriginal people in remote areas of Queensland can learn theology and continue on their Christian journey.

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Youth Worker

Yarrabah Northern Queensland

Deacon Edward Murgha of St Albans parish at Yarrabah (south of Cairns) and his wife Sue are part of an Aboriginal community with a large population of young people. As coordinator of youth work he is part of a youth ministry team of at least seven leaders who run Sunday school, a dance group, Bible studies, a band and a music group. The youth group does fundraising on Saturdays and have designed their own uniforms and clothing for the dance group. There are plans to run Religious Education in the local schools. With your help, this ministry can continue and expand to reach its potential. In 2009, ABM wishes to fund another part-time youth coordinator.

This project needs \$25,000 in 2009.

Revd John Harris and Revd Tom Slockee

Dhurga Language

Over the past two hundred years, many indigenous languages have been lost. As missionaries have long understood, native language brings the gospel alive to more people in different cultures. The Dhurga language is especially important for the Aboriginal people of the Batemans Bay and Mogo area in New South Wales. The Revd John Harris (an experienced Indigenous linguist), the Revd Tom Slockee and local aboriginal people have translated some of the Scriptures into Dhurga. These people have

a strong desire to learn more about their own culture and language, which is intrinsically connected to their identity as Aboriginal people. The rediscovery of their language brings new grounding in their social, emotional and spiritual lives.

Supporting this project not only takes the Scriptures to indigenous communities, but keeps a threatened language alive.

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Donations to this project are tax deductible.

Indigenous Gospel Outreach

Diocese of Bathurst

"Walkabout Ministries" have a number of camps and mission visits to connect with the Aboriginal people in Western New South Wales. The Revd Gloria Shipp and her team plans to run a camp for young Aboriginal women who wouldn't normally get a chance to spend the weekend away. At this camp there will be time for sharing stories of joy, loss and grief around the camp fire as older Aboriginal women act as mentors. A men's camp is also planned. Last winter a convention at the Gordon Estate was organised by Uncle Arthur, a Wiradjurri man. It was a time of fellowship and music, and similar in focus to the River conventions held throughout NSW. Gloria and her team are currently planning a mission visit to Bourke, Condobolin and Brewarrina to connect to more Aboriginal people. Gloria's work is a chance to be heard and a chance to heal, and needs the support of Australian Anglicans in the coming year.

This project needs \$25,000 in 2009.

Indigenous Secondary Scholarship

St Andrews Cathedral School

A generous bequest to ABM is making it possible for an Indigenous student to attend St Andrews Cathedral School in Sydney. We are planning to support an Aboriginal Secondary Student at the School, where the Gawura Campus has recently opened. This 'school within a school' is specifically for Indigenous students. This bequest provides for a full scholarship for three years. Our hope is that further funding will continue the scholarship into the future.

This project needs \$16,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

The Revd James Noble was born near Boulia, North Queensland, in 1876 and began his working life as a stockman at Riversleigh on the Gregory River. In 1895, he was baptised at St Luke's, Scone, and later worked with Revd E.R. Gribble at Yarrabah, an Anglican mission near Cairns. As well as his religious duties he and his wife Angelina, a part-Aborigine from Winton, helped with the mission school, the resettlement of Aborigines, negotiating between local Aborigines and other parties. Noble worked at the mission at Forrest River, which by 1933, had a permanent population of 170 Aborigines with some 700 visitors.

Aboriginal Ministry

Gippsland Diocese (formerly Ministry at Lake Tyers)

Lake Tyers in East Gippsland is the traditional home to the Kurnai people. It is also where the missionary John Bulmer ran a mission during the late nineteenth century. Today, Phyllis Andy works as an Aboriginal Pastor in the Aboriginal community in the East Gippsland area. ABM also supports Kathy Dalton in Morwell, West Gippsland. Kathy is involved in pastoral care and running a Sunday school with Aboriginal elders. She also has a ministry helping families at times of bereavement; organising funerals and liaising with Church and other bodies.

This project needs \$8,750 to support two Aboriginal Pastors.



The Revd James Noble, the first Aboriginal to be ordained, was an Anglican deacon.



A water tap that provides fresh water to a community in the Philippines. © Stephen Daughtry/ABM 2007.

Australian Anglicans are part of a spiritual network that binds the church across the globe. Spanning at least 85 countries, it is this network that is the foundation for ABM's development and ministry work. Our organisation and our supporters know that people who are poor and marginalised need both material help and spiritual support. Our Community Development and Church-to-Church programs do just that.

We consider ourselves part of these communities, which means listening to what they need and helping to meet those needs as best we can. If it is clean water they need, then we provide water tanks or sanitation training. If it is spiritual development, then theological training is provided. Working over time, we can also find out which village, family or person needs our help the most and target them within our programs.

MYANMAR

Community Development Programs

Cyclone Rehabilitation

Cyclone Nargis devastated Myanmar in May 2008. Over 160,000 people died during and after the cyclone, which hit the Irrawaddy Delta. This region was the country's 'rice bowl'. Not only was the current crop destroyed, but flooded fields meant that new crops could not be planted. In the days and weeks following the cyclone, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) provided emergency food, relief kits and medical services to affected areas within the Diocese of Yangon.

Our emergency appeal helped the relief efforts of CPM, but the work will need to continue for months if not years. CPM travels to the delta every two to three weeks with rice and other supplies. Rice distribution will need to continue for at least another year, but in an effort to rebuild, CPM has started a rehabilitation

program. Working with entire villages (irrespective of religion) CPM helps provide housing, livelihoods, healthcare, water and toilets, and services to children. With your support, ABM can assist in the ongoing rehabilitation efforts and reduce the suffering of those worst affected by Cyclone Nargis.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$4 will provide a kilogram of dhal or a litre of cooking oil

\$45 pays for one bag of rice (one month supply for a family of five)

\$91 will buy a small prawn boat

\$250 is the cost of a toilet

\$514 will purchase vehicle fuel for one trip from Yangon to the worst affected areas (over 12 hours of travel)

This project needs \$100,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Myanmar Diocesan Partnerships

ABM has increased its engagement with the Church of the Province of Myanmar in 2008. By visiting the country we have found many ways that we can assist the dioceses. Jointly, our community development programs are aimed at reducing poverty in Myanmar.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$50 will support one church worker for one month

\$100 is the average cost of a return flight from Yangon to another local destination in Myanmar

\$2,000–2,500 installs a telephone line in Myanmar

This project needs \$40,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

ABM has worked in partnership with the Church of the Province of Myanmar for more than twenty years, funding health workshops, village health workers, HIV/AIDs education, water and sanitation programs, and small livelihood activities.

English Language Tuition

As globalisation slowly seeps into Myanmar, English Language Centres (ELCs) are popping up in major towns in the country. For Burmese, English language skills lead to education and employment opportunities. Families work hard to send their young children to these ELCs to give them a head start in the job market. Adults are able to apply for more jobs, as more and more employers require English language fluency. Courses at ELCs can be prohibitively expensive – monthly fees are sometimes more than the salary of a government or church worker.

ABM supported an English Language Centre in Toungoo Diocese for three years before it became self-sustaining in 2007. At this ELC fees are almost half that of commercially operated centres but the courses are of equivalent or better quality. There have been

requests for ELCs in other dioceses and ABM is hoping to raise enough money to set up new centres.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$30 covers a teacher assistant's salary for a month

\$200 provides a class with teaching aids (books, tapes, CDs)

\$1,000 pays for a local computer

This project needs \$15,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Water and Sanitation

Villagers in remote areas of Myanmar spend many hours collecting water for their personal and household needs. Water sources are often contaminated, making diseases such as diarrhoea and dysentery common and dangerous enough to be life threatening. Diocesan workers require travel permits to enter different areas along the way, making travel time-consuming and difficult. The diocese persists, however, as clean water reduces disease and gives people more time to grow plants and raise healthy animals, all of which puts food on the table. The diocese also builds fly-proof toilets that are made from plastic commodes and short pipes.

In the past few years ABM has funded the Diocese of Toungoo which provides water and sanitation systems to a number of villages. They have achieved much, but there is still a huge need for clean water, so ABM is seeking to expand this program to other dioceses.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$9 is the price of a bag of cement, used to construct tanks

\$15 will pay for 1 cubic ft of sand

\$75 covers the cost of a family well

\$187 is the cost of a brick cistern

\$1,000 pays for a water system supplying an entire village

This project needs \$15,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.



A Burmese man gathers fresh water shortly after Cyclone Nargis. © ACT International 2008.



A Korean man at the Bridge of No Return – the farthest point north that South Koreans are permitted to travel.
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KOREA

Community Development Program

Towards Peace in Korea Nutrition Program

Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) was born out of a worldwide peace conference that the Anglican Church of Korea hosted in 2007. The Anglican Church wanted people to know how important peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula is and so made a commitment to humanitarian programs with the North (TOPIK: 2007). If widespread famine is to be averted in North Korea then aid must be delivered to people in the country. Many are hoping that the government will enable food to reach the parts of the country where it is most desperately needed.

The church's nutrition program provides essential nutrients and medical supplies to infants, pregnant women, and nursing mothers in North Korea. It also promotes healthy childhood development and safe childbirth practices.

Starting in 2008 and due to operate for three years, this is a new program for ABM. It is a united effort with funds being contributed by Anglican agencies from around the world.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$9.45 pays for seven packs of 500ml pure milk for children and mothers (at least 1,000 children can benefit from one distribution)

The Diocese of Korea began with the consecration of its first **Bishop, Charles John Corfe** (1843–1921), on All Saints' Day in 1889. It took seven years before the first convert was baptised, but during those years, mission work continued. The Sisters of the Community of St Peter worked amongst the women in the local community and the "Korean Missionary Brotherhood" undertook the training of priests. A hospital was built and the navy was responsible for the medical side of mission work.
(Morrison: 1954)

\$41.50 is the cost of a five kg pack weaning diet for lactating mothers

\$4,000 covers one community workshop

This project needs **\$20,000** in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Church to Church Programs

Children and Youth

Children are the future of the Church, and those that the Anglican Church in Korea takes to heart. Remnant House is located at Geoje, in the Diocese of Busan. Its Director, Fr Dominic Ki-Ho Shin has a passion for caring for children – especially those who don't have the same advantages as Australian kids. At the house the children are schooled and the curriculum includes learning English, learning about the Bible and the Church and learning how to be good stewards of God's creation by living in an environmentally-friendly way. By laying strong, positive foundations, Fr Dominic and his team hope to nurture the children under their care.

This project needs **\$1,000** in 2009.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Worship is central to our lives as Anglicans and we have a certain fondness for cathedrals and other beautiful places of worship. Yet, we know that we deceive ourselves if we think that church buildings are more important than God's people. That's why the Very Revd John Lee, Dean of our cathedral in Busan, wants to fill the Anglican Church of Korea with 'living stones'. His vision is for the cathedral to become a centre where enthusiastic evangelists are trained – in a way that is specific to the needs of Koreans – to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$55 will pay for a fortnightly training session

\$105 will pay for a specialist trainer with knowledge of effective evangelisation to 'train the trainers'

This project needs **\$1,000** in 2009.

THE PHILIPPINES

Community Development Programs

Water and Sanitation

In mountain villages in northern Philippines, men have traditionally made all the decisions. When farm work was done for the day, men would gather in an area called 'dap-ay' to socialise and discuss the affairs of the village. Although this tradition has now been superseded by small local government units (the 'barangay'), most of the decisions made by the barangay council are still done in consultation with village elders – normally older men. Gender workshops, an essential component of water and sanitation programs implemented by the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) emphasise the importance of women's voices in decision-making.

In partnership with ECP, ABM provides water and sanitation systems in rural and isolated communities. Remote mountainous communities in the country are often cut-off from basic services because of the difficult geography as well as the sheer lack of government funds. Migrant communities, on the other hand, might be urbanised but lack organisation and cooperation as different groups mingle. These communities sometimes occupy government or church lands. Consequently, they must cope without water and sanitation facilities, electricity and passable roads.

Integrated water and sanitation programs provide clean water, reducing disease and enhancing livelihoods, which helps people move beyond subsistence farming.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$1.20 buys a water tap

\$4.50 is what a hammer costs, essential to maintaining water systems

\$103 pays for chemical and bacteriological water testing

\$2,000 is the cost of one 3.5 cubic meter circular tank

This project needs \$100,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Food Security

As the world's largest importer of rice, the food crisis in the early part of 2008 wrought havoc in the Philippines. Eighty percent of the country's population spends 24 percent of their income on rice (BBC:2008). As these people are engaged in some form of subsistence agriculture the lack of investment in this sector has driven them even further into poverty. Their situation is further exacerbated by the lack of vital infrastructure (such as roads, water and irrigation systems, and post-harvest facilities) and social services (such as health and education).

Rural communities struggling to cope need other livelihood activities to compensate for their meagre yields from farming. ABM wants to provide resources that will allow these communities to diversify their produce, consequently improving farm incomes and reducing poverty in rural areas. Expanding the food security project will provide equipment, fertiliser and other provisions. This puts more food on the table and increases household incomes so that families can cover other basic needs such as health and education.



Bontoc in the Diocese of North Central Philippines surrounded by irrigated rice paddies. © Stephen Daughtry/ABM 2007.



This pig is part of a livestock distribution program funded by ABM. © Brad Chapman/ABM 2007.

ABM is supporting this program in the Philippines through a number of activities:

Agricultural Inputs (\$60,000) – Providing farm equipment, fertiliser, fuel and other rural provisions to people in need is ABM's way of addressing poor farmers' need to improve their lives. Small rice and corn mills, threshers, shellers, drying pavement and grains storage are some of the most needed facilities. Without these, farmers lose stock to spoilage and wastage and shoulder the high cost of renting equipment. Irrigation facilities allow farmers to plant for more than one crop per year, as water becomes available for crops during dry months. Seed supplies and guidance preparing organic fertiliser also improves crop yields and therefore the lot of subsistence farmers.

Livestock Distribution (\$40,000) – ABM's livestock distribution program aims to provide rural households with at least one pig, cow, goat or chicken. Raising livestock can be an alternative source of income for poor families.

Food Processing (\$25,000) – When the harvests are plentiful, farmers often don't preserve or store produce because they lack the know-how or the technology. New methods can greatly

benefit farmers who sell their products for income or provide for their families when they can't afford food. This year ABM is supporting programs that teach fruit and vegetable processing and packaging. With the help of ECP's development workers, ABM adapts our activities to the local environment.

Small-scale Fishing Activities (\$25,000) – In Mindanao, this program aims to help disadvantaged families in a coastal community develop viable incomes by providing fishing equipment as well as build a facility to process fish sauce. Training is part of the program that bonds the community together while they learn the skills they need to make this program a success.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$6.50 pays for a bag of cement; 600 bags are needed to construct a drying pavement

\$46 buys a piglet

\$285 runs a community workshop teaching livestock rearing

\$1,771 buys one sugarcane presser

This project needs \$150,000 in total in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Church to Church Programs

Children and Youth

Kids love stories and the Diocese of the Southern Philippines wants to enhance children's awareness of Scripture by producing and distributing DVDs of Bible stories to them. Their program will benefit some 4,500 children around the diocese – some whose families belong to the Church and some who do not. Bishop Stephen Neill wrote that 'life is filled with meaning as soon as Jesus Christ enters into it'. By supporting this program, you'll be able to fill the lives of 4,500 kids with meaning.

Chances are that if you've been an Anglican for a long time you can trace your faith journey back through a Sunday School or youth program. The Diocese of the Southern Philippines gives children's ministry a high priority: '... most of those who are products of the children's ministry of the Church in the past are the ones who have a deep commitment to the Church's programs at present', they tell us. They want to employ a person to run an effective Children's Ministry Program and are asking ABM to help them do this. This will mean that Sunday School, youth camps and school holiday programs can be conducted for the children of the diocese.

Here are some of the ways your gift will be used:

\$120 is the cost of hiring broadcast equipment for a month

\$850 reproduces of children's audiovisual materials

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

Proclaiming the Gospel

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

Here are some of the ways your gift will be used:

\$350 runs community consultations in Mindanao for the Church

\$600 allows for two training seminars, focusing on evangelisation and leadership, in a new mission area

This project needs \$18,750 in 2009.

Enhancing Ministry

How do you see the Church? Is it church leaders in exquisite robes, performing arcane rites, being watched by an entranced laity? Or is it a vision where the people in the pews collaborate with clergy to bring about God's kingdom on earth? Certainly for Bishop Alexander Wandag of the Diocese of Santiago in the Philippines lay people have a crucial role to play. The Lay Ministries Program is designed to encourage and empower the people in the pews to 'roll up their sleeves' and take up their role as faithful, integral members of God's Church. Bishop Wandag says, 'The availability of trained lay leaders is a major step towards being self-reliant. The presence of trained lay leaders to assist their priests in selected ministerial work will allow the clergy to evangelise, reaching out to communities not yet reached by the Church. Local lay leaders can forge ahead with ministerial jobs, not having to wait for the presence of their parish priest.'



Archbishop Roger Herft (Perth) and Prime Bishop-elect Edward Malecdan (ECP) during the community welcome in Bontoc. © Brad Chapman/ABM 2007.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$30 teaches a lay leader musical skills for use in worship

\$120 is the cost of a two-day religious education training course for teachers in the Diocese of Santiago

This project needs \$12,500 in 2009.

“How can we preach the gospel, and then say that is what we do, if we do not help people economically or with their problems?”

Gloria Gatan
Community Organiser
Uma Village, Philippines



A village in Northern Vietnam. © Melany Markham/ABM 2008.

VIETNAM

Community Development

Water and Sanitation

Clean water is a pervasive need throughout the developing world. This year, rural farmers and their families in Moc Bac village, Vietnam, have asked ABM to provide them with clean water for drinking and household use. Located alongside the Red River in Ha Nam province, the village is about fifty kilometres from Hanoi. Most of the one thousand families in the village have dug wells that contain murky water, deemed unfit for household use. This water is either boiled for drinking or filtered for household uses such as cooking, bathing, and washing.

The village has asked ABM to provide bio-sand filters. Along with the Diocese of Singapore, we aim to provide these as well as water and sanitation workshops for the whole village on how to keep water sources clean and safe. Individual visits to families receiving the filters will mean that they can learn how to use them properly.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$30 buys a filter

\$700 pays for the mould which is used to produce bio-sand filters

\$5,000 will cover the cost of providing filters to at least 100 families

This project needs \$20,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Community Development Programs

Education

Education is a universal human right, but one that is limited in places where there is little infrastructure, schools or teachers. Education in Papua New Guinea (PNG) lacks enough funding to maintain existing schools, recruit teachers, enrol students, and provide teaching and learning materials. As basic literacy is a stepping stone to further opportunities in formal schooling and business, it is an essential step on the road to development.

In PNG, around 84% of the population live in rural areas that are often isolated and inaccessible due to the rain. This compounds the problems faced by the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Educating PNG's population is further hampered by the increasing rate of HIV and AIDS, particularly among younger people. The Church's Education Division (AED) uses their network of schools to educate people about the virus and consequently prevent HIV and AIDS. AED tries to ensure that school facilities and school staff can maintain school buildings and the student body, so that children, and adults, have the best opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$300 will pay the salary of a school manager for a month

\$1,000 will provide a rural teacher's training scholarship

\$5,000 will run literacy classes for 10 women over 6 months

\$10,500 will renovate a school in a remote area of PNG

This project needs \$56,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

The Revds Albert MacLaren and Copeland King were the first Anglican missionaries in Papua New Guinea when they landed at Kieta in 1891. A mission station known as 'Dogura', was established, where warring locals came to settle arguments. They built a house and a tiny chapel, travelled to villages to teach literacy, as well as learning the local language themselves.

After a short period, both were struck with malaria. King recovered in Australia and later returned to the mission, but MacLaren succumbed to the illness and passed away in December, 1891. (ABM Mission Reports 1899-1906)

Health

Many people living in rural areas of PNG cannot access health services and are unable to receive treatment for diseases like malaria, cholera, tuberculosis and measles. Proper and affordable health care would be unobtainable in many of the remote villages without the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea's Health Service.

ABM continues to support the expansion and upgrading of AHS facilities. Our work encourages local staff to attend clinics and aid posts that are either understaffed or under-equipped. Improving the workers' primary healthcare skills maximises the Health Service's coverage throughout PNG and meets the demand for services in isolated areas and save lives in crises.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$600 will pay the salary of the HIV Health Centre manager

\$2,500 will renovate a rural and remote aid post in the Highlands

This project needs \$37,500 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

*A student hard at work in an Anglican Education Division sponsored school.
© Don Brice/ABM 2003.*



Clean Water and Sanitation

Lack of clean water for drinking and domestic use is a big problem in PNG. Women and children are often forced to walk miles to collect water. Diseases such as typhoid, diarrhoea and skin infections are common and are sometimes fatal. The Anglican Health Service (AHS) runs water and sanitation activities for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG). Not only does the program improve general health by supplying safe water, but it also reduces the burden on women and children who often walk long distances to collect safe water. Water systems will initially be located in very remote and isolated villages in Western Highlands – a province comprising mostly of subsistence farms, where poverty is pervasive.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$450 funds Health and Sanitation training workshops to prevent water-borne disease

\$9,000 provides a water tank and clean drinking water system for a school in PNG

This project needs \$42,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible

AngliCARE StopAIDS

All the signs indicate Papua New Guinea is on the brink of an HIV epidemic. Official government estimates put the number of people living with HIV in PNG at 1.6 percent. When HIV hits a population it is most prevalent among adults – people who are supporting families and caring for children. AIDS related illnesses stop people from earning a living or, at worst, leave children orphaned.

Anglicare StopAIDS is one of the frontline Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) in PNG fighting the AIDS epidemic. As our

largest program, ABM builds and strengthens this organisation so it can comprehensively manage HIV and AIDS programs. In Port Moresby, Popondetta and Mt Hagen AngliCARE StopAIDS distributes prevention and awareness information, trains educators and drama groups and conducts voluntary counselling and testing. Supporting staff at offices across PNG to maintain standards and streamline procedures is critical for a program of this size, and is therefore the focus of our work.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$500 will help support the accountant at StopAIDS

\$15,000 will pay the annual salary of the National Director of StopAIDS

This project needs \$35,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

HIV

To halt further spread of the epidemic, HIV prevention and awareness is critical. This is the focus of ACPNG in rural dioceses. Workshops are held for community members on HIV education, awareness and prevention; addressing the ignorance that causes stigma and discrimination.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$600 will reduce the stigma of HIV by promoting World AIDS day at a church

\$1,000 covers the costs of a HIV counselling workshop in Mt Hagen

\$12,000 pays the annual salary of a diocesan HIV officer

This project needs \$40,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.



Distributing supplies in Oro Province, Papua New Guinea. © Nik Kirby/ABM 2008.

Building Local Skills

Many of the skills needed to keep organisations operating are the same everywhere. Satisfactory finance and administration are the things that keep programs running smoothly. ABM works with ACPNG to upgrade the skills of local staff as well as provide resources for the program. Staff with competent finance and management ability ensure that programs are run efficiently.

The voice of women is sometimes lost amidst the staff hierarchy, so ACPNG wants to integrate women so that their voices are heard. ACPNG will soon train staff in program planning and monitoring so that they can measure the impact and success of program or tell us how it can be improved.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$600 will fund a gender education workshop for one staff member

\$5,500 will develop a human resources training plan

\$12,000 will provide a week's leadership training to bishops and diocesan secretaries

This project needs \$22,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Rehabilitation in Oro Province

In November 2007, Cyclone Guba hit the Oro Province on the east coast of PNG and destroyed homes, farms, fresh water supplies and lives. Immediately after the disaster, ABM distributed essential food, medical supplies and shelter to isolated communities and villages. As the Anglican heartland of PNG, ABM is committed to rebuilding the communities here and there is much work still to be done. ABM programs assist these communities to replant their gardens, rebuild their homes and their lives.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$200 will plant a garden for a family

\$4,000 will fix water supply systems

This project needs \$45,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Church to Church Program

Children and Youth

Most of PNG's population is under twenty and they face soaring unemployment, the ever-growing chance to come into contact with drugs and alcohol, and the spectre of HIV/AIDS. Despite this, young people are not just PNG's future but a source of ingenuity, ability and energy in the here and now. Young people in Papua New Guinea are helped in navigating life's challenges by the Youth Ministry of the Anglican Church of PNG. Australian Anglicans are being asked to generously support ABM to resource and network youth ministers (no two dioceses are linked by road in the country), and to support Sunday school and other religious education projects in a number of strategic areas.

Here are some of the ways your gift will be used:

\$125 will pay for a youth minister to visit a community in the Diocese of Popondota

\$600 funds youth training in a remote diocese

\$1,500 funds a coordinator to run a Youth Leaders' workshop

This project needs \$33,750 in 2009.

School Fees

If educating your children cost more than your annual income you'd find yourself in a tough position. This is the reality that many Anglican clergy and catechists (religious educators) in PNG face because many parishes cannot support their priest or catechist financially. More than 600 boys and girls depend on Australian Anglicans to pay their school fees. By supporting these children, the dream of an education through to Year 12 can be realised, and these children can further their potential.

Here are some of the ways your gift will be used:

\$85 is the cost of annual primary school fees for one child

\$385 pays for a year at high school for a teenager

\$900 allows a boarder to complete Grade 11 or 12

This project needs \$40,000 in 2009.

Theological Formation

The Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea has two institutions that prepare Church leaders – Newton Theological College (which trains priests near the coast at Popondetta) and Kerina College (which trains lay people to be catechists – religious educators – at Tsendiap in the Highlands). Upkeep of both colleges is a significant cost for the Church. Donations to ABM directly support theological formation and they make a tangible difference in living and teaching conditions and a real difference in the quality of the graduates each college produces.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$20 supports an ordinand and their family at Newton College for one week

\$250 provides materials for the preschool at Newton College

\$1,750 supports the women's program at Kerina College for a year

This project needs \$37, 200 in 2009.

Enhancing Ministry

Rita Simeni is a pioneer of women's ministry in Papua New Guinea. In 1997 she established the Blessed Virgin Mary Training Centre in the Diocese of Popondota. Since then, women have come to the centre to learn about prayer, spirituality, discipleship and leadership. The courses focus on the joy of being a co-inheritor of God's kingdom through baptism. Rita's work unlocks the talents of women for service to Christ's Church. Her ministry of empowerment has not been an easy one – given patriarchal Melanesian society. Nonetheless, her passion is to raise the status and skills of women, who are often ignored or even bruised by that society. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rita is excited about the God who has 'lifted up the lowly' (Luke 1:52).

Post-ordination training is needed in the Diocese of Aipo Rongo. The diocesan hope is to appoint an experienced priest to guide not only newly-ordained priests and deacons, but also catechists (religious educators) across 32 parishes. Being able to access the wisdom of an experienced guide will mean that these young clergy and catechists will be able to avoid some of the pitfalls and traps that they might otherwise have to undergo. Such professionalisation will, of course, benefit the lay people in these parishes.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$200 is Rita Simeni's monthly allowance

\$310 is enough for an experienced priest to provide tutoring and training to a new priest

\$500 enables a regional bishop to travel to remote parishes to provide support and ministry

\$900 allows an archdeacon to provide pastoral support in remote deanery

This project needs \$39,000 in 2009.

Melanesian Brotherhood

What a great gift the Melanesian Brotherhood is to the Church! Formed in 1925 by Ini Kopuria, a policeman from Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, it has since expanded into Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and recently to the Philippines.

In PNG the brothers, numbering in their hundreds, are known for their willingness – and their ability – to bring the Good News to people in hard-to-reach areas and to stay with them and serve them. All this is done on a shoestring budget. The brothers are asking for financial help from us. This will enable them purchase some basics – both material and spiritual – to continue their work



Rita Simeni. © Stephen Daughtry/ABM 2007.

The *Tasiu*, or the Melanesian Brothers, model Gospel living in a simple way by imitating Christ's pattern of prayer, mission and service. After a three-year novitiate, the brothers take traditional monastic vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Unlike most other orders, these are not life vows but for a period of five years, which can be renewed.

in God's name. Some of the donations from Australian Anglicans will go towards buying vanilla and cocoa plants which will allow the brothers to generate income to fund their ministry at the house they established recently at the remote community of Muluo.

Here are some of the ways your gift will be used:

\$50 pays a tutor to train novices for a month

\$120 supports a Melanesian Brother for a week in his ministry in urban Port Moresby

\$5,000 allows the Regional Head Brother to travel to all the Brotherhood Communities

This project needs \$16,850 in 2009.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Fr Clyde Igara of Diocese of Dogura says that people must know and experience God in their daily lives, and that if the clergy and lay ministers of the Church do not know and experience God then how can they lead people to God? The funds that Australian Anglicans send are of great importance because Fr Clyde delivers a program which grooms '... men and women to proclaim a practical Christianity rather than theory'. Clergy and lay ministers are taught effective ways to communicate the gospel so that it's easy for the people among whom they minister to know what Christian life is all about. The program is designed to make the parishes throughout the Diocese of Dogura self-sufficient, becoming 'giving' churches, rather than 'receiving' ones.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$300 allows Fr Clyde to visit parishes and equip lay people for ministry

\$3,000 helps to establish and equip a parish in a remote area in the Diocese of Popondota

This project needs \$11, 250 in 2009.



Sister Doreen cradling a child at the Christian Care Centre outside Honiara, Solomon Islands. © Brad Chapman/ABM 2006.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Community Development Programs

The Christian Care Centre

Women within Solomon Islands culture are traditionally mediators and peace brokers during disputes. Their role is fundamental as the Islands regain stability after the civil unrest of recent times. Ironically, women (and children) are all too frequently victims of violence and abuse. The Christian Care Centre is the only refuge for women and children in the Solomon Islands and is managed by the Sisters of the Church of Melanesia.

Care Centre staff work with the frightened and traumatised women and children who arrive at the Centre. They provide a safe place to live as well as counselling, healthcare, and advocacy services. Workshops and the living skills programs that the Centre provides empowers women and helps them rebuild their lives, encouraging them to take control and break the cycle of abuse.

The Christian Care Centre continues to be a home for the victims, and a voice for the voiceless throughout the Solomon Islands.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$250 will provide emotional support and counselling for traumatised women and children

\$500 will provide legal help for a mother and her children who experience domestic violence

\$1,000 will provide staff with social work training

\$2,000 will facilitate three community awareness workshops on child abuse

This project needs \$20,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Education

Illiteracy is high in Melanesia – 80% of Solomon Islands women are illiterate. Education is not compulsory and cultural attitudes, particularly in rural areas, mean boys rather than girls are sent to school. Women are expected to take care of the home and so it is assumed that they do not need to read or write, but when basic functional literacy is improved, women can then provide their families with better health care and nutrition. Lack of access to formal education and training is also a major barrier to women's employment and advancement in society. The Mothers' Union in the Church of Melanesia teaches literacy to local women who have no access to formal education – a program that depends on volunteers.

Mothers' Union literacy work has also begun to be integrated with the Church of Melanesia's other community development work. The Mothers' Union now encompasses literacy classes that take place through the Inclusive Communities Program. This covers teaching in prisons where many inmates are young men who fought during the recent ethnic clashes.

The Mothers' Union work reaches some of the most vulnerable parts of the Solomon Islands population. Supplying the Mothers' Union with the resources to continue this work is crucial.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$500 will print teaching and learning materials for a literacy class

\$800 is a travel allowance for literacy trainers

\$1,100 will fund volunteer run education workshops in one village

\$8,000 will extend the literacy work of the Mothers' Union to remote parts of the Solomon Islands

This project needs \$40,400 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

AIDS in the Solomon Islands

The extent of the AIDS crisis in the Solomon Islands is only now becoming clear, as increasing numbers of people are becoming ill from the virus. In the absence of prevention, treatment and care efforts, it is expected that the AIDS death toll in the region will continue to rise. The Church of Melanesia (COM) is committed in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

One of the most important ways in which the situation can be improved is through increased HIV and AIDS awareness and prevention. This helps reduce the stigma and discrimination that often prevents people from getting tested and seeking treatment.

With ABM's support COM ensures that vulnerable groups receive education and support for HIV and AIDS. The Church's Youth Coordinator provides information that reaches young people, who are one of the groups most vulnerable to HIV and AIDS.

Exchange visits mean COM works with ACPNG sharing information, training and resources. The training includes peer education, counselling and home based care, which mean the Church can better provide prevention, care and treatment services.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$500 will print resources and materials for HIV awareness campaign

\$1,500 will fund two weeks of workshops in Honiara to promote HIV prevention

\$5,500 will provide workshops in three villages to reduce the stigma of HIV and AIDS

\$8,000 will fund train-the-trainer counselling workshops

This project needs \$50,400 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Inclusive Communities Program

Conflict takes a destructive toll on communities. The Church of Melanesia experienced this first-hand from 1991 to 2001 when the Solomon Islands endured a period of civil unrest. The Church's role in conflict resolution during this period led them to create the Inclusive Communities Program (ICP) in 2004. In attempting to resolve conflict between island groups, the Church provided people with skills in dispute resolution and recognised its' position as a peace-broker among communities. It continues to do this, but ultimately seeks to improve local communities' governance and decision-making so that they are more inclusive.

The Church is also planning to use its experience to address cultural values and structures, complementing the role played by chiefs in the Solomon Islands. By helping communities to resolve common concerns, the ICP helps them adapt to today's rapidly changing environment. ICP training workshops include chiefs, priests, men, women and youth at the parishes and regional level.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$500 will pay for materials used in the ICP training workshops

\$800 will print ICP manuals used in the community leadership training

\$1,000 facilitates workshops on anger management and conflict resolution

\$1,500 enables women and youth to participate in community decision-making

This project needs \$30,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.



*Interior of a classroom in Tulagi, Solomon Island.
© ABM/2008.*



Father Anthony Ling drinks water from a well containing clean water in Vanuatu. © Brad Chapman/2007.

VANUATU

Community Development Programs

Adult Literacy

Vanuatu is a country of scattered islands. Although beautiful, it makes the provision of public services like education difficult and most adults in rural areas are illiterate. This means Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) must fill the gap. The Mothers' Union, the Melanesian Brotherhood and Youth Ministries (of the Church of Melanesia) are all tasked with teaching basic literacy training throughout the Church's parishes.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$300 will provide learning materials to be used in literacy classes

\$500 enables underprivileged women in rural areas to receive literacy skills

\$800 trains literacy trainers to teach classes

\$1,000 pays for travel for literacy trainers to travel to the local villages and conduct literacy classes

This project needs \$35,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Water and Sanitation

In Vanuatu, fresh tap water is hard to come by. In rural areas, where most people in Vanuatu live, clean water in homes is a rarity. Women and children cover huge distances sourcing clean water that is free from diseases such as typhoid, cholera and giardia. Recognising the needs of their community, the Church of Melanesia has made clean water programs a priority this year. Both the Dioceses of Vanuatu and of Banks and Torres have identified villages that desperately need clean, potable water. They plan to pipe water to communal tap-stands in these communities.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$500 will conduct water and sanitation workshops in one local village

\$2,000 will buy materials needed for a water tank in a local village

\$1,500 will providing management training for the water management committee so that the systems can be properly maintained

This project needs \$50,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.



Conducting ministry in the Diocese of Banks and Torres in the Solomon Islands. © Brad Chapman/ABM 2007.

COMbat HIV

Ignorance and stigma are two of the greatest obstacles to curtailing the HIV epidemic, that is only just being held at bay in Vanuatu. Ignorance means that people are not tested and unknowingly spread the disease. Stigma means that people with the virus don't receive the support or treatment that can help them. The Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu wants to proactively address the epidemic, and so created COMbat HIV, which aims to address ignorance and educate people to halt HIV transmission. At the same time, COM provides treatment and care for those living with the disease.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$500 prints materials to be used in HIV prevention campaigns

\$1,000 funds a two-week peer education workshop

\$1,500 will provide a trainer for the peer education program

\$2,000 will help provide counselling treatment and care for those living with HIV

This project needs \$35,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible

Church to Church Programs

Enhancing Ministry

Last year ABM extended its partnerships into Vanuatu, where the Church has two dioceses, the Diocese of Vanuatu and the Diocese of Banks and Torres. They seek to build strong links with the Anglican Church in Australia in order to strengthen their ministry.

Bishop James Ligo from the Diocese of Vanuatu recently visited Australia for the ABM Auxiliary's Conference. He told us that he hopes Australian Anglicans look beyond the glossy postcard images we all know of Vanuatu to form a realistic relationship

based on friendship and partnership between our Churches.

A partnership that embodies Christ's command to love one another as he loves us.

As a new area of our work, in 2009 our relationship with Vanuatu will continue to be one of establishment and development. This gives Australian Anglicans the new opportunity to support a part of ABM's mission from the very beginning and watch it grow and change lives over the coming years.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$3,500 enables a leader from the Church of Melanesia to visit the Anglican Church of Australia

This project needs \$4,500 in 2009.

Encounter Program

Strong bonds are forged when people have time to listen to – and learn from each other. So it is with ABM and our Partner Churches. The Encounter Program allows especially-selected clergy and lay people from other countries to spend three months in ministry environments in Australia. The program enriches Australians by sharing in the lives of Anglicans from other parts of the Communion. These future leaders take home all that they learn and experience here, and the relationships formed make a positive difference to us all.

ABM matches visitors with Australian parishes who are interested in deepening their understanding of Anglicanism by sharing their lives with an Encounter visitor. Hosts are expected to cover most of the costs of the visit, but your donation will help plan visits and support hosts so that the project benefits both Australian Anglicans and our Partners.

This project needs \$10,000 in 2009.



*Sasahu Terefe who established the first children's library in Addis Adada.
© Don Brice/ABM 2008.*

ETHIOPIA

Community Library, Addis Ababa

Yeka Kifleketema is a poor neighbourhood in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. The wage for a day labourer is AUD2.25. This must cover rent, food, fuel for cooking, clothing and transport. Like parents everywhere, Ethiopians want their children to make the best of the opportunities. They understand that education is the way out of poverty. Government schools are overflowing, with as many as a hundred children to a class. Access to library and text books is severely limited. ABM is hoping to fund a new community library and reading rooms for two hundred students at a time, to meet the needs of this community. The Anglican Church has already successfully established similar programs in other parts of the city.

Here are some of the ways your gift may be used:

\$20 will buy one month's supply of pens and pencils for the students

\$220 will provide toilet paper for the library for a year

\$5,500 will pay the yearly wage of the Librarian who successfully established the first community Library

This project needs \$10, 358 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Enhancing Ministry

Walking Together, Gambella Local Assembly

Gambella is two days of arduous driving from Addis Ababa. Malaria, tuberculosis, water-borne diseases, tribal conflict and flooding are features of life here. In 2008, things were made worse when the government forcibly moved 50,000 people from their homes into a remote area without water, shade or shelter. The Anglican Church began working here in 1996 in refugee camps. There are now 43 churches in the Gambella Regional State, clustered in mission centres and following the Baro River. This program brings together clergy and laity, representatives of every mission centre and church for three days of planning. The cost of fuel is high and rising but the assembly is a unique way of bonding. Bonds between tribal groups and sub-clans are strengthened as mission to new areas is planned.

Here are some of the ways your gift will be used:

\$125 funds three people from a local church to attend the Assembly

\$250 pays for transport from a remote church to the meeting

\$1,000 funds the administration costs of the entire Assembly

This project needs \$10,165 in 2009.



Burmese wait for emergency assistance after Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar in May 2008. © ACT/2008.

EMERGENCIES

When natural disasters or conflict hits developing countries, many people turn to the church for leadership and relief. For over a hundred years, the Anglican Church has answered this call with material and spiritual relief for countless people. Recently, ABM responded to emergencies in North Korea, Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, China, the Gaza Strip and Zimbabwe.

Organisations like ABM know that some suffering can be prevented. Preparing for disasters can reduce the impact and destruction that they reap and some of our emergency programs aim to do just that.

Global Rapid Response Fund

When emergencies occur, the need for relief is urgent. Many lives can be saved in the first few days if assistance is immediate. Delays in fundraising can lead to unnecessary and costly suffering. ABM's Rapid Response Fund is a pool of funds that is available for use whenever an emergency strikes. Donors to this fund know that their donation will provide food, medical supplies or shelter to affected communities without delay. The Rapid Response Fund will also help to relieve the suffering of communities affected by 'forgotten' emergencies which do not attract television cameras and media attention.

During an emergency:

\$16 purchases a week's supply of food for a whole family

\$40 buys a tarpaulin for a damaged or destroyed home

\$1,000 pays for fuel needed to distribute supplies

This project needs \$100,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

Disaster Risk Reduction

The best response to a disaster is preparation. Many of the regions where ABM works are prone to natural and man-made disasters. ABM's regional partners can easily assess people's needs and organise their community responses to an emergency situation. By providing training and resources to local leaders in these regions we can prevent loss of life and help communities to improve their resilience against severe hardship. ABM's disaster risk reduction activities are focused on the Philippines, PNG, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

This project needs \$70,000 in 2009.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.

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Direct Debit Request

REQUEST TO DEBIT MY ACCOUNT

Surname _____

Given names _____ ("you")

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone (Work) _____ (Home) _____

ABM Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice



request and authorise Anglican Financial Services (ANFIN) (148016) 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

Financial Institution Name _____

Branch _____

Details of account and amount to be debited

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

Account Name _____

BSB Number

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Account number

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The amount to be debited is \$

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 one payment only at any one time

(amount in words) _____

The first debit may be made on

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 and at weekly fortnightly

monthly 4 weekly

quarterly intervals after

that _____

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 ANFIN as laid down in this Direct Debit Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

Signature _____ Date

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Signature _____ Date

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Office use only

Agency

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 Agency ID _____

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Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

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 Financial Services (ANFIN).

'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 07 3839 0111.

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 07 3839 0111 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) Anglican Financial Services 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 Financial Services 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 ANFIN, GPO Box 421, Brisbane 4001.

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.

The Five Marks of Mission

- **Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people**
- **Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith**
- **Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy**
- **Challenge injustice and oppression**
- **Protect, care for and renew life on our planet**

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