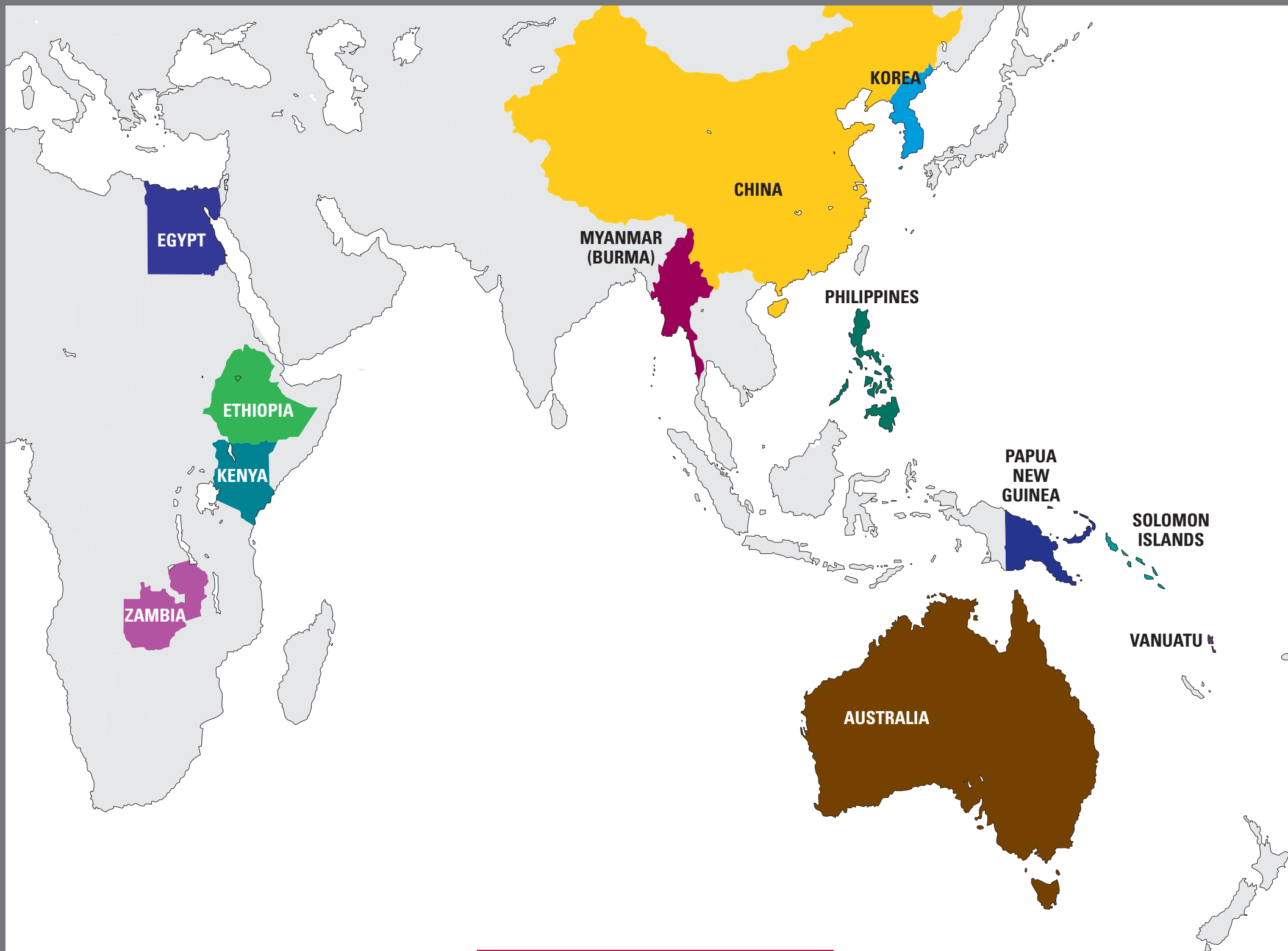


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Pictured on cover: Lucy Jabera sits here with her two daughters. Her husband Bray is a catechist and will not receive a stipend once he becomes an evangelist. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

Church-to-Church Projects



The sign outside an Anglican Church in Myanmar (Burma). © Melany Markham/ABM 2009

A Person Fully Alive



ABM believes in what is called holistic, or integral, mission. This means that we concern ourselves the whole person, not just a part. Jesus came to provide fullness of life (see John 10:10) and it is that same fullness of life that we seek to provide in his name to the communities and

parishes in which our Partners work.

By helping our Partners to provide fullness of life, we help to show God's glory to the world. While ABM's Community Development Project seeks, for example, to bring life to the body – through health projects, and life to the mind – through education projects, the Church-to-Church Project seeks to bring life to the soul. We do this by funding projects principally in two areas:

1. Leadership formation and training; and
2. Evangelism.

Without well-trained clergy and lay people there is no

future for the Church, because it will have failed in its essential task.

ABM no longer sends missionaries overseas because, in most instances, local missionaries are more effective in building up the Church. Local missionaries know the local language and culture and are often prepared to go to the neediest places. They also know the climate and terrain of remote places and can reach previously isolated, or difficult to reach peoples. If you support local missionaries you are making a wise investment, not 'burying your talents in a field'.

This year we have projects that will make a real difference to people's lives. Bringing the great and life-changing gift of the Scriptures to people is something that I am sure will appeal to many, which can be done by supporting our Church projects in the Philippines. Papua New Guinea and Egypt.

The Anglican Church is the foundation of everything that we do. By supporting ABM's Church-to-Church project the Church becomes stronger around the world.

Robert McLean
Church-to-Church Missioner

Encounter Project



Fr Hillary Anisi and the Rt Revd Godfrey Fryar.
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EMEEN

Fr Hillary Anisi of the Anglican Church of Melanesia spent three months in the Diocese of Rockhampton learning about the ministry of the Mission to Seafarers and parish life in Gladstone.

Fr Hillary said, "I believe that the Encounter Project has given me a great experience on how the Mission to Seafarers ministry runs its affairs. Therefore I am looking forward to setting up the mission in the Church Of Melanesia."

"I have seen participation in outreach to the wider community

in Gladstone parish and it was a great experience to see lay ministers, including women, lead a great deal of ministries such as – assisting priest in Holy Communion, leading bible study, ministry to nursing home and creative work with children," he said.

Fr Hillary came to Australia as part of ABM's Encounter project. This allowed him to attend training about ministry in ports, learn first-hand the role of the chaplain and management of a Mission to Seafarers centre and also experience life and ministry in a local parish.

All of these experiences, came with learnings that he took back to the Solomon Islands.

"The primary business of the Mission to Seafarers is similar to any organisation and Christian mission – to relate to those we serve, and to each other, in ways that our good Lord to accomplish His purpose in all of us," he said.

ABM's Encounter Project gives clergy like Fr Hillary the opportunity to learn from others who share their faith around the world.

Visitors experience Australian and Anglican life, participate in the mission and ministry of the church and reflect and learn in a cross-cultural setting. The project also strengthens relationships between Partner churches.

By supporting the Encounter project you can provide others with this opportunity to learn of ministry and life in another culture.

This project needs \$10,000 in 2011.

Zambia

St John's Seminary EZATF

The Anglican Church in Africa is growing fast. With growth is the need for more clergy, but African ministers must be well trained as they almost always need to minister in communities where large numbers of people endure significant physical and emotional suffering.

Twelve students are studying for their Bachelor of Theology at St John's, the national Seminary of the Anglican Church in Zambia. These studies prepare the students to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations, emphasizing women's and youth ministry – groups that make up the greater part of each congregation.

The Seminary does not charge tuition fees, which enable ordinands from the poorer dioceses to attend. It is dependent on a monthly grant of \$2,600 (AUS) from the national church which only covers about three quarters of its costs. With additional funding and the support of ABM, the Seminary will be better able to fulfil its mission; "To prepare and equip people to serve Christ in a diverse and changing world."



A group of students and their wives at St John's Seminary.
© ABM 2010

The Seminary depends on additional funding for salaries, maintenance, books and bi-annual seminars for the future priests' wives to equip them to support their husbands. Bishop John Osmer, Rector of St John's said these training opportunities are very special as wives and children are separated from their husbands for most of the year because there is no accommodation for families at the seminary.

"The four courses held so far have given the wives valuable insights into the church's expectations from clergy wives in Zambia, which are quite considerable, expecting them to be leaders in the Mothers' Union, a sizeable group in every congregation, and parish activities generally," Bishop Osmer said.

The wives come from remote rural areas and city compounds to take part in Bible study, counselling, health training, Anglican Church order and worship and home crafts.

At the end of the first course one of the wives said, "This course will help us to supplement our husbands' incomes and indeed to earn ourselves a living. Please know that what you have done is a great achievement because it was the first time to call ordinands' wives for training. To start a new thing you have to be brave and strong, because we know there are a lot of challenges. We are so grateful and we thank you so much."

The ABM funding also pays for one full-time staff member, three of St John's visiting lecturers and provides Bible commentaries, dictionaries and theological books for the seminarians' personal use and the library.

You can support the work of St John's Seminary in Zambia so that the ordinands can receive better theological education and reach their full potential in their ministry and mission to others.

This project needs \$10,000 in 2011.

Philippines

Evangelism and Christian Education EPHECE

By sharing God's word and love, the Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) is on a mission to evangelise. Providing Sunday School and Christian education materials directly assists over 50,000 people who are able to come to know Jesus and increase their understanding of Christianity.

The Evangelism and Christian Education project teaches people of different age groups about Christian values and promotes Christian living, therefore encouraging a harmonious way of life with all of God's creation.

Florence Ayban-Sacki, Evangelism and Christian Education Officer of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines said, "The core thrust of the church is to bring people to Christ and therefore evangelism and Christian Education, not only to children but also to adults, is necessary as we continue to struggle against social injustice and strive to have a quality life with Christ."

Children and youth benefit from the Christian Education materials in all Episcopal Institutions and from resources offered to Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible School.

The ECP also trains lay and ordained people in order to develop leaders and deepen the understanding of Anglican teachings.

The ECP has this vision of becoming a dynamic and vibrant church of caring, witnessing and mission-oriented parishes by 2018. To help achieve this they are focusing on Evangelism and Christian Education to strengthen relationships in the church and wider community.

This project needs \$30,000 in 2011.



Padi Wayan (R) is a parish priest and Listino (L) one of his parishioners in the village of Calapan in the Northern Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

Egypt (NEW)



A local priest in Egypt. © Don Brice/ABM 2005

Empowering Local Churches for Evangelism EEGEM

Egypt boasts the largest Christian population in the Middle East (10 Million) but these numbers are decreasing and there are less than 20,000 Anglicans in Egypt. Many Egyptian Christians are now immigrating overseas because of better financial opportunities and because of hardships within Egypt.

In Egypt, only thirty percent of Christians go to Church, so when the Diocese created its "Dreams for 2010" strategy, evangelism was an important focus.

The Diocese aims to encourage every church to be a welcoming church, alive and effective, representing the message of Christ's love and forgiveness to those who enter. The focus is to energise the work of the Mission and Evangelism Task Force and to train evangelists, who are called by God, to work around the Diocese.

The project will target those active in ministry in local churches and give them training in evangelism as well as the chance

to put their skills into practice. It will also target those who are unchurched and those who need further training like bible studies.

The Diocese believes evangelism and discipleship in Egypt will help many young people to develop a mission vision. It will help them recognise themselves as local missionaries who can endure hardship for the sake of the Gospel.

Throughout 2010 training events and conferences were held around the Diocese that reached over 100 people. Despite this initial success the Diocese does not have the financial resources to support the ongoing initiative.

You can support the Dream of the Diocese of Egypt and help the church to evangelise and build on the work it has started by donating to this project in 2011.

This project needs \$36,866 in 2011.

Papua New Guinea



Kerina Evangelist's College, Tsendiap in the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

Kerina College EPNTF14a



Fr Richard Sarawaba.
© Brad Chapman/ABM 2007

Fr Richard Sawaraba has been the Principal at Kerina Evangelists' College since 2006. However, he didn't always have the intention of being ordained and working for the church. Fr Richard had worked in military which offered plenty of skills he could use when he began to help in his local parish. Gradually, other people suggested he train at Newton College.

"I sort of felt that I was trying to help in a little way at the Parish but I realised God was calling me to do something bigger," he said. This calling has led him to manage Kerina Evangelists' College in Jimi Valley, PNG, which is home to students who are studying theology as well as training to become catechists in order to return to work with the church in their villages. Fr Richard said, "We have a very experienced team of lecturers here, which is very beneficial for the college. When the men come here they depend on the experience of the teachers with their training and their practical work. This is where we focus a lot of our effort. Our students have a certain degree

of understanding but are sometimes not educated so it is important we focus on practical elements." Daily living at Kerina is certainly practical. The students begin the day at 5.30am with morning prayer and breakfast before attending classes. In the afternoon, students work in their vegetable gardens or play sport. They must study in the evening with an average day ending at 9pm. While the college has some fuel supplies and uses kerosene, the students find it difficult to study in the evenings. "It would be very helpful to have some kind of lighting in classrooms. That's something that sort of pulls us back in our activities," Fr Richard said. "(The lifestyle) is a challenge to the students but an experience that they gain. I would say that most of the students find it challenging but enjoyable and fulfilling," he said. Kerina College needs ABM's support to maintain this way of life in the isolated Jimi Valley and build the students' opportunities. Fr Richard needs money to send his staff to ongoing training so they can share new knowledge with the students. "The staff need to be at a standard to meet the needs of the students who are coming so that they can go back and meet the needs of growing communities where they live," he said.

By donating to Kerina College you can help Fr Richard to offer his students a better education as well as train his teachers so that evangelism in PNG can continue.
This project needs \$8,000 in 2011.

School Fees EPNSF11

Fr William Moreva is the parish priest at Taraka in PNG. His three children are able to attend school because of funding from ABM donors. Charles is in Year 9 and hopes to one day work in defence for his country to help the new generation. Helen is in Year 7 and enjoys language, arts and maths. Her brother, Robert also likes his language class and hopes to one day be a priest like his father. "I am happy that they sponsor me for my school fees so I say thank you," he writes to ABM. School fees are a major concern to all parents in PNG, especially those in the rural areas where they is no cash economy. Priests are not paid centrally but rely on support from their parishes and catechists receive no pay. ABM supports the families of clergy so that children can attend school.

By funding these fees this project ensures that school children receive an education that will enable them to lead a fulfilling life. The aim is to offer the children an education covering physical, intellectual and spiritual dimensions. Bishop Nathan Ingen, Bishop of Ipo Rongo said, "There is a great demand for my priests and catechists asking for their school fees for their children. ABM comes and supports us, it makes a great difference." "It is the catechists' and priests' children who benefit from this project. In my country, the poor are getting poorer and the rich getting richer. In rural areas, without your support, many of our children would not go to school and get an education."

You can continue to help ABM support clergy children like Charles, Helen and Robert so that they receive an education.
This project needs \$35,000 in 2011.



Lucy Jabera sits here with her two daughters. Her husband Bray is a catechist and will not receive a stipend once he becomes an evangelist. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

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Clergy Training EPNT14



The Rt Revd Nathan Ingen, Bishop of Aipo Rongo. © Don Brice/ABM 2003

It is part of the vision and mission of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea to train its own priests.

For all clergy and catechists on-going training is essential. However, when clergy are working in very remote areas where communication is poor, it is even more important that they meet together regularly.

Meetings and in-service training

provides theological education and also reinforces expectations of the clergy and their families, that they set a good example in their communities.

The Rt Revd Nathan Ingen, Bishop of Aipo Rongo said, "Supporting clergy workshops and evangelism is an important part of ministry."

He was enthroned in April 2010 and his vision is to empower local projects and people. "We are looking at projects that can sustain our ministry," he said.

"Our vision is to support the clergy allowance...offer ministry for the catechists and to run our own workshops and train our own people. What I'm doing now is I'm encouraging local projects, we want to support things to sustain our ministry not just something you give me now."

Many clergy in PNG are trained at Newton College where currently there are about 60 students undergoing a 3 year course of study. However, when the students leave College and are placed in rural settings to minister locally, it is continued education that is limited.

"Many priests live in the remote parts of our country and most of our evangelism is concentrated here as this is where the bulk of the Christians are living," Bishop Nathan said.

Some priests in his Diocese were able to go to Popondetta for a conference in 2010 but lack of money for this type of training is a hindrance.

Bishop Nathan has plenty of vision but lacks the practical resources. "I have the vision but I need someone to help me make it a reality," he said.

You can help Bishop Nathan's vision come to life and support clergy throughout PNG to offer training and education opportunities.

This project needs \$18,625 in 2011.

Melanesian Brotherhood EPNMB16



Brother Stanley Hoka of the Melanesian Brotherhood in Papua New Guinea. © Robert McLean/ABM 2009

The Melanesian Brotherhood are known as the foot soldiers of the church, sharing the Gospel in areas others will not reach.

The Brotherhood is an Anglican religious order known for its ability to bring the Good News to people in remote areas of Papua New Guinea.

The only way to travel along the

south coast of New Britain in PNG is by sea. The Brothers need to purchase a dinghy so they can continue to travel throughout the area. At present they rely on hiring a dinghy, which is both expensive and unreliable.

The people of PNG will receive Christian teaching, counselling and fellowship with priests and catechists who will travel in the dinghy. This practical purchase will bring with it many spiritual benefits, increasing faith awareness and the importance of Christian living in remote locations.

Like many religious orders, the Brothers take on vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. This means that they survive only with the support of ABM donors who contribute towards their material needs so that they can minister to the spiritual needs of people where they work.

Last year ABM supported the Brotherhood by funding a new generator at the main household in Popondetta. The brothers can now work after sunset allowing much more work to be done by the household.

Regional Head Brother, Brother Matthias is most grateful for the continued support of ABM and its donors throughout the year. "Thank you ABM, for all your help," he said.

By supporting this project and funding a dinghy for the Melanesian brothers you will support the frontline evangelism team of the church.

This project needs \$8,734 in 2011.



Playing soccer outside the Cathedral in Dogura. © Brad Chapman/ABM 2010

Proclaiming the Gospel EPNEV12



The Rt Revd Clyde Igara, Bishop of Dogura, PNG. © Don Brice/ABM 2003

The Rt Revd Clyde Igara is the Bishop of Dogura in PNG. He is working hard to grow local congregations as well as the financial stability of his Diocese.

"The church needed a leader who could offer a holistic approach," he said. "The Gospel needed to be preached powerfully, with life in it."

In order to equip people around Dogura to preach to the villagers in this rugged, mountainous

community, Bishop Clyde focuses on a project that offers training and skills to evangelists.

One of the many challenges of church life in PNG is the difficulty of travel. In Dogura it can take days for priests to travel between villages, creating even more need for local evangelists.

"The Proclaiming the Gospel Project is allowing us to train evangelists," Bishop Clyde said.

"The money is put into preparing and training the men. This

makes it easier for the priests. Our project is a long-term one, but it is coming to a point where men are being encouraged."

Bishop Clyde explains that in remote parishes, evangelists are able to help the Parish Priests in local chapels and if they are identified as good candidates, they are able to study at Newton College and be ordained.

"I would like more of this happening in the parishes and chapels. If the chapels are spiritually awake, the parishes will be awake. People who are trained and raised up are now sharing the Gospel," he said.

Bishop Clyde said, "As Bishop, there is a lot of travelling to do. I go to the local chapels because I want the Bishop's presence to go right down to the grass roots levels and the people, they are so happy. After the service we sit down and have breakfast and people just want to hear their leader. It's a very joyful thing to do, to be with the people."

"It is my job to go out to the people, not to wait for them to come to me. It is very expensive but I have to do it."

"Mission did not end when the missionaries from our Partners left. Mission is every day, it's through mission that people are brought to know Christ. That mission is being fulfilled by equipping the men and sending them out to the churches, equipping them to proclaim the Gospel and empowering them."

You can help Bishop Clyde fulfil this mission and share the Good News with the people of Dogura by funding the Proclaiming the Gospel project this year.

This project needs \$4,050 in 2011.

Children and Youth Ministry EPNCY13

Juliet Kolai and Margaret Kurawae teach Sunday School in the Parish of Mt Hagen in Papua New Guinea. The 20 or so students who gather for each service are taught in small groups, separated by age, if there are enough teachers to help.

Juliet said, "I really enjoy teaching children, they are very interested in learning new things and when we teach them, they also help me to learn something from them."

"When these children grow up, they will be the future leaders of our church and if we don't work with them now they may be lost. I think it's really important for us to be very creative in teaching the children," she said.

Amongst the everyday challenging of teaching children the women regularly run out of resources and have no funding to offer training to those who might be able to assist.

"We need some courses and training as time is changing so we need to keep up with that. Many times we don't take Sunday School seriously but it's my prayer point to reflect on how we might be able to help the small children," Juliet said.

"We need to train teachers to be good, to be creative and prepare their lessons. Then when they teach the children are satisfied and show interest."

With seven years experience in teaching Sunday school Juliet thinks one of the hardest things is to keep the children interested which the teachers do through singing and Bible stories.

"The hardest thing is when they are making noise or they don't listen. We need a lot of teachers to work together to look after them, especially the little ones," Juliet said.

Margaret agrees and said that while she has been in Mt Hagen for the last two years she has found other parishes had much better resources and has experienced some ups and downs teaching Sunday School.



Juliet and Margaret were once High School friends. Now they are Sunday School teachers in Mt Hagen. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

"Since last year we had no proper projects and so people come and go. A parish like this should have something better for the Sunday School so we have the materials we need and a classroom but at the moment we don't have one. We want the children to write and feel interested so they come every Sunday," she said.

The Parish has been undertaking some fundraising initiatives to assist the development of the Sunday School projects but it's not enough.

You can help Margaret and Juliet and many others continue this important ministry to children and young people in Papua New Guinea by supporting this project.

This project needs \$TBA in 2011.

Women in Ministry EPNEM15



Rita Simeni. © Brad Chapman/ABM 20XX

More than 100 women are being supported by the Women in Ministry project in Popondetta, PNG which has successfully strengthened the moral of many women.

It allows women to make decisions in the life of the Church. The project also gives them the courage to make decisions in their daily lives and, through the benefits of this project and the development of women in the region, the Church grows.

Through training and awareness workshops, women are able to network with community groups. By encouraging the women to work together, as well as offering literacy, violence and health training, women are empowered to be active community members with a voice.

Rita Simeni coordinates the Women in Ministry project and wants to help women build their faith while offering practical training to support them. She said, "We have all come together to team up and focus on something to work together effectively in this ministry. Women evangelise in different ways and much of the Church work falls on the shoulders of women."

While running the local literacy project, Rita was able to work with the Mumuni Community in the Parish of Waseta. She encouraged the people to be involved in a self-help project so that women could work in their own communities and support themselves.

Not only do these women learn to read and write, but they are also educated about violence and receive spiritual guidance that continues to strengthen their faith. This empowers the women to help others.

You can help Rita to continue her work with women in Papua New Guinea. By donating to this project you will allow women to continue to empower themselves and their local communities.

This project needs \$5,000 in 2011.

Australia

Revd Tom Slockee IDNT



The Revd Tom Slockee.
© Vivienne For/ABM 2009

The Revd Tom Slockee began as the Northern Territory's first Aboriginal Canon Missioner in February 2010. Almost one year on he continues to work within the Diocese of the Northern Territory developing Christian leaders in churches and communities.

"One challenge is to get the Anglican Church to realise the different ministry needs of Aboriginal people. I'm not an expert in this but there's work needed about how we

can work together... My first response from what I've seen is that there is a danger to make the ways to do things white fella ways but we must think, maybe the Aboriginal people have a different way of doing it but it still has the power and a purpose," Tom said.

Working as part of the Ministry Resource Unit, which aims to empower the locals and provide training, support and resources for churches, Tom is supporting Aboriginal ministry development.

Tom knows that there is always a challenge with language because many of the people he works with speak in their tribal language, which he doesn't speak.

"It's a bit of a challenge and I ask them a lot about it. My communication is only in English and they feel ok with that but the communication is still really a challenge and getting to know the tribal groups and their personal stories and faith journeys. I'm keen to learn from them," he said.

ABM makes a significant contribution towards Tom's salary, in doing so the Anglican Church helps its Aboriginal brothers and sisters in their mission to build a stronger church with inspiring leaders.

By supporting this project you too can assist with Aboriginal ministry and lessen the challenges Revd Tom faces.

This project needs \$25,000 in 2011.

Nungalinga Theological College INUC

The vision of Nungalinga College in Darwin is to inspire and equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for leadership, employment and service in church and community life.

ABM supports Nungalinga to help remote Churches to proclaim and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

The College trains students for leadership roles in churches and communities. It encourages students and family members to make sense of the wider community, to encourage a healthy and holistic community life, while celebrating and strengthening the local identity.

Church workers undergo intensive training at the College and are required to teach theology to other students. Nungalinga students come from all around Australia and ABM helps to fund travel and accommodation expenses when students need to stay in Darwin for short-term training.

Since the end of 2009 the College has been a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) under the Australian Quality Training Framework which allows it to deliver Nationally Accredited Qualifications, a standard that is essential to ensure that those who study at the College receive transferable and valuable qualifications.

By supporting this project you will help to play a role in the education of Indigenous Australians.

This project needs \$36,000 in 2011.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College IWTC



The Revd Victor Joseph,
Principal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya
College. © Vivienne For/
ABM 2010

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, in Cairns, strives to educate Australian church members in knowledge and understanding of the Gospel through their own culture. The College is the Queensland Partner of Nungalinga College and trains students in community work, youth work, family health, home management and other areas of community life.

The main goal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya is to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to be leaders with faith, vision

and skills, and to be effective in building up their people, their church and their community.

ABM supports the College by providing staff, administration, resources and workshops for the students. Three major projects are funded by ABM and help achieve the College's mission.

Executive Leadership – The Revd Victor Joseph, a Torres Strait Islander ensures that leadership is from 'within' and Fr Victor continues his theology and management training with the support of ABM.

Regional Workshops – Through field trips to Cape York Communities and towns such as Mackay, staff are able to visit the students of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College. They teach community members who are not able to travel to the residential courses and recruit other community members who wish to study.

Theology Scholars – While Government assistance provides the College with student travel and accommodation costs it does not cover operational costs. ABM financially supports teaching, tutoring and administrative staff.

This project needs \$36,000 in 2011.

St Andrew's Scholarships INSES



A Torres Strait Islander student who attends St Andrew's School.
© Melany Markham/ABM 2009

Through this project ABM supporters create a place at a prestigious private school in Sydney – at the Gawura Campus at St Andrew's Cathedral School for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student.

The School provides a stable and familiar learning environment so that the student successfully graduates to high school. The scholarship helps motivate the student and offers a broad path towards tertiary education and other career choices.

There are currently 22 students attending Gawura, which is a much larger number than when it was established in 2007. The project began as a result of a bequest left to ABM for the education of Aboriginal students. Today, students from inner-city suburbs such as Redfern receive an education that encompasses all aspects of school life including sport and music.

Gawura Secondary Scholarship holders also attend Homework Club two to three times a week where the students have access to laptops, the internet, printers and other resources to complete assignments and develop their study skills.

Mrs Culas coordinates the homework project and said, "The Gawura Homework Club gives students stability in their homework ethic. It also fosters a sense of self pride in their abilities to cope with school's demands. The whole purpose of Gawura is to open as many doors as possible, via education, so that these young people can be future Indigenous leaders for their generation."

The students have found the Gawura Homework Club very effective and one Year 7 student said, "It's great, it really helps me to get my homework done!"

Through specific scholarship funding this project supports the aim of Gawura; to nurture and teach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, guiding them towards 'closing the gap', towards success in all of life.

You can help close the gap by supporting the Gawura Scholarship in 2011.

This project needs \$22,000 in 2011.



The ocean at Numbulwar a former Anglican mission. © Gretel Hawtrey/ABM 2009

Community Development Projects



A community meeting about water supply in a village in the Northern Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

More than goats and water tanks



When ABM's supporters donate to our projects it is always gratifying when they can 'see' a tangible benefit for their donation. Many campaigns tell us that "xx dollars will buy a pig for a poor family", or "xx dollars will dig a well in a village".

We all want to see results for our dollars.

We like to see new buildings, well-equipped hospitals, flourishing crops, people graduating from literacy projects – all the things that show our money has gone to a 'good cause'. Certainly, much of our supporters' donations do eventually produce tangible outcomes such as these, but it is often a long, hard road.

Often what 'looks good' is really about donors feeling good about making the donation, rather what might be the best for those at the receiving end. ABM's approach to helping people is one that aims to make Partners and the communities they serve independent of our material help.

There aren't many things worse than ongoing dependency. However, this is often the result when well-meaning people travel to developing countries and "build things". You've heard the story – "we went to this village and saw that they needed a well, and so we got a team together and went and dug three wells for them." But, then the team goes back two years later to find that the wells have dried up or become contaminated, or they are not working because local people didn't have the knowledge needed to maintain a well, or because a well was never what was needed in the first place and that maybe rainwater tanks would have been a better option, but those living locally weren't consulted sufficiently about the best solution.

Working with communities takes time and a lot of effort. Sustainable development is hard, but it is infinitely more sustainable to work with organisations that are already well and truly part of the fabric of the country, like local Anglican Churches. In the long run, this is the most successful and sustainable way to work. The largest proportion of donations to ABM goes to building the skills and ability of our Partners to develop plans and strategies to get what they need. That could be water tanks, education for their children, lobbying local and national governments to get the services that they are entitled to, skills in financial management so that they can budget and account for the funds received and training trainers in community development. We put a lot of time and effort into visiting our Partners, monitoring the work they do, sending them to other developing countries to learn about the best practices in community development – all in order to ensure that donations are well spent.

We work with Partners to increase their understanding of how women impact on development overall. We help them manage staff to ensure that children and other vulnerable people in their projects are protected. We help ensure water tanks and wells are built in such a way as to be sustainable.

Remember that if you want to do lasting good, most of your donated dollar needs to go to providing the skills, training and "people work" that are the building blocks for sustainable development.

Please continue to give generously to the work of ABM and our Partners!

Dr Julianne Stewart, Projects Director

The following projects are all tax deductible.

Kenya



Young people hold goats that will be given to people who care for children who have been orphaned by AIDS.
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Wanzauni Livelihood Improvement Project (NEW) CKYIC

In the arid lands of Kenya, rainfall is erratic at best, making it difficult for people to find water for agriculture and livestock. It is in this part of the world that the town of Wanzauni is located. Here, the average distance to water is five kilometres, taking around three hours to travel there and back.

Sadly, farmers in this area depend entirely on rain-fed agriculture. Drought and famine have increased as a result of climate change and the lack of rainfall has killed crops and dried up water sources. In this harsh environment, crops frequently fail, so food relief is a recurrent feature of rural life.

People who were once farmers have turned to other means to earn a living, such as charcoal production and unregulated sand harvesting. Unfortunately, charcoal consumes trees that have taken over 100 years to grow, further exacerbating environmental problems.

This project aims to make the people of Wanzauni more resilient to climate change. By the end of the project, water will be drawn from a subsurface dam that will be much closer to the town. This supply will be used for drip irrigation and kitchen gardens, thereby increasing the food supply. Tree nurseries will be established that will provide fuel, timber and shade to the community as well as restoring the environment. Soil and water conservation will mean that farms can retain rain water and sustain crops even when the weather is inconsistent.

The project will help over 9000 people, the entire population of Kalawani sub-location.

Support these people who are at the mercy of their harsh environment by donating to the Wanzauni Livelihood Improvement Project.

This project needs \$40,000 in 2011.

Zambia

Zambia Anglican Council Health and Community Development Initiative CZBIC

In disadvantaged communities throughout Zambia, ABM hopes to empower women and youth through health projects, craft classes, agriculture training and literacy training. This project also aims to improve food security at a household level by providing farming inputs to 100 households, offering livestock to vulnerable households and 50 goats to each diocese.

The hope is that a healthy and self-sustaining community will be created. A part of this will be to encourage communities to participate in governance. This will be achieved through civic education workshops that will focus on property grabbing, wife bartering and children's rights. To reinforce this, clergy will be trained in dispute resolution and management skills.

You can support this vision of the Zambia Anglican Council by donating to this project.

This project needs \$60,000 in 2011.



A group of HIV educators. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2009

Ethiopia

Community Library CECTL

Set up in an empty and slightly derelict compound, the beginnings of the second community library started with negotiations with the landlord to repair, clean and paint, renew the lighting cables, build a toilet block, install shelving, buy desks and chairs and of course, library books.

Despite the state of the complex, ABM donors were able to make this project happen, and the library in Addis Ababa now offers books and study resources to students in the area. The library had 4,413 registered users in May 2010 and it is estimated that these numbers will continue to grow, given the local students' enthusiasm and interest.

The Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa said, "Most of the students who use our libraries come from large families, all sharing one room. We learnt that these students have to study all night at home, when their parents and siblings are asleep, but without access to books. Having met with the students, we quickly made it possible for the library to be open at night and for two weeks, every other night. All 70 students spent the nights in our reading rooms, studying and supporting each other. Once again this year our students achieved excellent results in their public exams."

Although this new library only has half of the number of students registered at the original library, St Matthew's daily usage is already higher. The library has six laptop computers for student use and two qualified local librarians who were appointed and have befriended students and their parents.

Bishop Andrew recently shared the heart-breaking news that



A young girl in Ethiopia who also studies at the library.
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the landlord had sold the compound and a new site for the library will have to be found. "We ask that you pray that we can find an equally suitable compound to rent, within striking distance of the present library, so that these students can continue to benefit from what, to them, is such a precious resource," he said.

You can help by supporting this project so that Bishop Andrew can continue the success and growth of the Community Libraries in Ethiopia and give students the opportunity to access resources and value their education.

This project needs \$15,000 in 2011.

Philippines



A young boy collects water for bathing from a pump built with funds from ABM donors. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

Water and Sanitation CPHAG



Victoria Gaengan in the village of Besao says the water system in her village has improved their quality of life. © Tyler Freeman-Smith/ABM 2010

"We try and send our children to get an education but some people are just trying to make ends meet. That's our life here actually, in this community."

"We are very very grateful, on behalf of the whole community of Besao, mountain side, Philippines, to the Australian government and ABM for the thanks they have extended to us for our water works, our environmental protection and everything."

ABM works with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP)

With a big smile on her face Victoria tells ABM that, "Each house in the community has running water with their own faucets."

"Life here is too difficult if you don't use your hands. Even if you work, the whole day every day we still survive by subsistence and agriculture. Not everyone grows their own vegetables so they go to hard labour for their other needs," she said.

to provide water and sanitation systems to rural and isolated communities.

In partnership with AusAID ABM was able to install a water tank in the village. The village was also able to put in sanitary public toilets with the funding.

"It has helped a lot in terms of sanitation and also health. Also for the children, we no longer have to send them to get water because it is already available for the household," Victoria said.

"With sufficient water we can wash our clothes every day and take a bath everyday and the big bins are cleaned every day so flies are controlled because it's clean."

"As an observation I notice there is no Diarrhoea in the community and I think that is one good impact of the sufficient water."

The water comes from a mountain spring and is stored in small tanks and then pipes run the water through to the main reservoir and then distributed to the houses. For Victoria who lives with her husband and still has some of her five children at home with her, the new facility has made a difference to the everyday life.

With your support ABM can continue to make a difference in the lives of people in the Philippines.

Donate to ABM's water project so that we can continue to support people like Mary and provide clean water in rural areas.

This project needs \$112,500 in 2011.



Planting corn seeds in the Northern Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

Agriculture and Food CPHWA27

Francisca Napolitano is a farmer in the village of Calupan, Philippines, where barley, corn and rice are the major sources of livelihood.

Her family has been supported by ABM's agriculture and food project to build drying and storage facilities for their harvest.

Francisca is a childcare worker and during school days she works while her husband plants vegetables, corn and rice.

"It's good because our crop is not being damaged. Sometimes before we had the solar drier the corn or rice would sprout and be damaged," she said.

The solar drier, or pavement, is used to dry corn and rice products so the farmers don't have to sell the produce to traders, who have these facilities, for reduced costs.

A farmer can increase his or her income by 10 to 15% when the produce is sold dry and stored properly. With this money farmers are able to send their children to school and pay loans.

Farmers like Francisca's husband Luciano used to have to take produce to the national highway to dry it on the road but this

process can cost a lot. The harvest has to dry for two or three days and when left overnight is often stolen.

Bishop Alex Wadag of the Diocese of Luzon said, "We know the grinding poverty and we know the helplessness of people. To be relevant in our ministry we engage in advocacy and community development work."

The tangible support offered by ABM and its donors is bringing hope to rural communities.

In tears, Francisco told ABM, "The only thing I can say is thank you, thank you very much because you have chosen our poor barangay (community) to give this project and pavement because we really need it and it helps us so thank you, thank you. I hope you will not stop with this but also help other barabgays who need your help."

You can help other farmers in the Philippines to feel the support that Francisco and Napolitano have by supporting this project and offering agriculture support to those in poor rural areas.

This project needs \$81,250 in 2011.



Francesca Napolitano is from a farming family in Luzon in the Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

Climate Change (NEW) CPHCLC

Developing countries will be the ones hardest hit by climate change and, in the Philippines, the effects are already being seen and felt. Poor people, most of who live in rural areas, bear the brunt of weather extremes. Farmers who once harvested abundant rice crops changed to more drought resistant corn in recent years. During the drought in 2009, these farmers struggled to grow corn. When typhoons hit the country around October every year, they inevitably cause landslides and flooding. In recent years, they have increased in severity and wipe out crops and arable land and many, many lives in their path.

With a membership concentrated in rural areas, the ECP is confronting the effects of climate change through adaptation and mitigation. As part of the effort to mitigate climate change, the ECP will plant tens of thousands of trees as part of a sustainable forestry program. This will help prevent flooding, erosion and also decrease the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

The Filipino Government reports that warmer temperatures are experienced most in the northern and southern regions of the country. The regions that have warmed the most (northern Luzon, Mindanao) have also dried the most. These are the areas



Storm clouds gather over a rice field in the Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

in which the ECP is concentrated – among rural communities. Another part of the climate adaptation strategy is to promote organic farming as a more sustainable and drought resistant method farming.

Donate to XXXXXX.

This project needs \$XXXXXXX in 2011.

Solomon Islands



Waterlogged trees die in the Solomon Islands.
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Climate Change (NEW) CSICLC

The Solomon Islands will be among those nations most affected by climate change. As a country of over 900 islands, of which about 300 are inhabited, most of the people live close to the coast. Due to these conditions almost all of the population will be directly affected by rising water levels and other problems, such as food shortages, safe water and an increase in disease.

In partnership with the Anglican Church of Melanesia, ABM is implementing a new project that will directly benefit about 26,000 people, particularly in the outlying Solomon Islands as well as Vanuatu.

The aim of the project is to keep people on their home islands, with their culture intact and without deterioration of their standard of living or environment. There are three main parts to the project:

- Preserving the reefs, coastline and land
- Ensure an ongoing supply of drinkable water, food and fisheries
- Health and sanitation strategies to ensure people are as healthy as possible

Resettlement may be the unfortunate reality for many of these people so ABM will also work to identify the numbers of people who will need to move within the next ten years. Another aim of the project is to identify groups that will need to relocate and to make an initial assessment of how many need to move and possible locations for resettlement.

You can help in this planning and adaptation to climate change.

Donate to this new project and keep the people of the Solomon Islands on their home islands.

This project needs \$6,400 in 2011.

Literacy CSIED

83 percent of the population in the Solomon Islands live in rural areas, making basic education and literacy difficult.

Emily Orudiana is the Literacy Co-ordinator for MU in the Solomon Islands. She travels to eight Dioceses to conduct literacy training, teaching women how to write, the sounds of the alphabet and how to pronounce words.

"Women come from different backgrounds and different dialects. So the literacy network has to print different resources. In Maliata there are about 5 different languages and we have to print books for the schools. I'm happy to say now that some Dioceses have translated the book into their local language so they can use it properly," she said.

In 2010 the project money was used to train literacy teachers. Costs included travel, accommodation and resources for the participants. The challenge is to deal with those who are totally illiterate. Emily explained that the teachers have to know how to speak English but they must teach in their mother tongue. While she works through these challenges the rewards are great.

"We find that once people learn how to read they don't want to stop. They want to keep learning and often ask, 'what's next for me'. They want to also learn numeracy and then more life skills to help in their livelihood," Emily said.

"Somebody said to me, 'How can you teach these people about things like HIV if they cannot read'. I think literacy is important for other areas because we want women to be able to read brochures and pamphlets about other areas. It is really important."

By supporting the literacy project in the Solomon Islands you are also benefiting whole communities.

Donate to this project so that Emily Orudiana can continue her work of training women in rural areas.

This project needs \$6,400 in 2011.



MU Literacy Coordinator Emily Orudiana with Dr Julianne Stewart.
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Christian Care Centre CSIHE

When the Christian Care Centre is full there could be eight to ten women and a large number of children at the shelter, all with different stories, equally shocking.

Sister Catherine Rosa, head sister of the only women's refuge in the Solomon Islands, works with seven other sisters to help these women.

She tells us, "We have one mother with four kids whose husband is living with another woman. He sent them away from their home and he threatened her. She tried to seek help and ended up at the Family Support Centre and they referred her to the shelter here."

This woman has been at the Centre for a month and arrived with four very sick children. The Sisters were able to take the children to the hospital and now await a court case to see if the mother can move to the province where her parents live and still receive financial support from the children's father.

Sister Catherine said, "In the last few years we receive clients every day. Some come and go for minor problems but others stay and we are full."

There is one single mother who is a regular client. Her first husband is in prison because he sexually abused the couple's eldest daughter. The children were staying by themselves in another home so the woman could live with another man but he also abused her.

"The husband in jail is out in two months time and she is worried because he threatened her and the daughter, who reported him, so they are thinking of going back home. We need to try and counsel her and offer her some solutions," said Sister Catherine.



Sister Catherine Rosa of the Christian Care Centre in Honiara, Solomon Islands.
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"We have a lot of cases like this where young girls are sexually abused by their father or brother and the family turns their backs on the victims. They choose not to believe the girls because they are still so young and the men are more respected."

Sister Catherine hopes the future of the centre will involve more training and staff.

"It would be good to have counsellors as well as the sisters so we can refer clients, and it would be good to have trained,

employed staff as well as nurses so we don't have to send people to the hospital," she said.

"...statistics show that domestic violence in the Solomon Islands is very high... I think the communities need more awareness and education on these issues... A lot of work needs to be done."

You can help support this project and contribute to the work of the Christian Care Centre to help women fleeing from domestic violence in the Solomon Islands.

This project needs \$15,000 in 2011.

Inclusive Communities Project CSIIC



Washington Gatu.
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Washington Gatu is a Project Officer for the Inclusive Communities Project (ICP). He works in the villages of the Solomon Islands to encourage people to improve their lives by working together.

"In Melanesian countries we don't have plans, even families don't have plans. There is no vision and now this new approach is good," he said.

"I think people had become reliant on NGOs to give them things and not help themselves. It encouraged people to be lazy and have high expectations."

The project, funded through ABM and AusAID aims to foster inclusive and collaborative decision-making as part of the peace process. Everyone in the community is involved and communication is encouraged.

Washington said, "We're still working on this new approach and each of the staff have their own visions but it's easier for us to facilitate the work. The communities identify what they need themselves and then we can offer common training like literacy and leadership qualities."

Ollie Pokana, the Project Co-ordinator agreed with the success of this new approach and said, "We try and make communities more responsible to help themselves."

"One big challenge is changing the mindset of people to do something for themselves," she said.

Success stories are growing. Ollie told ABM about one man from Suva who started saving in March 2010 and in three months he had saved SID10,000.

"This man used to drink but since the financial literacy training he is saving for his wife, children and for himself and he doesn't drink his money away. Some changes are immediate and some are slow," she said.

Washington's experience is similar. One of the positive things he has seen in the community is a disabled man who can't communicate with others, but is becoming involved in work in the village. Other people are seeing him do things like fishing, diving and helping to build houses and this has offered a challenge to the other able bodied people.

"It's very inspiring. Each of us has the power to make things happen," Washington said.

You too can make things happen in local communities in the Solomon Islands.

This project needs \$24,000 in 2011.

Vanuatu



Lorevilko village where Kayline teaches. © Don Brice/ABM 2008

Literacy CVNLI



Kayline Hinge, literacy teacher.
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Kayline Hinge is 22 and a literacy teacher in Lorevilko, Vanuatu. Kayline started working for the Church when her Parish Priest asked her to teach at the local literacy school in 2009.

Kayline said, "This project is important because we want all of the people in our community to come to church and then be able to give mothers skills so they can help their children.

Many people do not know how to write and it is very important for us to be here." The Anglican Church in Melanesia (ACOM) and the Mother's Union offer education and literacy projects throughout Vanuatu – projects not without their challenges.

Women often don't have access to many materials because groups are small and the resources are expensive. In Lorevilko, the students did not have access to a classroom and had to conduct school in the parish priest's house. Many women did not want to come because they were ashamed to go to class in a priest's home. Kayline knew many people in the village

wanted to attend but the class was slow to grow with only ten students in the first year. Some of these students dropped out but others were able to continue. This gave them more opportunities within the local community.

One student said, "Literacy has helped me in so many ways... I learnt to write and read. At first I didn't know how and now the class has helped me even more."

"I am interested to come to the literacy school because it helps me develop independence in the home and help my children in school," said another woman.

At a Diocesan level, Gracetella Smith works as the Literacy Coordinator for the Diocese of Banks and Torres.

As an Anglican, she attends church every day and when the Diocese was given resources like pencils and pens she was able to become the Literacy Coordinator in 2009.

"A good way that the Church can help the community is to set up a literacy class. I only work on this island due to money. Maybe if I get some money I can travel and do more literacy work," Gracetella said.

While literacy education is happening on local and Diocesan levels throughout Vanuatu you can help this important project to grow.

Donate to Literacy in Vanuatu to provide teachers like Kayline and Gracetella with more resources and opportunities.

This project needs \$6,400 in 2011.

Water and Sanitation CVNWA



Fr Felix of Ban Ban parish in Vanuatu. © Vivienne For/ABM 2010

Fr Felix Bule is the Parish Priest to 256 Anglicans in Ban Ban parish. Previously, Fr Felix had to walk for three hours to collect water at the beach and then return home carrying the water inside a basket for another three hours.

Fr Felix is grateful that ABM helped to install a water tank in the community.

"On behalf of Ban Ban Parish we would like to say thank you very much to

the ABM team to provide us with a new water tank to sustain us here. As we know, Jesus says he is the water of life so we need water to give us life so thank you very much," he said.

The Parish of Ban Ban is a new parish in Vanuatu and there is a great need for development.

"There are many things we need to develop this ground. We need to build the church and a hall centre and a house for the priest. There are many things that we need to develop for this parish to become a full one but we have no money.

I believe the ABM team will continue to help us," Fr Felix said. "The water tank helps every Christian person here so we thank you because the water tank sustains life and makes community life and the ministry of Christ easier here."

In partnership with ACOM, ABM continues to fund rainwater tanks and other building materials for villages like Ban Ban throughout Vanuatu. Workshops to educate people about water tanks and hygiene are conducted to ensure the water systems are maintained by the locals.

Anika Bollen, a resident in Sola, told ABM how the old water supply was restricted in hot seasons and people came to rely on the spring water which is not of drinking quality.

"Sometimes my family has diarrhoea and the water causes some sickness because it's not clean," she said.

The ABM water project in Sola gives the community access to drinking water and a supply they can also use for cooking and washing.

Anika is grateful to ABM donors and says, "Not everyone has these good water tanks."

You can help ABM to install more water tanks so people like Anika and her family, as well as whole communities like Ban Ban, can have access to drinking water.

This project needs \$6,400 in 2011.



Washing hands at a water pump in Vanuatu. © Don Brice/ABM 2008

HIV & AIDS

CVNHI



Edith Willie runs workshops on HIV in Vanuatu.
© Vivienne For/ABM 2010

There is a concern that an epidemic of HIV will hit Vanuatu due to the high prevalence of STIs in young people in that country. Both the Church and the Government are trying to prevent this happening, but much work needs to be done.

Edith Willie is a Mother's Union worker in Vanuatu. Her job is to go out to the community and run workshops about HIV and AIDS as well as other skills like sewing, craft, literacy and reading.

"We are working with a (strategy) plan and that includes health issues like HIV and AIDS. We had a workshop of three days and we collected women from six parishes in rural areas and we offered them accommodation in the city centre and held the workshop. We invited staff from other health services to facilitate projects. We also invited the Bishop's wife to talk about positive parenting because we believe to prevent HIV you need good parenting," Edith said.

"The outcome of the workshop was to collect resources and ask the participants to produce their own resources from the information they had received and they presented to the group. They could take this back to their villages and we can use them as future resources. Together we can form a team to go out in the community and help others," she said.

The empowerment of local women is essential to the success of health education as talking about sex in Vanuatu is taboo.

Marion Broderick is a HIV STI nurse advisor with Voluntary Services Overseas and she said, "While people are willing to talk about HIV, STIs are not discussed. There are 35 million cases of STIs in the Pacific and it is clear the youth are not using condoms." Youth comprise 50% of Vanuatu's population, so awareness and education about HIV is essential and the church and MU workshops are critical.

"The thing about HIV is it is preventable and we are all learning from other countries and projects so that we can educate people," Marion said.

Together with the MU, the Church is able to reach people in remote areas to promote HIV awareness and prevention through workshops and campaigns.

Support this project to prevent the spread of HIV in Vanuatu.
This project needs \$6,400 in 2011.

Papua New Guinea

St Margaret's Hospital

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Irene is a nurse at the clinic that is operating at St Margaret's while the hospital is being rebuilt.
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St Margaret's Hospital in PNG is the only Anglican Hospital in the South Pacific.

The Oro Bay region, which is served by the hospital, is home to 160,000 people, many of whom suffer from malaria, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Sadly, too many patients die from preventable or curable conditions, as, the hospital has deteriorated over the years due to lack of maintenance. Thanks to ABM

donors, the hospital is now undergoing major work to upgrade the facilities. The health centre had no running water, power for only five hours per day and no patient access to toilets.

While good progress is being made, every service area must be modified to meet current PNG National Department of Health standards. While these health standards are essential, so too are the living quarters for the staff of the hospital. Satisfactory accommodation is needed to attract trained staff to St Margaret's and many of the staff huts need to be replaced.

Integral to the reconstruction of the Hospital is an environmentally sustainable and sympathetic design. Lighting will include both solar and generator power. Skylights have also been added to increase the natural lighting in hallways to



Reconstruction work at St Margaret's. © Russell Thompson/ABM 2010

brighten the areas. Work is developing to source an additional water supply for flushing toilets in St Margaret's Hospital.

Four service areas are to be air-conditioned for client comfort; the pharmacy, the minor operating theater, labor and delivery and the laboratory.

All of this work is needed to ensure the health of the people in the Oro Bay region but it is not possible without financial assistance.

Once St Margaret's Health Centre is fully upgraded, it will provide essential medical care, maternal health services, minor operations, and STI treatment and prevention to the local communities.

Your donations to St Margaret's Hospital will help rebuild the facilities and offer health care to those in need.
This project needs \$500,000 in 2011.

Korea



A farming couple in the North Korean countryside. © Robert Lafforgue 2009

Towards Peace in Korea

CKNOP

The relationship between North and South Korea is one of confrontation and crisis. Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) is a five-year humanitarian plan that aims to prevent widespread famine in North Korea and at the same time, promote peace between the two Koreas.

The Anglican Church of Korea believes sharing is a feasible sign of forgiveness and the first step to reconciliation. In the spirit of sharing, TOPIK is sending coal briquettes to North Korea which has a severe shortage of fuel for heating.

In the past year 50,000 briquettes were supplied to people near Mountain Geumgang. Rice has also been sent to the territory which was harmed by recent flooding. There are plans for sending more briquettes in winter and educational materials like computers and writing tools for schools.

TOPIK is also concentrating on peace education for the clergy, lay people and youth, and investing in those responsible for the country's future.

This project hasn't been without its challenges. During the recent tension between the two Koreas, almost all humanitarian aid was stopped. Sending coal briquettes became conspicuous, even though the size was small.

Those working in Korea say it is not easy for visitors to understand the real suffering of the North Korean people.

While there are food shortages and heating problems, there are broader issues including failure of the currency reform in North Korea. In turn this has forced economic and agricultural conditions to worsen, also affecting the health of people, particularly children.

TOPIK is working through many challenges. You can help overcome some of these and assist people in North Korea by donating to this project in 2011.



The Revd Joachim Kim. © ACK – used with permission

"ABM Australia plays a very significant role to heal our wounded heart... TOPIK ministry, with your help, considers various types of support beyond a physical emergency aid. At this moment the cooperation must be needed. We give special thanks to ABM Australia for your support and concern."

Myanmar (Burma)



Saw Fabian. © Vivienne For/ABM 2010

Saw Fabian is the Relief Co-ordinator for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM). His work since the devastating Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar in May 2008 has brought him to meet many people in need.

One man that Saw Fabian worked with lost two children. Every night for a year he had nightmares and cried for his dead children. He stopped working and was fighting with his wife who was the only personal contact he could handle.

Another young man in the village committed suicide. His father said before cyclone he didn't have any problems. He left a wife and a baby behind.

Saw Fabian met a 7-year-old boy at a boarding house run by a Parish. The boy's mother died during the cyclone and his father has since married another woman so this boy and his 3 other siblings have been sent to school six hours from the village. Saw Fabian said, "The parish looks after him and the boarding school offers a happy environment for him."

These stories are from villages where Saw Fabian and the CPM is working to rehabilitate the infrastructure and the people, but there are many challenges. Many of the people in the Irrawaddy Delta are still living in temporary shelter. The CPM aims to build another 150 houses, but work is hampered during the rainy season when work must stop and the materials cannot be sourced locally.

The crops and agriculture supplies in the Delta region are also suffering. For at least one year after Cyclone Nargis farms were too salinated for anything to grow. Even in 2009, plantation plantings were unsuccessful because crabs and rats destroyed the crops.

Saw Fabian said, "We have never seen the rats like we have since after the cyclone. They destroyed the crops before harvest."



Collecting water in Myanmar. © CPM – used with permission

"Families are really struggling to feed children and now we have to wait to next harvest. The villagers are living on very basic rice but sometimes have to buy from other areas."

Fishing also became difficult after the cyclone. CPM supplied some boats and equipment to fishermen but it wasn't enough. Some have had to become farmers in certain seasons because there are no fish. "It is not easy. Before Nargis there were fish in every stream, now it's not like that," Saw Fabian said.

Medical assistance and education are also limited. During his visits Saw Fabian had to explain to elderly couples that doctors can only visit monthly because they have so many areas to travel. With over 100 villages, priority must be given to the most affected areas.

The Church is also training young women in many villages that have been affected by the cyclone so that they can learn to help themselves.

Saw Fabian said, "We still have a lot of work to do," he said. "I feel better for the people and I am happy for the construction projects but I have compassion for the people in unsafe housing in the villages. You cannot even say it is a hut, there are no roofs."

"I met with a Buddhist couple who warmly welcomed me into their garden where they are now able to grow small amounts of vegetables like eggplant and coconut. They were very grateful for their new house and they know that the Christians built these for everyone. Their old house was very unsafe and leaked so they are very grateful and thankful to us."

ABM is funding the following projects in Myanmar:

- Cyclone Rehabilitation
- Water and Sanitation
- Diocesan Partnerships
- English Language Tuition
- Youth Skills Training

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China



Women in China attend a health education class. © Amity (used with permission)

Ethnic Women's Health Promotion Project (NEW) CCHWH

Zhangfeng is a town in rural China, where 95% of women suffered from reproductive illnesses. In rural areas of China, the heavy burden of families, traditional ideas, lack of basic health knowledge and disease prevention, bad hygiene practices and lack of medical resources all contribute to the poor health of women. ABM wants to improve the knowledge women have about their health and so is supporting a health promotion project.

Work is already underway in poverty stricken areas to increase women's awareness of health care and, ultimately, to encourage them to improve their own health through education, physical check-ups and other activities. Education workshops and health consultations are being conducted across three villages and will reach over 8500 people. These workshops will promote health education, prevent the spread of HIV & AIDS and educate women about other diseases.

The project offers women a physical check-up when the importance of regular check-ups is explained to them. In this and other ways, women will be encouraged to consult a doctor

regularly. The training and workshops that the project provides can lead to healthier lives. The hope is that it will influence other people in the communities to live healthier lives also.

Women of child-bearing age are particularly vulnerable but are now benefiting from ABM's work in the villages to receive physical check ups and improve community awareness of health issues.

Both men and women are targeted by public information campaigns, in order to develop awareness of health across the whole community. The project also advocates the empowerment of women through knowledge and access to health resources.

You can help these women in rural China receive health education and be empowered by this education and knowledge.

Support this new project in 2011.

Emergencies



The aftermath of the tsunami in Samoa late in 2009. © UnitingWorld – used with permission

Global Rapid Response CGLER

On January 12, 2010, a devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, a country where 80% of the population were already living in poverty.

ABM responded by sending supporter’s donations to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti to help survivors rebuild. The funds accumulated through ABM’s rapid response fund meant that donations were sent immediately.

Bishop Holguin of the Dominican Republic said, “...all the financial aid, supplies, food, water that the Episcopal Church members had provided... are one of the most helpful and secure ways to support the people damaged by the earthquake in Haiti.”

In the week following the quake, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti’s development office distributed bottled and bagged drinking water in Port-au-Prince and a water tanker truck brought water twice daily to the residents of the College St Pierre tent camp. The diocese’s development office also helped coordinate the local purchase of water by priests for their communities.

Donations to ABM’s rapid response funds enable Australian Anglicans to support those in crisis when international disasters like Haiti strike. Thanks to your support we are able to extend real assistance to vulnerable communities at their hour of greatest need.
This project needs \$60,000 in 2011.

Disaster Risk Reduction CGLDR

A proactive approach to preparing for disasters is essential. Whether it be floods in Pakistan, an earthquake in Haiti or a tsunami in Indonesia, these disasters require an immediate response and those on the ground must be to be ready to act with the right equipment and training.

The ABM disaster risk reduction project offers these tools and training to countries at high risk of natural disaster. These projects and the tools needed in case of an emergency are costly. Two way radios are essential for communication in a disaster. \$45 will buy a UHF radio but a further \$700 is needed to help someone to attend a Disaster Risk Reduction workshop where they learn to use the radios and other emergency tools.

Supporting the Disaster Risk Reduction project is a proactive way to assist in avoiding the worst outcomes of extreme events. Training occurs in countries, such as the Philippines and Solomon Islands, which are at high risk to natural disasters and may not be equipped to deal with emergencies. The project encourages communities to develop an emergency response plan, building capacity to respond.

While disasters will continue to occur, we can minimise their effects by building the capacity and resilience of communities to plan for and respond to natural and human hazards.

By supporting ABM’s Disaster Risk Reduction project you enable work with vulnerable communities around the world, especially in regions at high risk of the affects of climate change, to plan for disasters before they occur.
This project needs \$50,000 in 2011.

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