2012 Project Book
Pictured on cover: In partnership with ZAC, ABM works to build healthy and self-sustaining communities in the most disadvantaged regions throughout Zambia. Children gather around the community’s central food and water supply. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2009.
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I present this year’s Project Book to you.

As you can see, we have listened to your feedback on last year’s book and have now grouped all the projects within their countries. It is simply not possible to feature every project that ABM is committed to and so we have focused attention on the projects that are new and those existing projects that need your extra support.

This does not mean that our other projects do not also need support. However, many of these have access to other sources of funding which is not available to the ones in the Project Book. You will find a comprehensive list of all our projects at the back of this book. Please feel free to continue supporting your project from last year, or previous years, if it is still running.

I would like personally to thank each of you, whether individually or collectively through your parish, for the support, both in prayer and in deed, that you have provided to ABM and our overseas Partners last year. You managed to raise a staggering $760,000 from the Project Book alone.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the featured stories in this year’s book; learn a little bit more about our Partners; and join us in prayer for the continued success and blessing of ABM’s work.

May you have a blessed and prosperous 2012.

Yours in Christ

The Rev John Deane
Executive Director
The Rev Gloria Shipp – Diocese of Bathurst

The ministry of the Rev Gloria Shipp in the Diocese of Bathurst aims to empower people and encourage transformation. Gloria is the co-ordinator of a ministry team called ‘Walkabout Ministries’. Part of her outreach activities involve running men’s and women’s camps for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, giving them opportunities to share their life experiences. These weekend camps in Dubbo are a time of fellowship, to learn about culture, to pray, to be renewed and to connect with the communities in the local area. Her husband Eddie assists with the men’s activities.

She says, “The gathering is a time for women to share their life stories and pass their knowledge on with the aim to help each other understand that we are not alone in our journey as a daughter, a mother, a wife, a sister, a grandmother or great grandmother, an aunty, or a friend.”

Along with annual events like the camp, Gloria also holds a weekly service in a community centre in Dubbo, organises Christian rallies, fellowship gatherings such as monthly dinners and mission trips to areas within the Diocese such as Bourke, Brewarinna and Condobolin. She is chaplain to the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre.

Please support the Rev Gloria Shipp so that she can continue to encourage communities to come to know the gospel in the Diocese of Bathurst.

Indigenous Secondary Scholarships, St Andrew’s Cathedral School

In 2011, 15 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were enrolled in the Gawura Secondary Scholarship program at St Andrew’s Cathedral School. The aim of the program is to break the entrenched cycle of disadvantage experienced by Indigenous children and to see them achieve educational outcomes equal to, or better than, their non-Indigenous peers.

ABM’s support of this program provides for a secondary scholarship for one student in 2012, offering a life-changing journey of education. Specialist literacy and numeracy programs are provided to students who require extra support and extension work is also offered to students exceeding required outcomes.

Part of the scholarship conditions include attendance at the Homework Club at least two afternoons per week, where tutoring and mentoring is provided on a one-on-one basis. The continued engagement and support of the Gawura parent community continues to be critical to the program’s success.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are celebrated at Gawura and the continued development of cultural pride in the students is encouraged. The Secondary Scholarship program has been designed to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the best opportunity for educational success.

Your support of this program offers Indigenous students a choice of direction for the future and a strong Christian foundation upon which they can build the rest of their lives.

Student at Gawura. © SACS used with permission 2009.
Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

The name Wontulp-Bi-Buya stands for faith and the light of Christ. The College works to bring this faith and light to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders as it offers theology and community development programs.

Based in Cairns, Wontulp-Bi-Buya is the Queensland partner of Nungalinya College and was established in 1983. In 2011, the College supported over 50 students in their certificate training, home-based study. Students are encouraged to put their new skills to use in their own communities and churches.

Funding for this project will go towards Principal Victor Joseph’s annual salary. Fr Victor says, “On behalf of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College we are grateful for the fundraising from ABM for our staff program and appreciate their ongoing support.”

Support this project in 2012 and assist Principal, the Rev Victor Joseph in his ministry to Indigenous Australians.

Fr Victor Joseph, Principal.
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Nungalinya College

Nungalinya College in Darwin is a theological and pastoral training college for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students come from all over Australia, many from communities in the north or from the deserts of the Centre where they are recognised leaders in their own churches and communities.

Nungalinya teaches courses on theology, family and community services and encourages cross cultural awareness. One of the aims of the College is to develop Aboriginal teachers and tutors. The College seeks to train Aboriginal people as tutors to work both in their communities and during intensive training at the Darwin Campus.

In 2011, one new tutor, Margaret Mirniyowan, of Numbulwar has started the process. Margaret has 5 boys and 3 daughters. She speaks 4 languages; Wubuy, Anindilyakwa, Kriol and English which enables her to assist Anglican students from a variety of communities. Margaret is actively involved in her church – helping with a Bible study group for young women, leading some of the evening fellowship and leading in prayer and preaching at church when it is her turn. Sometimes the students from her community get stuck with the work they need to do back at home.

Through her funding from ABM, Margaret has completed a Certificate IV in Indigenous Mentoring which she found helpful and said it helped her understand more.

Nungalinya College aims to continue supporting Margaret and hopes to work to empower others.

By supporting this project, you can help us to enable more tutors like Margaret to study at Nungalinya College, and work within their communities.

Fr Victor Joseph, Principal.
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The Bishop’s Award Program is a new program developed by the Diocese of the Northern Territory. The main aim of this Diocese wide training program is to support the development of Aboriginal clergy and lay ministry and encourage Christian lifestyle practices within their parishes.

Bishop Greg Thompson says, “We desire to stand with our brothers and sisters as they bear witness to God’s power in demanding environments, and help them use their God given talents to open the hearts and minds among their people.”

He says the Award “endeavours to establish lifelong learning across all churches and ministries. Aboriginal Christians already have access through Nungalinya College, however the formation of church leaders and of their ministry skills requires forums and mentoring.”

The Diocese sees this as being instrumental to its mission for a strong growing Indigenous Church, essential to its capacity building.

Through the Bishop’s Award Program, selected parishioners from Aboriginal churches will be encouraged to use their gifts and skills and develop these with the appropriate training under a training coordinator. The program seeks to recognise, mentor and support these individuals in their Christian life and ministry at all levels.

As part of the Diocese’s effort to enable the nurturing of a new generation of leaders in the church through such workshops, there are also two new projects – Women’s Clergy Retreat and Men’s Clergy Retreat. The retreats are essential in preparing clergy for ordination.

Last year, one of the many important leadership developments was the appointment of evangelists William and Majorie Hall of Ngukurr to visit and minister among Kriol speaking people living in Katherine.

Help to strengthen Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese of the Northern Territory by supporting these projects.
Peter San Lin and Joy Hla Gaw, currently man the provincial development desk in Myanmar which has the oversight of managing the community development work of the church, with support from overseas partners.

ABM is one of these partners who provides support so the desk can continue to provide training and workshops, help prepare and review project proposals, visit dioceses and evaluate community development projects. This work continues to help improve and strengthen the Church.

Peter and Joy give their time and energy on a voluntary basis and said, “The Church needs all the support it can get from its members. We are privileged and happy to help; we hope that the skills and experience we have acquired working in another organisation can be put to good use and will help the church move forward.”

Travelling is one of the main challenges faced by the couple. Not only are the dioceses long distances from Yangon, the cost of domestic airfares is also very expensive. In places where it is possible to ride the bus, travel time takes many hours. One diocese takes 3 days to reach and travel includes a domestic flight, a bus ride and a river ferry ride.

Another challenge is communication. Whilst all dioceses now have internet connection, thanks in part to the support of an ABM project, unreliable internet lines plague the whole country. Connections can be very slow or non-existent, sometimes only available at certain times of the day. At present, internet connection and phone lines are only available in main urban centres.

The Church in Myanmar is presented with many challenges. You can help. Support for these projects can provide farmers with rice winnowing (threshing) machines; giving small capital to start duck-raising and small fish ponds to raise extra income; engine-repair training for villagers whose main economic activity is river-based and simple water and sanitation systems to ease the burden of fetching water from miles away.

ABM is funding the following projects in Myanmar (Burma):
- Water and Sanitation
- Youth Skills Training
- Institutional Strengthening including Teacher Training
- Food Security
- English Language Tuition

ABM also has a Church to Church project called Bibles for Myanmar which allows the people of Myanmar a greater chance to read and study the bible as well as providing education opportunities to church leaders.

Please contact the office on 1300 302 663 for details about how you can help.
This project aims to create awareness of gender equality, gender-based violence and harmful cultural and religious practices and will reach 1,000 targeted households in Eastern Zambia.

In line with the Millennium Development Goal: ‘Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women’, ABM’s Partner, Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC), will continue to empower less-privileged women and girls at household levels.

The project seeks to strengthen the support of women and girls in chosen regions to make positive change in their lives by increasing their knowledge and skills, asserting their rights, and protecting against gender based violence and gender imbalance.

To achieve these goals, ZAC’s focus will be on activities that promote gender equality, including education and skills training and economic empowerment of women and girls so that they can participate fully in national development.

Drama performances on gender equality, gender-based violence and harmful cultural practices will be presented: women will be trained in income-generating activities and workshops will be conducted to motivate women to compete for government, church and other local decision-making positions.

ZAC works directly with local communities and aims to build on and strengthen its gender and development program, as well as educating communities in good governance.

Support this project and help ZAC to change and improve the lives of women and girls in Zambia.

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Kenya

Wanzauni Livelihood Improvement Project

In rural Kenya, the annual rainfall ranges between 500–1,050mm with 40% reliability. The long rains come in April/May and short rains in November/December. The period falling between June – September and January – March is usually dry. Due to limited, erratic and unreliable rainfall, coupled with high evaporation rates, surface water sources don’t last for long.

In Wanzauni major sources of surface water are seasonal rivers that form during the rainy seasons and dry up immediately after the rains. Yet farmers in this area depend entirely on rain fed agriculture. Due to climate and weather variability and unpredictability, livelihood support structures have been adversely affected.

Food security has declined and people experience frequent crop failures and water shortages and relief food has become a recurrent feature of rural life.

This project aims to improve the livelihoods of the target community through an integrated approach and makes them more resilient to the effects of climate change.

Funds will contribute towards water accessibility by the construction of two sand dams which will allow the community to walk less distance to access water for domestic and livestock use.

A woman from the region tells ABM, “When I was growing up, there was a lot of water in this area and now due to our own actions, the rivers have dried up. They get water during rainy season and after one month they dry up. We walk long distances of approximately 2kms to the source and wait for another 30 minutes for your turn to fetch the water. Sometimes we are forced to dig deep wells in the dry river beds following the same. What I could say is that we need to construct more sand dams in the rivers such that they can get water during rainy season and store the same for use during dry months. If more could be added, our burden as women to ensure there is water in the house would be less and we would appreciate very much. This would also save us a lot of time that we can use in other activities.”

Another member of the community said, “We appreciate what Anglican Board of Mission – Australia has done for us over the last one year. At least most of us are now using vegetables from our own small gardens thanks to the drip technologies and the kitchen gardening. I wish this could continue and reach more people.”

You can make this wish come true. Support this project and help the people of Wanzauni continue to receive support that makes them more resilient to the effects of climate change.

Women like Alice and Rhoda walk kilometres to access water. © ABM/Brad Chapman 2011.
Literacy Skills in Vanuatu

In a country where high school attendance is less than 40% of eligible students and where 27% of children still don’t complete primary school, an adult literacy program is a necessity.

Adult literacy is a key need in Vanuatu, especially for women and for those living in rural areas.

ABM supports its Partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia which under its Church Partnership Program, has been working with the Diocesan Mothers’ Union Literacy Coordinators to help them develop their work plans and budgets for the coming year.

These literacy coordinators work in close consultation with local communities to develop common understandings about mutual responsibilities for the literacy teaching and learning.

Literacy is taught in the context of topics of importance to the adult learners, such as agriculture, the environment, gender issues, development issues, health topics, human rights and savings and credit.

Thanks to previous supporters of this project, a 30-page Adult Literacy textbook in the local Bislama language has been developed and this resource is now used to teach the program.

Adults who have missed out on a good basic education graduate from the classes with a significant increase in their confidence and ability to take control of their lives in areas which most of us take for granted.

You can support the literacy program by funding the cost of stationery, travel and accommodation as well as other needs for the literacy coordinators as they travel to remote communities in Vanuatu.


Water for Vanuatu

21% of rural people in Vanuatu still do not have access to clean potable water, and 52% do not have access to proper sanitation facilities.

The natural beauty of the country and its tourism masks this unacceptable level of underdevelopment.

ABM is working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu to implement water and sanitation projects across the two Vanuatu dioceses.

In the Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia five water tanks have already been established. The Diocese of Banks and Torres is now seeking to establish a larger reservoir to meet longer term needs of water supply.

A feature of these projects is the inclusion of local government departments in the roll out of community sanitation awareness. The demand for water projects has provided opportunities to build on water as a ‘gateway’ to help in addressing other community wide issues such as public health, more broadly.

All water projects are now part of a broader community consultation process. This gives the church skills in community consultation and community development, and it gives communities control over decision-making.

In these consultations, ABM aims for all voices in communities to be heard which ensures the interests of women, children and disabled people are incorporated into the decision-making of these projects.

The average cost of a water tank in a village is $2,500. You can help by providing water and sanitation solutions and benefit whole communities in Vanuatu.
The effect of climate change is a challenge for islands in the Pacific. © ABM 2009.

**Climate Change**

By building rain water tanks this project will be able to provide fresh rain water for households on the low lying atoll of Ontong Java in the Solomon Islands.

In conjunction with the construction of permaculture gardens, designed to raise food gardens above the level of saltwater contamination, this project will help deal with the effects of climate change.

Climate change is a significant challenge for the island nations of the Pacific. It is critical that these projects focus on those immediately vulnerable. The first group are the people of coral atoll outliers in the Solomon Islands where there are about 12,000 people living. These islands are very low lying – the average height of Ontong Java is 1.5 metres above sea level – so even small rises in sea levels have dramatic impacts. Here salt water has contaminated both the fresh water sources and the soil in which food is grown.

Jasper Bonie is the Anglican Church of Melanesia’s Disasters Coordinator and has been responsible for assessing the vulnerability of the atoll, planning the project and monitoring the outcomes.

Once the communities were mobilised over the problem and possible solutions, Jasper worked with the communities and the village chiefs to identify appropriate land for four pilot home gardens.

These gardens are now in place and new, more salt-resistant plants, have been transported to the atoll.

To hear more positive stories like this and ensure the effects of climate change are minimised in the Solomon Islands, you can help to support this project.

**Institutional Strengthening**

Selina Tefui, Inclusive Communities’ Program Staff member states, “The strengths-based approach is really making a difference, not only to the communities we have worked with already, but among the staff who are working on the program.”

This is encouraging of ABM’s work in communities of the Solomon Islands. Yet more work must be done to build stronger communities.

ABM is working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia and the Melanesian Board of Mission to strengthen its capacity to undertake community development.

The Church has run the Inclusive Communities Program which helps Solomon Islands’ communities to recognise the assets and gifts they have, and to harness these to build strong secure futures, especially for young people.

Noel Kuku is a facilitator for ICP in his village which is about 2 hours drive from Honiara, in the north central part of Savo. There are about 72 households in the community with a population of about 400 people.

He believes the benefits of the programs are obvious, “The community is stronger . . . and we believe that within five years, something good is going to happen in our community,” he said.

Building on this success, ABM will continue to work with communities and focus on the institutional strengthening component of the program.

In the community consultations, women and youth are especially targeted. In order to do this work effectively, the Church wishes to build on its own skills and needs funds to enhance financial and management training, as well as training in grassroots community development.

Consider that only $300 pays for financial training for one church administrator so please support this project with what you can.
This project aims to support the large number of women who are regularly affected by violence.

The Christian Care Centre is run by the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia and provides the only women’s refuge in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The work of the Christian Care Centre is well known internationally, and the sisters have developed a reputation for good quality emergency care for women in crisis and their children.

The Centre provides support and accommodation for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and is open to families of all races and religions.

Sometimes the Centre is overcrowded with families, some with up to eight children, who sleep in the twenty rooms there. The Sisters provide counselling and activities for victims, and give them a safe haven with beds and food.

Currently there is a need for sewing machines and materials for teaching the women sewing skills for themselves and their families. This will help build their confidence after the trauma of family violence as well as give them some economic power.

There is also a broader need for the development of training modules in gender-based violence counselling, of both victims and perpetrators.

Once training modules have been developed, the sisters and community workers will be able to ensure that counselling skills can be taught not just to workers at the Centre itself, but to community workers in more remote parts of the country.

This will enable the centre to spread its work around the islands and help even more women.

Please support this project and help the women in the Solomon Islands who are threatened by violence so regularly.

There are many needs at the centre. Please support this project. © ABM/Don Brice 2008.

China

**Ethnic Women’s Health**

This project aims to reach 3,000 people with health awareness promotional activities. It also trains over 50 community and health workers as well as assisting 200 women to get physical check-ups and have their health records established.

Promoting health awareness among ethnic women in the township of Zhangfeng in China is an important task as areas of the township continue to be poverty-stricken with minimal access to basic health services. There is limited knowledge about general health and personal hygiene, endangering the long-term physical and mental health of rural ethnic women and their families.

This project also aims to change the women’s behaviour and encourage them to face and communicate their own health issues through education, physical check-ups, publicity, sanitary toilet building and the activities of women’s associations. It also aims to improve community awareness to provide a good support system for the promotion of women’s health.

After its first year of implementation, this Amity project has seen an improvement in health care knowledge among the women whilst the supporting environment for women’s health promotion improved markedly as people in the villages participated and got involved in the activities of the women’s health associations.

The formation and strengthening of women’s health associations in the villages is envisaged to continue to carry out all kinds of health education, beyond the actual project period.

Help us reach our goals of educating women in China and increasing their health awareness by supporting this project.

**CCHWH NEEDS $30,000 IN 2012**

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Water and Sanitation

This project helps reduce poverty and raise living standards in the Philippines through the promotion of efficient, equitable and sustainable use of water resources.

By building water systems, tanks and toilets, over 1,200 people will have improved access to clean water.

This integrated water and sanitation program is focused on providing simple water and sanitation systems to marginalised communities, mostly in rural and remote areas where government support is minimal.

Most communities ABM works with belong to Indigenous peoples in the north and south of the country. Others are new communities in the lowlands settled by migrants and where basic services are non-existent.

The main aim is providing sufficient access to potable water but the program also incorporates environment, health, sanitation and livelihood components designed to address more widely the development issues confronting these communities.

The program is enabling communities to recognise resources that are already available to them. It is assisting people to use their own skills and support the efforts to improve their situation.

Water and sanitation remains a program priority for ABM and its partner in the Philippines, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. You can assist by donating to this project.

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Food Security and Agriculture Program

By providing simple agricultural solutions, this project improves farm and household incomes in four regions, benefitting more than 2,000 people.

Provision of seeds, fertiliser and basic farm equipment as well as livelihood support including livestock distribution, food processing and small-scale fishing projects are among the activities in this program.

ABM’s agriculture and food security program in the Philippines focuses on disadvantaged communities in rural and remote areas and provides resources that enable them to engage in productive activities that enhance food security, improve farm income and reduce poverty.

In 2012, two post-harvest facilities will be built for drying and storing grains. These solar driers are essentially concrete pavements used to dry corn or rice, helping to cut down on food wastage so that farmers do not have to sell their produce at reduced costs.

Fifteen small greenhouses for organic vegetable farming will also be provided and over 250 households will benefit from domestic farm animals.

Through achieving these targets, ABM is contributing towards the achievement of the 1st Millennium Development Goal (MDG) in the Philippines which has a target to cut the proportion of people living in extreme poverty and subsistence from 24.3% in 1991 to 12.5% in 2015.

You can contribute to achieving this MDG by supporting the Food Security and Agriculture Program.

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Corn farming in Calupaan, the Philippines. © ABM/Melany Markham 2010.
South Sudan

**Health Commission Support Project**

The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) wants to put in place a vibrant health system which complements that of the new government of South Sudan and particularly focuses on the needs of people in rural communities and remote areas.

Currently, only 13 of the 31 dioceses have active health programs so it is hoped this will offer consistency and structure to the healthcare system in South Sudan.

The main way that Anglicans in Australia can help in this process is by funding the salary of the Provincial Health Coordinator as he rolls out the church’s strategic plan for health.

This project will help fund the work of the Health Commission and ABM believes it will play a pivotal role in the development of a workable health program for the Church.

The Coordinator will organise training at the diocesan level, will process applications for funds from the various dioceses and will liaise with the national government’s health officials to ensure ECS is in step with government policy and best able to take advantage of opportunities offered by the government.

Please support this critical position which will enable a stronger health system in this war-torn country.

**School Girls’ Boarding House Project**

Young girls in South Sudan are disadvantaged. Their education suffers as they are required to do so many domestic chores when they are at home which cuts into their study time and energy.

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This project provides emergency assistance to people affected by civilian and military violence in disputed parts of Sudan, near the border with South Sudan.

Although the UN and other large agencies are engaged in the provision of emergency assistance, the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) has a unique access to the conflict areas and is often able to provide assistance where other agencies cannot gain access.

The Sudan Development and Relief Agency (SUDRA), an office of the ECS, has trained diocesan disaster coordinators to be able to respond to disasters as they occur.

Dr Julianne Stewart, ABM’s Programs Director said, “We are continuing to work with SUDRA as the church responds to the various needs following the outbreak of violence in the region.”

There are so many needs that SUDRA has multiple separate appeals at any one time.

Help is needed for the provision of food and other items to 2,500 families in three towns in Abyei. The provision of anti-malarial medicines and water purification tablets to 500 people in the Diocese of Renk is critical.

Assistance in the Diocese of Malakal will provide food and hygiene items to 200 displaced women and 150 displaced children and the need for food, plastic sheeting and blankets to 250 displaced Nuban households in Southern Kordofan is desperate.

Consider the difference you can make when:
– $33 buys good quality sheeting for protection of a family from the basic elements
– $47 buys enough flour to feed a family of six for a month
– $14 provides enough beans to feed a family of six for a month
– $12 provides enough cooking oil for a family of six for a month
– $4 buys enough salt for a family of six for a month

This project will assist in building a boarding facility at the school for girls. © ABM/Julianne Stewart 2011.
Emergencies

Disaster Risk Reduction

In the Solomon Islands, work is being conducted on integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in remote, low-lying areas. Our Partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, is working with communities to determine what their greatest risks are so they can best prepare for rising tides and potential natural disasters.

This is an example of the work that can be done when ABM is able to support our overseas partners in helping to prepare churches and communities for disasters which may occur.

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

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

Ethiopia

Ethiopia Community Library

In Ethiopia over 60% of adults are illiterate (UNDP 2009), particularly women. According to UNESCO, “The drop-out rate for children and youth leaving the education system after the primary school level is very high and many school leavers fail to acquire adequate literacy or vocational/livelihood skills.”

This library, supported by ABM, provides resources and a quiet study space for students in Addis Ababa studying for final exams and doing homework.

When visiting the library, Dr Julianne Stewart, ABM’s Programs Director said, “Children living in Addis Ababa are very keen to do well at school and get on in life. However, the cramped conditions in which many live, combined with requirements especially for girls to help out at home with younger siblings and domestic chores, means that home is simply not an option as a place to study.”

“The Anglican Church in Addis Ababa reaches out to these children by providing two libraries for after school use. The libraries are always fully occupied, and the desire to succeed, especially for senior students is so great that you can hear a pin drop during study sessions. It is quite unlike any gathering of school students that I have been used to in Australia!” she said.

Education is a way out of poverty for many children and this project is one which will hopefully give a better future for young children living in a difficult and challenging environment.

Supporting this project is to support the education of young people in Ethiopia. $8,000 will pay the salary of the staff for one year and $520 will buy books for the new year.

Papua New Guinea

ACPNG Infrastructure

There are many needs in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG). There is a need for more staff housing, a generator for the office where power supply is intermittent, internet access for the office, water purification units, computers – the list goes on. This project reflects the needs of the Church in Papua New Guinea for a range of items to help the Church effectively run its health, education and community development programs.

By supporting ACPNG we enable them to provide services for their communities and minister to those who need support.

Some of the needs that you can assist with include providing antibiotics, clinical thermometers, obstetric/delivery beds and other medical equipment for the Anglican Health Services. Items we take for granted are needed, like a generator for the Anglican National Office in Lae where power supply is unreliable, or a new modem to allow internet access for the Anglican Church’s HIV/AIDS office in Mt Hagen.

Water purification units are needed in many locations and the funding of teachers and supplies for Anglicare’s literacy program in Port Moresby is also helpful in building community education.

- $5 would buy two clinical thermometers for Anglican Health Services
- $30 would pay for two medical waste bins for Anglicare’s STI Clinic
- $100 buys literacy materials for 5 people
- $200 buys a basic computing course for 5 staff
- $1,000 pays for a literacy teacher’s salary for two months

Please give what you can and support this project and allow the Church in PNG to assist in the best way possible.
Evangelism Materials

This project aims to produce material which the Diocese of Dogura will be able to use to equip its two outreach programs, Parish and Local Chapel Ministry, and Boat Services Ministry.

Bishop Clyde Igara says, “This project is important because it will build up the Christian faith in the parishes and chapels, teaching people to be strong in their beliefs.” The aim is that by providing Christian teaching materials, Anglicans will become stronger and the resources will help them not to give up. They will also help others to appreciate the importance of the Christian faith.

The materials will be printed in bulk for distribution and be based on the Bible and the Sacraments.

Bishop Clyde Igara sees this as a way of strengthening the community and of beginning to change lives. “Communal life is breaking down. People are no longer community and church-minded. Young people turn to drugs, for example,” he says.

Help strengthen Anglican faith and in turn build community life in the Diocese of Dogura in Papua New Guinea by supporting evangelism materials and resources.

Turning St Margaret’s Clinic into a Hospital

ABM has been working with our partner, the Anglican Church of PNG, to refurbish St Margaret’s Clinic in Oro Bay over the past couple of years. The aim of the refurbishment has been to upgrade it to a Level 4 hospital, which will complement the state-run Popondetta General Hospital, and also contain a specialised facility for the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, and an obstetrics section.

Donations have already contributed to equipping the clinic so that it can get accredited as a hospital, as well as employing an overseer for the work on refurbishment and setting up the required management structure.

This work is continuing. The need now is for proper housing for good staff to be attracted to work at the facility. Currently there are only two staff houses, and a further 13 are required.

The PNG government will hopefully assist with some of the houses but ABM and Anglicans in Australia have been asked to provide three kit homes next year. These will be sourced in PNG and built by local people, contributing to the building experience of locals and development of the community.

Another necessity is for the sinking of a well to provide clean water for the hospital and the staff houses. The existing water source has become contaminated by E. coli due to expansion of settlement further up the water course. Professional advice is that it will be almost impossible to remove this level of contamination from the existing water source. The well will be sunk to a level below this contamination.

There has been much progress at St Margaret’s, the rebuilding is virtually completed and Sr Mildred Laksen has been appointed as Director of the new facility. However, there is more work needed.

Consider that a three bedroom staff house costs approximately $40,000 to build from a kit and another $40,000 is the cost to sink the much-needed well.

Please support this project so that this hospital can achieve its upgrade and benefit the health of many locals.
**Diocese of Dogura: Diocesan Evangelism Project**  

**EPNEV12B**  
**NEEDS**  
$9,525  
**IN 2012**

This new project follows on from the Proclaiming the Gospel project that saw Bishop Clyde Igara work to grow local congregations and share the Good News of the church in the Diocese of Dogura.

The Diocese has decided that it needs to also reach the de-churched as part of its evangelism strategy. Many parishes in Australia have come to this conclusion in their own contexts too. Bishop Clyde Igara says he wants to go out to meet people “where they are” and bring them the good news of God afresh.

There will be five evangelistic rallies during the Lenten season.

Bishop Clyde said, “This project will have a great impact on the ten-year Diocesan Development Plan, especially in spiritual terms, but the Church should also grow stronger numerically and financially because of it.”

People will help themselves, he says because, “The diocese will help deaneries, deaneries will help parishes, parishes will help local chapels and local chapels will help people who have become de-churched.”

You can give to this project and help support the work of Bishop Clyde as he reaches out to the people of Papua New Guinea.

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**Newton Theological College Curriculum Development**

**EPNTF14B**  
**NEEDS**  
$31,250  
**IN 2012**

Curriculum Development will help the Church in PNG by providing standardised teaching and learning tools, which will also improve the standard of learning. It will also bring theological educators together for reflecting, reviewing and developing the curriculum.

Newton College plans to hold a three-month residential learning, teaching and module writing program. In this period, theological educators will produce modules or course books based on the current curriculum of NTC with relevant modifications.

The project will immediately help the students and staff of the College. However, in the long term, it will help the whole of the Anglican Church in PNG because people trained at Newton College work throughout the Province. It will also help the College move into the contemporary areas of Applied Theology.

Newton Theological College is seeking your help to professionalise its teaching and learning program, improve the quality and content of theological education addressing the PNG context, and provide a predictable teaching and learning framework.

Please support this project.

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**Books for the Brothers**

**EPGMBB**  
**NEEDS**  
$3,125  
**IN 2012**

The Melanesian Brotherhood (MBH) is a great Anglican success story. Originally from the Solomon Islands, the Brotherhood has also become a feature of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

The Brothers make temporary vows, which they can renew. This makes sense in Melanesian culture as most young men expect to marry at some stage. A very large proportion of the Brothers come from rural areas and therefore often have no more than a Grade 8 (age 13) PNG education.

The Section Head Brother for the Diocese of the New Guinea Islands, Br Alex Ogaita, has asked for help in establishing a small library of books that the Brothers can use to learn more about their faith in their section headquarters in Kimbe.

Br Alex Ogaita said, “The Brothers need help to be able to exercise their pastoral ministry. One of the things the Brothers do is prepare people for baptism and for marriage in isolated areas where it is difficult for priests to get to regularly.

By having books in Tok Pisin [the local pidgin language] we will be able to do such pastoral work effectively and we will be given more confidence to evangelise.”

An additional part of the project will see the bishop, Allan Migi appoint two former Brothers, now priests, to act as tutors to the Brothers. In future years we hope to help other sections of the Melanesian Brotherhood in Papua New Guinea in this way.

Please support this project so that the brothers can strengthen their education. We ask for your prayers that this project may continue to grow in the future.
Urban Evangelism

There are 16 brothers in the Diocese of Port Moresby: eight at two isolated rural stations, Moreguina and Pivo; and eight in the Orobada settlement on the edge of Port Moresby city.

These brothers would like to reactivate their Urban Evangelism program in and around the markets in the city offering a performance of music and drama.

The brothers have already made musical instruments to form a “bamboo band”. Racks of large-cut bamboos roped together and struck by old trainers make the drums and narrow short bamboos make pan pipes. They will play music to attract an audience for their gospel dramas in the public markets.

The brothers already use music and drama at Christ the King parish in Orobada and plan visits to other urban parishes to gain confidence before performing in public.

The Bishop of Port Moresby, Peter Ramsden said, “The diocese recognises a valuable place for the ministry of the religious orders. MBH brothers are mostly young men used to living in the bush and so face the challenge of living in urban settlements. This project will help give them a focus and plan for their contribution to evangelism in the diocese.”

Bishop Ramsden recognises the main financial constraints are the hire of a vehicle to get the brothers and the instruments to and from the markets (the bamboo drums are quite large and heavy), as well as a small allowance for food on those days.

$230 would allow the Brothers to hire a vehicle to transport themselves and their instruments for a month so that they can perform. Just $25 would help the eight Brothers to buy lunch on the day that they perform.

Please support this project so the Brothers can share the Gospel in the markets of the city through performances of music and drama.

Christian Training Centre, Jegarata

When ABM’s Robert McLean visited the Christian Training Centre (CTC) in Jegarata in PNG he was greeted with much singing and excitement, and shouts of “Oro! Oro!”—Welcome.

The enthusiasm and excitement of the evangelists is infectious and an asset to the evangelists’ work as they share the Gospel in very isolated communities.

The Christian Training Centre (CTC) in Popondetta is a diocesan centre for the training of evangelists and permanent deacons.

When Robert visited the centre, there were about 30 people who were preparing to go on a mission to the ‘back blocks’ of the diocese. This was to involve a lot of hiking in the mountains and crossing of rivers.

Robert later learnt that a few days after meeting the CTC catechists, the former head (now the Rt Rev) Lindsley Ihove was almost drowned as he tried to cross the River Musa.

“There’s nothing much that will deter him from preaching the Gospel to the isolated communities, baptising children and adults, and celebrating the Eucharist for them, so after being hauled out of the water by some strong youths, he gathered his team together and pressed on,” Robert said.

It is important that work such as this continues because of the geographical hardships in PNG. No two dioceses are connected by road, and often communities are separated from main townships by mountains or rivers. In addition, there’s a lot of dense vegetation, so the only way to reach such isolated villages is by foot.

Without enthusiastic and adventurous evangelists the Church would have very little presence in the isolated villages in the Diocese of Popondota.

Bishop Lindsley says that the communities are very grateful for the efforts of the Church to stay in contact. The Advent and Lent missions that the students go on are a significant cost to the centre.

“I want to extend my greetings and my thanks to ABM for your support of the work of Mission and Evangelism in the Diocese of Popondota. I boldly take it [the work of Mission and Evangelism] and face the consequences, whatever comes. I thank God for your support,” he said.

Please support the work of the Christian Training Centre in Popondetta so that evangelists can continue to be trained and share the Good News of the church in isolated regions.
Holy Land: Palestine

Gaza Al Ahli Arab Hospital Project

Despite the violence and threats that those in Gaza feel daily, the staff at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital continue their work caring for the wounded and helping children and families in need.

Bishop Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem said, “Our staff, they work around the clock treating injuries and taking care of the other patients. I believe that the staff work under very difficult circumstances — heroically — and I really honour them.”

This work is hope amongst the destruction. Al Ahli Arab Hospital is doing this through the provision of high quality patient centered health care services, and maintains the financial viability of its operation. The hospital offers to serve all who seek treatment without prejudice to any religious or ethnic community and irrespective of social class, gender and political affiliation. These services are delivered in a spirit of love.

Your support of this project will help it achieve its aim: to continue providing the finest medical care possible under the most adverse circumstances. They care for the marginalised and vulnerable poor people whose livelihoods are threatened by the effect of human-made disaster, with special attention to the refugee and the poorest of the poor.

“We will continue to work for reconciliation. I think that we have to keep hope and faith. The concept of hope is very important because if we lose hope we lose everything. Violence and war do not solve anything,” Bishop Dawani said.

Please give what you can so that staff can assist patients to receive basic assistance like food and medicine in times of crisis.

A prayer for Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza: O God of wholeness and healing, we lift up the staff and patients of the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Strengthen and guide the Management and all the staff as they treat the poor and injured. Bless the patients who receive care with your healing touch. Give us a renewed awareness of the blessing of health and grant us the courage to support the caregivers in their work. Amen.
The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem will organise workshops for women and programs for youth and young adults to increase their theological training and spiritual development through Bible studies, educational visits to holy sites, and leadership training.

People will be helped through empowerment, new responsibilities, new respect and providing assistance in churches where they can continue to develop their skills and self-esteem.

Additional benefits include public speaking, communication, organisation, self-respect and confidence which will grow in the women of the Holy Land.

Haleem Bashlawi, Chief Accountant of the Diocese, reflected on initiatives of the past four years and said, “This Diocese has sponsored a number of women, youth and young adult conferences to improve self-esteem in women, increase theological awareness among Christians, assist with discerning a call to ministry for young men, bring faith into marriage relationships and to begin the process of developing lay leadership for our congregations and communities. The empowerment of women, youth and young adults has been and continues to be a high priority.

Whilst some women hold responsible positions in education and business, many women remain at home and do not participate in church or community leadership. We are encouraging and training these women to take more active roles in their towns and cities. Respecting local tradition in a patriarchal conservative society, it is vital that we gently open doors, equipping our women for varied lay ministries in our parishes.

Our youth and young adults constantly face the pressures of living as a tiny minority population among Jewish and Muslim majorities. It is imperative for the faith, their sense of self, their futures and the future of our respectful civic society to support our youth in their faith, their self-esteem and their leadership abilities. In doing so, we also train the next generation of Christian leaders to direct our institutions, strengthening the Christian presence and the important reconciling role of the Christian population in this region of strife.”

Your support of this project will provide funding for the regional workshops which will benefit almost 500 people directly with many more people empowered and enriched indirectly.
Training Youth Leaders

EGTYL NEEDS
$10,875
IN 2012

The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa, Dr Mouneer Annis said, “We need to create strong foundations for youth ministry in the diocese so that it can continue to develop over the next ten years. We need to highlight the importance of youth ministry to the diocese so that it is seen as a priority area.”

This project builds youth ministry in the Diocese as it focuses on Anglican studies, youth ministry skills, communication, strategic planning, counselling, leadership and learning the needs of young people.

The Church in Egypt is growing and youth ministry is vital to the future, yet the lack of youth leaders is one of the biggest issues currently facing the Diocese.

This training will provide young people with communication, leadership and youth ministry skills. The training course is part of a wider plan for youth ministry in Egypt. The diocesan youth coordinator, Mr Mark Takki, has been working hard to develop a program which will train leaders and shape youth ministry for the next ten years.

For more than 125 years, the Church has served Egyptians through various community service programs in the areas of community development, health and education. Developing pastoral skills in the leaders of the Church is essential to improve the quality and quantity of the holistic pastoral ministry in Egypt. Please support this project so youth ministry and the good work of the Diocese can continue.

EGGF NEEDS
$31,250
IN 2012

Episcocare serves six marginalised and very poor urban communities in the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa. These communities lack basic services, infrastructure and good educational institutions. The average monthly income in these communities is between $34 and $60.

Mrs Mariam Ibrahim, Director of Episcocare says, “It is fundamental to have a number of well-trained and qualified staff to carry on the mission of the local community development centres.”

Therefore, 36 field workers, 20 women and 16 men, will be trained at the Diocesan Headquarters in Cairo where they will be given over 100 hours of training over 15 days. These people will then staff the six local community centres, becoming part of the management and offering empowerment to the locals. The field workers will also be supported by monthly follow-ups from Episcocare senior staff throughout the year.

Participants will learn problem analysis, strategic planning, time management, leadership and management skills, good governance, gender issues and advocacy. They will be selected on their educational background and training needs; experience and knowledge in the development field; their sense of responsibility; engagement and work ethic; and on an assessment of their potential as future leaders.

Just $210 will buy an hour of training for the 36 field workers. Please support this project so that they may empower locals through their training and experience.
Korea

Towards Peace in Korea

Large numbers of people are suffering from chronic malnutrition and are faced with starvation due to reduced rations in North Korea.

The difficult situation between the two Koreas have presented many challenges to the organisers of TOPIK. Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) is an initiative of the Anglican Church in Korea.

The main purpose of the project is to promote prayer, action and participation towards peaceful reunification of North and South Korea.

TOPIK believes that real peace can be achieved through forgiveness, full understanding and reconciliation.

Last year they worked with several partners to send 180 tonnes of wheat flour to those in need in the North but the shipment took six months.

TOPIK coordinator, the Rev Joachim Kim said, “TOPIK continues to do the humanitarian sharing movements as God guides us to do. However, it is very regrettable that we sent coal briquettes, shipped rice for emergency and helped the vocational school at Nasun city just once due to the drifting relationship between two Koreas. Nevertheless, TOPIK has tried to make an every effort to send God’s love to the North Korean brothers and sisters. TOPIK would like to express its deep gratitude to the partners and Anglicans around the world, who have been with this course.”

The project is aiming to strengthen humanitarian aid programs to maintain the continuous relationship with North Korean counterparts. One of the main activities at a grassroots level is to offer humanitarian aid and nutrition support to children and the vulnerable.

You can support this project so that ABM can continue to provide financial assistance to TOPIK as it continues this much needed work.

CKONP NEEDS $12,000 IN 2012

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- 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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