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Front cover: Children in the Solomon Islands. © ABM/Liz Baker, 2013.



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Pamua Secondary School, Solomon Islands. © ABM/Jess Sexton, 2014.



with his wife in Kenya. © ABM/Beth Snedden, 2014.



Classes at <mark>Nungalinya Theologi</mark>cal College. © ABM/Steve Daughtry, 2007.

From the Programs Director



Dear Friends

I'm delighted to present ABM's 2015 Project Book. Inside you will find a range of projects from all three of ABM's programs – Reconciliation, Church to Church and Community Development – implemented by our partners both in Australia and overseas. All of these projects need your support. Your support may be in terms of sending funds, praying for the work of our partners, or spreading the word of the work of ABM to other people.

All of these projects are part of the responses of ABM's partners to living the gospel in the contexts in which they find themselves. Some projects are focussed on helping local communities to meet their material needs, others aim to address spiritual needs or to strengthen the preaching of the gospel.

ABM provides monitoring and other oversight of the implementation of these projects. In some cases it works with partners to accompany them to strengthen their own organisational systems to be better able to serve God's people.

We also want to thank you for your generous support of ABM and its projects during the past year.

I warmly commend this year's Project Book to you, and hope you will find some stories in here to inspire you to become (or continue to be) part of God's mission in a particular part of the world.

Wiane Stward

Julianne Stewart Programs Director

Please note this Project Book is correct as at the time of going to print. However, projects may change throughout the year. For the most up-to-date list of projects and for current project information, please visit our website at **www.abmission.org/projects**. It is also possible to donate via our website.





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Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College Cairns

The mission of the Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to equip students through training, to empower them with the necessary skills for them to be effective role models and leaders within their own homes, churches and their communities. Through this empowerment the students also have the opportunity to pursue further higher education or gain employment in their community.

Victor Joseph, the Principal of the College said, "Many students of the College have gone on to study all the courses we offer and they leave a better person than when they were since commencing studies.

"A student from Bamaga [at the tip of Australia] has never had any formal schooling in his entire life. He did not have the opportunity of going to school as he was expected to provide for his family from a young age and spent most of his life working on boats. Now, he can read and write and is proud of the opportunity he was given to come and study at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College."

Victor Joseph also shared, "Another example is of a few students who come

from communities where there is no priest but they want to proclaim the Gospel themselves and share the good news of what they are learning here at the College. Some of them travel with their own vehicles over hundreds of kilometers from remote communities just to attend to further their studies."

By supporting this project, you can contribute to these success stories and allow the College to help grow ministry to Indigenous Australians.

AU003WB needs **\$55,000**



The Rev Gloria Shipp. © ABM/ Malcom MacCallum, 2013.

The Rev Gloria Shipp & NATSIAC

The Rev Gloria Shipp works in the Diocese of Bathurst to support the indigenous community through a variety of ministries such as women's dinners, camps and support to juvenile justice.

Gloria was the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained a priest in the Anglican Church in Australia. She is currently the Chairperson of NATSIAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) and many of her hours are spent with administration and organisation of travel to gatherings and meetings for all other members. Her responsibilities as the NATSIAC Chair are an encouragement to all members across the country and by supporting this project you will contribute to the national Aboriginal community.

Gloria's work of Walkabout Ministries in the Diocese of Bathurst aims to empower people and encourage transformation in lives through fellowships.

Gloria said, "The women's camps are all about renewing your spirit and that's what I have had to do as it gets taken away from us in our busy lives."

Support this project and assist Gloria to continue to renew the spirit.

AU005DB needs **\$22,000**



Youth on Darnley Island, Torres Strait. © ABM/Malcom MacCallum, 2014.



Rita Okai from Central Australia reading Pitjantjatjara Bible at a Nungalinya daily Chapel Service. © ABM/Malcom MacCallum, 2014.



The Rev Lois Nadjamerrek of Gunbalanya.

New Youth Engagement in Northern Australia Remote Communities

With alarming youth suicide and self harm rates across remote communities in Northern Australia it is clear more needs to be offered to youth to find identity and purpose. A new focus for the ABM Reconciliation Program in 2015 will be initiatives toward Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth engagement.

The Province of Queensland and the Northern Territory undertook to raise \$10,000 in the Archbishop's November appeal in 2014. ABM needs to triple that amount to begin the project this year, so please give generously.

ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator, Mal MacCallum said, "There's a new report put together by 41 elders in top end of Australia and it's about the alarming youth suicide and harm rates that have come into play in the last decade. The statistics say the youth suicide rate is the highest in the world – that's in our own country and that's a frightening thing and something we are oblivious to in many respects, in our own sheltered communities and in our Christian communities too."

The focus in 2015 will be in these North Queensland, Torres Strait Islands and the Northern Territory remote communities. The initiatives will be implemented through consultation with local churches, NATSIAC and the dioceses. ABM will partner with the leadership to direct the resources required to ensure young people are engaged in their community and supported in their needs.

AU011YE needs **\$22,000**

Nungalinya Theological College Darwin

Nungalinya is a Christian College for Indigenous adults seeking to empower Indigenous Christians through education and employment. Courses in literacy and numeracy, media, music and theology are offered with students coming from over 50 different remote communities across Australia.

Leaders of the College have told ABM of the joy it has been for the scriptures to be read in different translations.

"What a joy to have the Pitjantjatjara scriptures read in Chapel this morning by Rita Okai from Central Australia. This is the fruit of just one of many Bible Translation projects still underway across Australia. Please pray for those who are working to translate the entire Bible into Pitjantjatjara – those who are persevering after many years and others who are just beginning new translations."

The theological college is an important ministry to indigenous people as well as being an educational resource. You can support indigenous education by donating to Nungalinya.

AU004NG needs **\$49,500**

The Bishop's Award Program, Clergy Retreats & Ministry Development Officer

The Rev Lois Nadjamerrek has been faithfully serving her community in the Northern Territory for many years. She has been a Bible translator for three decades and was ordained Deacon and then Priest to serve in the Church of Emmanuel, Gunbalanya, a parish in Arnhem Land.

She has recently been attending a Pastoral Care Course at Nungalinya College, which provides opportunity for input and refreshment in the midst of a life of ministry which involves constant pastoral care and outreach. In a small community like Gunbalanya, premature death is a reminder of the inequity of health and living conditions. Even whilst in Darwin she will attend to many pastoral needs such as hospital visits.

Lois, and others like her are part of the Bishop's Award Program and Clergy Retreats. The Award program is a Christian leadership program focussing on a week of training during the dry season for Christians in leadership across the Territory. The Clergy Retreats are for Aboriginal men and women in ministry in remote communities across the Territory.

A critical role in the success of these programs in the NT is the Ministry Development Officer. The Diocese of the NT needs assistance to keep this role functioning and the amount of \$20 000 has been set down to achieve that this year.

The programs encourage education and capacity building for both ministry and employment opportunities in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

AU008BA needs **\$55,000**



An Aboriginal Kamilaroi teenager pregnant with her first child represents expectant mothers who will benefit from Hope For Life. © Lesley Barklay, 2014.



Students at the Gawura School. © ABM/Liz Baker, 2014.

New Hope For Life – Teenage Pregnancy Support Pilot Project

There were 668 teenage mothers out of 10,903 births in the New England area of NSW in 2010. There is also a gap in specialised service providers to teenage parents with an unborn child in Moree. Anglicare in the region has discovered that teenage mothers would welcome support and guidance during this challenging, anxious and unknown period of their lives.

Hope For Life will be a specialised, early intervention service designed to assist teen mothers and their support circle to develop a healthy family environment. A significant number of Aboriginal teenagers will be clients of Hope for Life and ABM believes this innovative project that will be run by Anglicare needs to be supported in its initial three-year pilot to offer further care to Indigenous young women.

Give to this new project and join the support of over 300 people in Morree who are advocating for this service.

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AU013HL needs **\$33,000**

St Andrew's Cathedral Gawura School

In 2014, 26 students were enrolled at Gawura – a Kindergarten to Year 6 school based in Sydney's CBD for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live locally. 13 students were enrolled in the Secondary Scholarship program at St Andrew's Cathedral School. Gawura continues to be a quiet revolution in Indigenous education. The unique program which commenced in 2007, offers places for up to 28 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. It delivers an intensive program of literacy and numeracy skills in a vibrant environment that celebrates and strengthens Indigenous culture. Indigenous culture is incorporated deeply into the teaching program, including instruction in Wiradjuri. Students undertake targeted literacy and numeracy programs within the Gawura classroom, and join other St Andrew's students for art, sport, music, other co-curricular and social activities.

Gawura students are provided with a dedicated bus service to and from school, a major factor in consistently achieving attendance rates of greater than 90%. All students commence in Kindergarten which supports ABM's preference to 'Stop the Gap' rather than 'Close' it.

After Year 6, Gawura School graduates are offered a smooth transition to St Andrew's Secondary School and are provided full scholarships taking them through to Year 12. The very first Kindergarten cohort transitioned into Year 7 at St Andrew's Cathedral School this year and by all accounts are doing very well in their first year of Secondary school.

Help continue the success of students at Gawura and empower young Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders to gain an education by supporting this tax-deductible project.

AU009SS needs **\$35,200**

Language, Literacy and Numeracy

The Anglican Church of Melanesia, with support from ABM, will be expanding its Language, Literacy and Numeracy program in 2015. The Literacy Coordinator in the Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia, Mrs Beverley Rihai is excited about her role in bringing literacy classes to the most rural areas of Vanuatu with the support of volunteers.

Many people in Vanuatu have missed out on formal schooling or had their schooling cut short due to family, health or financial reasons so the opportunity to learn to read and write is extraordinarily valuable. Volunteer teachers hold classes in a local hall or nakamal (traditional Vanuatu community centre), Church or school once a week.

These classes are open to any members of the community but it is the women who are more likely to attend as they are often illiterate. It is well known that the education level of parents impacts strongly on their children and many adult learners in Vanuatu envision a brighter future for their children than what they themselves have experienced.

Learning how to read and write is a step on the road to education. The literacy volunteers tell ABM – if you can do basic maths you can give correct change when selling produce; if you can read, you can learn more about the world from signs, books and newspapers.

The Vanuatu Language, Literacy and Numeracy is an exciting program bringing real change to the lives of rural people, especially women, in Vanuatu and ABM is proud to support the Anglican Church of Melanesia as it reaches out to communities.

Your support of this project will assist ABM to provide training workshops for literacy teachers, basic materials (pens, pencils, chalk, exercise books) for students and the ability for Beverley to travel to rural areas to hold teacher training workshops.



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

In 2015, the Anglican Church of Melanesia with support from ABM will be working alongside other Churches in Vanuatu to deliver clean water and hygienic toilet facilities to people in rural areas.

This project known as the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (or WASH) program will see new systems installed to ensure reliable access to clean water.

Due to population growth, the contamination of water points caused by increased farming and the effects of climate change, many people in Vanuatu do not have reliable access to clean, safe water.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia works with communities to repair existing water storage systems (such as tanks) and to install new water systems. This includes tanks (both concrete and polypropylene), wells, and gravity fed water systems.

When safe water is readily available in communities there are many benefits. Girls and women, who previously had to walk long distances for water, can



now use that time to study, or attend to other matters. These women are also not subjected to long walks through unsafe environments. Of course, disease and the instances of diarrhoea, particularly among children, decreases.

Through this WASH project, ABM also supports the Anglican Church of Melanesia to install Ventilation Improved Pit toilets (or VIP toilets). This style of toilet can be built for relatively little money and provides a safe, hygienic facility for people.

In 2015, these toilets will be installed in schools, parishes and communities. Staff from the Anglican Church of Melanesia work with local youth to train them in VIP toilet installation, giving young people a practical skill that they can use to benefit their community.

By donating to the WASH project your money will go to materials for water point and toilet installation, as well as training workshops for youth in how to install VIP toilets.

VU006WS needs **\$66,000** Australian



opened the Stonehill Water Tank last year. © ABM/Isabel Robinson, 2014.

AU\$10 could provide a literacy student with a year's worth of pens and pencils AU\$25 could provide a volunteer teacher with a day's worth of refreshments during their teacher training AU\$50 could pay the fare for the Literacy Coordinator to visit a remote community literacy school AU\$100 could pay for materials to repair a damaged water tank

AU\$250 could pay for the **printing of literacy books** for a whole class of adult learners AU\$1,000 could pay for materials to install a Ventilation Improved Pit toilet in a community AU\$2,500 could pay for sea freight to take tank and toilet materials to 3 remote locations AU\$5,000 could pay for two Training Workshops for volunteer teachers in remote locations

Help protect communities affected by rising water levels and climate change in Vanuatu.

New Disaster Risk Reduction

Natural disasters can have devastating impacts on communities. Landslides, earthquakes, floods, and tsunamis are some examples of the types of natural occurrences which trigger emergency relief responses - particularly in the Pacific region.

ABM supports the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) in Vanuatu to prepare communities for emergency situations and to run education campaigns on mitigating the effects of climate change.

According to the Red Cross World Disasters Report, 2011 was the most expensive year of the previous 20 years in terms of disaster costs totalling AUD\$350.47 billion in damages.

Climate-caused disasters are often exacerbated by, and can lead to, human conflict. By supporting this project you will assist ACOM in preparing for crisis through safety action plans, safety training with communities and adapting their work or environment to make people safer in instances of a disaster.

VU006EP needs **\$13,000**



Children's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry is a Christian Education program which builds young children's faith, ages 3 through 12.

It is delivered in Anglican Churches in Kenya with some assistance also going to development of this ministry in Uganda and South Sudan and Burundi.

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

There is a great need to improve the Faith nurture of the children and the Archbishop and the Bishops in Council recognise that this program is very effective for the young people and is encouraging them to spread it all across Kenya.

The Archbishop's diocese in Nairobi has the huge Kibera slum and there is a great need to grow faith in the children there and in other slums and poor rural areas. They have decided to extend this program across their diocese as has the Bungoma Diocese in West Kenya.

In a recent report the church told ABM, "God is helping the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to develop strongly in Kenya and nearby countries with about 25 centres either operational or planned. It is now developing in nine schools across Kenya and will provide nurture for children from Nursery to class eight."

In 2015, the aim is to further develop a training area in Nairobi for the training of leaders to further develop this ministry in Kibera and to grow the number of Formation Leaders.

Please donate to this project to help it continue to grow and to assist in providing resources for the children to use as they learn of the scriptures.





In the classroom

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classroom, called the atrium, is a spiritual environment – a place of worship rather than a traditional classroom. The work of the atrium encourages children to explore and deepen their experiences at their own pace. The children are free to work with materials that represent the essence of the Christian message.

In a typical atrium which can be run on any day of the week, there are about 50 different materials that can be used by children and each of these materials has to be made by the leaders. For example; wooden figures of sheep in a sheepfold of the Good Shepherd or a setting of sculpted apostles around a Last Supper table. © Anglican Church of Kenya, 2014.



Machakos & Makueni Diocese Leadership and Management Training Project

Over the last two years, a lot has been achieved in the dioceses of Machakos and Makueni.

In the first year, the main focus of the project was the large task to train parish leaders from the 106 parishes in Machakos Diocese with the aim to divide the diocese into two – Machakos and Makueni.

In the second year, in-depth training improved the leadership and management skills in 30 of the neediest parishes across the dioceses.

There was also a Vision Conference held to address the socio-economic status of the people in the parishes, with 36 leaders from Makueni and 30 leaders from Machakos in attendance. The conference's main aim was to equip the leaders with the relevant skills for improving their socio-economic situations by "challenging their thinking in terms of how to improve their livelihoods in farming God's way."

Moving into 2015, phase three will continue to train different leaders to ensure that there is an available pool of skilled leaders.

By supporting this project you are allowing the leaders who are based in parishes to pass on their knowledge and skills to other church members so that more people will benefit by improving their socio-economic status and growing a stronger community and church.

KE003TR needs **\$26,400**

Sustainable Livelihoods Program

In the rural Ukamba area of eastern Kenya lack of resilience to climate change has resulted in deep poverty in many communities. The Anglican Development Services-Eastern (ADSE) is working with the poorest communities in the Machakos and Makueni counties to address the causes of poverty from many different angles. To provide reliable water supplies sand dams are being built along nearby rivers to provide regular water in the dry summer months.

Training in improved farming and livelihood methods is bringing significant changes in the communities eg., drought tolerant seeds, seed 'banks', drip filter irrigation, improved fertilisation methods, organic farming, market gardens, fish and bee-keeping, goat and chicken-raising, and energy saving stoves. Communities are being empowered, learning to build on their strengths, and moving out of poverty.

S KE001IC needs **\$140,000**

A story from Kwamwonga Public Primary School in Machakos District

Children in rural Kenyan communities walk long distances to school and they have to carry all the water they need for the day. Temperatures in summer regularly reach more than 30 degrees celsius.

Kwamwonga Public School has 150 students. ABM and Australian AID funded the installation of a water tank several years ago, and it filled with rainwater in the first rainy season. The Vice-Principal said that since installing

this large water

not run dry.

tank there has been

Beth Snedden

visited in May 2014

and met some of the

who were excited to

show her the 10,000

litre water tank. They

all have water bottles

that they bring to school

each day for their own

use, and they showed

fill the bottles at the

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hygiene points where

children and teachers

can wash their hands.

These hygiene points

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pole or branch which

are low-tech water

school has installed

Beth how they

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sufficient water for the

whole school, and it has



are yellow water containers that have a hole in the bottom with a stick to plug the hole, the stick is pulled out to release water onto the hands.

Teachers in the school receive hygiene and sanitation training and then pass information on to the school children, who then become promoters of good hygiene practices at home.

ABM (with support from Australian AID) is funding new 10,000 litre water tanks in three schools this year. Buying and installing a plastic water tank in a school costs approximately \$600.

The Sustainable Livelihoods Program supports activities like this water and sanitation initiative in schools.

Village Savings and Loans Project

Through Village Savings and Loans (VSL), ABM is improving lives in rural areas of Kenya.

Communities need a form of banking that will allow them to save their money and take larger loans. This project has assisted them by training existing self-help groups in setup and operation of VSL.

With this support, communities and families are finding they have increased income, better food supplies, improved health, and they can afford uniforms and school fees for their children.



Agnes Muteti is a member of Kalum, a village savings and loans scheme (VSL) that allows locals to receive small loans that are invested back into the community.

Agnes is 42, married to Boniface and has four children who all attend school. She said she thought a village woman like

© ABM/Beth Snedden, 2014.

her would never have savings.

Agnes said, "Initially, I took a small loan but the empowerment was not high because we just bought food. Through training from Ukamba Christian Community Services (UCCS), I had a plan to buy a cow at a cost of Ksh 30,000."

"Firstly I took a loan of Ksh 10,000 where I paid the first deposit of the cow. I again took a loan of 20,000 where I finished paying for the cow. When I bought the cow, I was able to milk it daily because it had given birth. Per day I used to get 3 litres in the morning and 2 litres in the afternoon where I sold 4 litres per day at 50 shillings per litre and left the rest for the family. Through this I was able to make income and use the milk to feed the family," she said.

"By selling the milk I am able to repay the loan. I have also bought fodder feeds for the cow because of the dry spell which is near. I get veterinary services and I still use the same money to pay for them."

Agnes has been a farmer all her life and had previously been a member of a local group that attempted to support members financially but it was not sustainable. It is clear the benefits of the savings and loans training and other community livelihood activities from ABM and its partner have offered a huge improvement.

The change in Agne's life is an example of how projects such as this are empowering people in Kenya by improving their livelihoods and encouraging communities to work together.

Community-based HIV Prevention and Health Care Promotion Project

In China, ABM's Partner, The Amity Foundation, is working to build awareness of health care in local communities and through this work, aiming to prevent HIV and AIDS.

The project supports people in rural areas and works to improve the livelihoods of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) decrease community stigma towards them and improve the capacity of local health workers.

One of the people ABM is helping through this project is Xiao Ye*, a member of Padi Village's performance team.

Xiao Ye is now happy to be a part of the performance team, but previously she went through a heavy, dark time. How did she survive that time? How has her life changed?

Xiao Ye was infected with HIV in 2011 and at that time people around her, including her family, wouldn't talk to her and she started to feel isolated. She said she could feel other people looking at her weirdly. She locked herself at home because she worried about people seeing her and judging her.

In 2013 Xiao Ye became aware of the work of Amity Foundation and how it might support her. Her health worker told her about a program that supported HIV-infected villagers connect with others and undertake activities together.

"I was a little confused", she said. "I couldn't imagine what the HIV-infected group was doing or how they were managing to visit other communities."

However, she started to feel more comfortable when she saw that many people were in her situation, spoke to the other villagers, and heard from the head of the Amity Project Office.

"Being involved with this group is the first time I felt happy and warm since I got infected," said Xiao Ye.

Group members' connection with each other strengthened as they started to work together, and some other noninfected villagers also took part in group activities to educate the broader community on HIV and AIDS.

The group was encouraged and decided to organise a performance team. When there are events in the village,



Training for rural health workers. © ABM/Isabel Robinson, 2014.

the group likes to perform traditional Dai dancing and singing. Xiao Ye said she likes dancing, and the group now has the confidence and passion to perform, as long as villagers like it!

Amity staff tell ABM, "It is a huge step for Xiao Ye to join the group and just go outside. Without this program, she and other HIV infected villagers would still be stuck at home suffering the effects of both physical and mental debilitation."

"In this case, we just provide a chance for people to gather together, to get to know each other, and to understand the health issues. They can then make their own decisions on what they would like to do," the staff member said.

You can help change attitudes to people living with HIV and promote community awareness in regional communities in China by giving to this project. *Names have been changed.

CN001VH needs **\$112,981**



Community Library in Addis Ababa

Over 1800 students are registered to use St Matthew's library and between 200 to 350 students use the library each day.

During the last year, funds committed to St Matthew's library were used to upgrade several facilities, in addition to the general running costs, staff salaries, and support for 100 vulnerable students.

All six of the library's computers were connected to the internet which has increased computer usage exponentially, with students reportedly ecstatic with this new resource for learning.

One librarian said, "This [internet access] will encourage students to come to the library every day to get up-to-date information to upgrade their knowledge and be able to compete with other students especially with those who learn in private and international schools."

A total of 348 text and reference books were purchased, which has allowed students to freely access the current material necessary for studying and excelling in their national exams.

ABM is continuing to fund the library as it is serving the needs of the local students and plays a valuable role in supporting their education. Your generous donation will continue to offer these much-needed services.

ET002CL needs **\$17,600**



Students work at the new computers and desks, purchased with funds kindly donated by ABM supporters. © Rev Roger Kay, St Matthew's Anglican Church & School, Ethiopia 2014.

Some students share their thanks to ABM for the support.

"First of all I will thank for give me this chance to study in this library because in my home I haven't any reference books to study so when I came in this library I get what I want to read. I started using in this library when I was grade 8. Now I am grade 11 students. I am the lucky to get this chance." – Abraham, a Grade 11 student

"This library means a lot to me. My family have no money to buy extra books this means reference books but I can get them free in this library. There are enough materials; I have also friends who help me and a very good staff. Thank you so much."

- Geremew, student

"First of all thank you give me this chance to write about St. Matthew's library. I am grade 7 student. This library is a very important place to study. There are a lot of books and I will continue reading here up to grade 12. I tell you the truth I will be a good doctor in the future. Thank You." – Yohannis, a Grade 7 student



Church Capacity Building

ABM supports activities in the Solomon Islands that promote Church Capacity Building. These include activities such as training and awareness sessions on community development, child protection principles and gender awareness.

As part of the institutional strengthening process, in 2014 the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) organised a Partner Round Table Conference in Honiara, which ABM representatives attended.

This Partner Round Table was the first conference of its kind for ACOM, and signalled a new era in the church's history. Bringing together the bishops of the nine dioceses, the heads of Anglican religious orders, partner development agencies and the staff of ACOM Provincial Headquarters, the conference sought to both cement the earlier strategic planning work sponsored by ABM, and coordinate practical steps to action.

The conference aimed to improve communication and highlight priorities for all partner agencies.

Jess Sexton, Solomon Islands Program Officer said, "Participants were encouraged to speak their minds and, in an atmosphere of respect and openness, discussed the priorities identified by ACOM. Many common points for collaboration were noted, with new and existing partner agencies supporting the ambitious three-year strategic plan."

To continue to help the church in the Solomon Islands strengthen their projects as well as build strategy, please support this project.



Mary Vunagi has been working to train locals in the Solomon Islands

Mothers' Union Bildim Ap & **Positive Parenting Program**

The Mothers' Union (MU) is a strong arm of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, with around 16,000 members in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

These programs aim to train the volunteer leaders of the Mothers' Union with skills that they can share with others and empower local branches of the MU to facilitate positive change in the communities they serve. In 2014 the Dioceses of Ysabel, Malaita, Central Solomons, Hanuato'o, Temotu and Central Melanesia were covered with over 250 people trained.

The Bildim Ap initiative is aimed at capacity building for the Mothers' Union to deliver services to the grassroots community in Melanesia, including the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. The training centres on leadership, management, group facilitation and financial literacy, enabling MU women and men to work even more effectively in their positions.

Once this training has been completed, the MU leaders will implement the Positive Parenting program throughout the dioceses. This program provides an opportunity for wives, husbands and other family members to come together with the wider community and speak about ways of promoting more positive interaction within the



family unit, which can then translate to the community at large.

Rolling out both of these training programs really depends on funding. The costs of the trainers' travelling in the Solomon Islands are high, as are the supplies needed to facilitate the workshops.

"People are waiting for this program," said Mary Vunagi, who was coordinating the program in 2014. "We're training volunteer leaders and people in other dioceses are hoping they get to learn from it."

Mary believes the program will lead to societal and behavioural changes and hopes that like the statistics show, this ensures levels of physical, verbal and sexual violence within households are reduced due to heightened knowledge about good practices.

Support of these projects will enable leaders at all levels to facilitate other MU programs achieving greater effectiveness as well as educating locals about health and parenting issues.

SB012YC needs **\$60,500**



New Disaster Risk Reduction

The Solomon Islands are at risk from the effects of climate change and natural disasters.

In April 2014, flash flooding hit the Solomon Islands causing major destruction. After many days of rain, rivers burst their banks and destroyed homes and bridges, leaving thousands of people displaced.

George Kiriau, former General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), gave an account of the situation.

"I live in Honiara for most of my life and I have never seen such heavy rain. It was then announced a tropical cyclone was developing to the south of the country. As a result of the heavy rain, there was heavy flooding along the rivers in the capital especially along Mataniko River. The village's church, St John Baptist Church, had only its roof showing in the river."

ABM assists in disaster situations like this. To help during the floods, funds were sent to our Partner and consequently, food supplies were distributed to the 22 evacuation centres in Honiara and also to the Church's institutions which include schools and religious orders.

But even more importantly, ABM is supporting our Partner the Anglican Church of Melanesia to create an organisational wide Disaster Action Plan, which encompasses all dioceses within the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

The need is huge, especially across the Melanesian region, which forms part of the Pacific 'Ring of Fire,' where a high prevalence of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are a constant threat.

As the effects of climate change take their toll, the region's atoll islands are also coming under increasing threat. King tides, rising water levels and salt intrusion into water supply and crops is causing havoc in the region; all effects which are classed as contributing to a 'slow onset disaster'.

There are many factors in the Solomon Islands that threaten disaster. Please give to this project so the risk can be reduced and emergency support offered.





Economic Empowerment

Building self-reliant and sustainable communities is the primary objective of this project. Activities include small economic initiatives that are specifically aimed at increasing family incomes using resources already available to them.

Some of the small livelihood and income-generating activities proposed this year include: moringa tea production, bamboo crafts making, candle-making, organic duck and pig raising ventures.

The Organic Mushroom-growers of Sitio Guesang is one example of the support provided in this project.

"We are all mothers, mostly with young children, and that is why we chose to do the mushroom growing enterprise, so we could stay at home with our children."

These words were spoken by Marly Deppas, one of a group of women from a mining community in Sitio Guesang in the mountains of northern Luzon in the Philippines. Their new community venture called ECARE supported by ABM's partner, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP), aims to give them a step out of the poverty that continues to beset many in this nation of about 100 million people.

After joining the program, Marly and her fellow community members underwent training in asset-based community development. After assessing their community's existing assets, the

women realised that rice straw, normally a waste product from their regular labour in the rice fields, could be used as a medium for growing organic mushrooms.

The women formed themselves into a group and were able to access more training, this time in mushroom production and organic farming, as well as project management, book-keeping, business and risk management, and

more about mushroom growing as they go. For example, they learned they had to cook the rice husks first to kill any insects, and to sterilise everything the mushroom spores came into contact with. But they then found that in some cases, cockroaches were getting into the bags of growing mushrooms at a later stage and were eating the crop. So the women are now protecting

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gender sensitisation. Once they had completed the training, they were eligible for a community loan, at a very low interest rate, repayable after one year.

The women took out the loan and purchased their first batch of mushroom spores in May this year for 150 Philippine pesos (about \$3.80) per kilo. After one month each kilo of spores had produced 10kg of mushrooms which the group sold for 1200 pesos (\$30) per 10kg. Each batch of spores has the potential to produce a mushroom crop of up to ten times the weight of the spores for up to eight harvests, before they decompose and new spores have to be bought. There are good local markets for the mushrooms, and the future for the women looks positive.

Marly and her group are also learning

their crop with mesh netting, which has necessitated the whole crop being grown in one central place within the community. rather than in each member's house.

In addition to the core group of 11 women who began the project, five other women have since shown an interest in the enterprise and will learn from the existing members and join the group next year. The group's goal is to eventually involve about 32 households in the enterprise.

The group is very keen to learn from both the successes and mistakes of other mushroom growers. "We need to overcome the errors made by other mushroom growers we know about in nearby communities", said Jonia Day-as, another member of the women's group.

"Those growers were supported by the Department of Agriculture, but they The organic mushrooms are creating income for local women. © ABM/ Julianne Stewart, 2014

made mistakes in crop maintenance, and they lacked proper training. Also they were individual growers, but we believe our strength is in the fact that we are a group, and we also have had good training", she said.

The group aims to eventually produce their own spores, so as to be able to sell not just the mushrooms, but also the spores to other communities and individuals who want to get into organic mushroom production. "And once we produce enough volume we hope to start preserving and drying the mushrooms so we can exercise some control over the timing of sales and also market price", said Marly. "And, once we have ironed out the mushroom production, we will be looking at other livelihoods such as organic chickens and pigs, as well as better rice marketing."

Your donation will help:

- AU\$5 is the cost of motorcycle hire (the development worker rides in the back of someone else's motorcycle, to the project community 25 kms away)
- AU\$34.75 buys a duck (12 are given to one family to start an organic duck raising venture)
- AU\$62.50 is the cost of one piglet for a hog raising activity
- AU\$175 buys an automatic weighing scale for a small meat/butchery venture

PH001EE needs **\$110,000** ustralian AID

Community Capacity Building

ABM and its two partners in the Philippines continue to focus on strengthening and building community capacity through the assets-based community development (ABCD) approach. ABCD looks at community strengths and builds on these to help lift households out of poverty. Nineteen (19) new communities were included in this project in 2014 and more than half of them were communities devastated by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in November 2013.

Every new community undergoes a process of consultation, discussing a common history, common goals and vision. Community members identify resources already available to them and think of possible economic activities based on these resources. This project trains community members in the preparation of feasibility studies and choosing a specific economic activity.

Your support of this project will empower communities to work together to solve problems and change their lives for the better.

Your donation will help.

- AU\$50 is the approximate cost of training one community volunteer for the whole year, working alongside the development staff gathering data, coordinating meetings and leading project activities
- AU\$137.50 AUD covers one community training



Evangelism and Christian Education

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines' Vision-Mission-Goal 2018 is, 'by the year 2018 we envision a vibrant and dynamic church of caring, witnessing and mission-oriented parishes.

The program will provide much-needed training and education options for ordained and lay leaders. This will help leaders realise the vision of 2018.

The training will equip the ordained ministers but also provide opportunities to specialise in particular pastoral works such as counselling for the young people or conducting spiritual retreats.

Another feature of the training will lead lay leaders to a deeper participation and commitment to contribute to the ministry of the church in the broader society as a whole.

Your support of the Evangelism and Christian education project will help the Church to reach 170,000 young and adult members of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

PH010EM needs **\$24,000**



New Disaster Risk Reduction

ABM's support for those in the Philippines affected by Typhoon Haiyan continued throughout 2014.

The Philippines is in a region often affected by natural disasters such as floods, typhoons and tsunamis. Consequently ABM works with its partners to plan for such emergencies.

In 2014 ABM was on the ground in the Philippines assessing the damage and supporting the relief provided in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan.

ABM staff member, Lina Magallanes, reported that the relief effort was large and multi-faceted with locals clearly devastated. Those who could still help were volunteering and supporting those people who had lost their loved ones, their properties and their sources of income.

"The mobilisation of volunteers to pack emergency relief goods was a massive undertaking in itself. The ECP, as part of its own emergency relief activities was putting together relief packs in the national cathedral compound where there was sufficient space for the packing activities and where goods were loaded into trucks," she said.

During Lina's visit, two trucks of 1,000 relief packs, consisting mainly of 15kg rice and other basic food items, were loaded and sent to affected areas.

Bishop Edward Malecdan, the then Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines said, "To our partners, we acknowledge and express our gratitude for your thoughts, prayers and support. We appeal for your continuing solidarity as we all join hands in rising up from the unimaginable devastation of our land".

Your support will assist people in the Philippines to plan and prepare for emergencies such as Typhoon Haiyan and ensure they can respond quickly and effectively.









Water & Sanitation

ABM's two water and sanitation projects in Sittwe Diocese will provide drinking water to a total of 140 families living in two villages. The water comes from streams located about 2km away. Two other projects in Bago provide a well and latrines, as well as start-up capital to purchase some livestock to improve household incomes. Many of these families are landless farmers who earn from casual labour.

Access to clean and safe water improves health and sanitation in the villages. The new latrines improve hygiene as there is a high risk of contamination when open latrines are built near water supplies. Awareness raising and sanitation campaigns will be conducted in the villages to educate families about water borne diseases and better hygiene and sanitation practices.

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In 2015 there are two new water and sanitation activities, one in Mandalay diocese and another in Yangon diocese. Here is what the bishop had to say about a water project in KyiWa village in Sittwe Diocese when it was completed earlier last year. "I dedicated and had a thanksgiving service on the completion of the fresh water for the villagers at KyiWa. They said in our own language "kawn parai ba ABM, tameuh my amtheaung hai Jo sy" – thank you so much ABM for you gave fresh water for us, God bless you and ABM."



Church Capacity Building

This program aims to enhance the church's capacity to deliver sustainable community development initiatives at both provincial and diocesan levels in the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM).

In February 2014, an historic event for the Church in Myanmar was marked by the first roundtable with overseas partners. Prior to this, the Archbishop, the Bishops, Provincial Secretaries and Development Personnel of the CPM had travelled in 2013 to ABM's Partner in the Philippines to work on a Strategic Development Plan, and to experience first-hand the excellent community development work of the Episcopal Church there.

The February Roundtable brought

together many overseas partners and local participants and affirmed the church's threeyear strategic and business plans for its development program.

ABM continues to support the Church Capacity Building of the CPM and the next phase of this process which is to operationalise the plans. ABM is committed to supporting a stable and professional development program structure from the provincial to the diocesan level, and helping to ensure that the structure is sustainable in the longer-term.

Your support of this project will enable this sustainability and strategic growth.

MM001CE needs **\$47,000**



Education

Over 65 young people have participated in this program in the last three years of ABM's support. The training covers English classes, basic computer skills and building skills for community work. The training also includes awareness raising in a range of issues faced by young people in Myanmar today such as the trafficking of women and children, protection of the environment, drug addiction and other social issues.

The training is conducted by the Anglican Young People's Association (AYPA) and runs for six to eight weeks.

In 2015, support is being extended by ABM to allow AYPA to design the activities in a more sustainable way. A new cohort of young people is expected to benefit from a range of skills offered by this training.

The training prepares these young people for life in the city and/or university life, particularly those who live in rural and remote parts of Myanmar. By introducing them to computers, which they may have not seen or used before, and improving their English language skills they can more easily participate in social activities and adjust to a different phase of their life.

After completing this training, some young people become community workers, some go back to work in their



dioceses, in commercial employment or to pursue higher studies.

Lal Dini, AYPA Provincial Director, said the community work training is very important to the young people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM).

"'The program has been very helpful for young people of CPM who are preparing for their future success. This is the only CPM program that gives our youth the chance to widen their general knowledge and help them decide what profession is most suitable with the skills that they have. We try to provide useful topics and experiences as much as we can. I believe the program really helps to improve the future of young people of CPM."





New Evangelism and Christian Education

The Evangelism and Christian Education project includes a number of activities that will strength the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM).

By donating to this project you will help fund Evangelism and Mission seminars across six dioceses.

The vision is that these seminars will become self-sustainable but initially funding is required so that seminars for the clergy and church leaders can be held and then those trained can go on to teach others.

The project also supports capacity building through training for Clergy and Sunday School Teachers.

Bishop John Wilme said, "Our clergy badly need more training in order to upgrade their theological knowledge and knowledge regarding current issues. They need to understand that our country is in transition period and Christians are the minority, being amidst the two major religions which are now getting very aggressive when they promote their respective religion."

"Sunday school is taught by volunteers but we also really need trained teachers who can help children to grow as faithful Christians in this country. Therefore, we indeed need ABM to support us in this program," he said.

Funds will also assist a video editing project and the Youth Music Band. The band, run by the Youth Department, is the main group that produce gospel and tribal songs for evangelism and lead most activities at the local festivals and tribal events - an important ministry for the church.

All of the activities supported by the Evangelism and Christian Education project contribute to the growth of the Church. Please give to these important ministries.

This project is also being supported by the ABM Auxiliary in 2015.

MM011MA needs **\$40,200**



Bishop John Wilme. © ABM/Vivienne For, 2013.

The Catechists training in Toungoo Diocese. © ABM/Lina Magallanes For, 2013

Global Rapid Response Fund

ABM responds to unexpected emergency situations throughout the world to ensure those in need are provided with immediate assistance. ABM works with different partners, regionally and internationally to respond to crises.

In 2014 ABM sent funds to assist those impacted by the following events: floods in the Solomon Island, South Sudan civil war; typhoon in the Philippines, the ebola crisis in west Africa and war in Gaza.

Gaza is home to 1.7 million, with over half of the population being children. During the fighting in mid-2014 more than 2,000 people were killed with over 10,000 people injured. Thousands of homes were completely destroyed during the bombing, leaving 475,000 people displaced, whilst at least 373,000 children have been left traumatised.

These people were urgently in need of medical treatment, health services, shelter, clean water, food and psychosocial support, especially the children and ABM's partner was able to provide some of these.

Such crises see ABM send funds from its Global Rapid Response fund to ensure these urgent needs are met.

Whether it is a natural disaster, conflict or a health crisis your support of this project will offer people in need immediate assistance.



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XG033ZX needs **\$20,000**

Korea

Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK)

ABM's Programs Director, Julianne Stewart, visited Korea in 2014 and witnessed some of the work of the Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) program, amongst a variety of projects included in the social ministry of the Anglican Church of Korea.

She said, "For many people living in South Korea, including the Anglican Church, there is a strong longing and hope for eventual peaceful reunification of the south and the north. The church has been active in several initiatives which aim to build peace. These initiatives are not restricted to material assistance to people in need in the North."

"TOPIK works hard to take advantage of all opportunities offered to them to assist ordinary people in North Korea. Most recently this has involved purchasing and equipping (in neighbouring China) an ambulance for a hospital in the North Korean city of Najin, in consultation with the local People's Party there. TOPIK will also provide

Towards Peace in Korea's Fr Joachim Kim with the Border Peace School founder. medicines and equipment for the hospital."

Through its history, the Anglican Church of Korea had always worked in whatever ways it could, as part of other Christian and faith-based organisations, to further the realisation of peace between North and South Korea. But in 2005 they decided they wanted to do something more.

In that year, the Church invited the Anglican Communion to go to North Korea. Out of this invitation, in 2007 the Communion held its first Anglican Peace Conference in South Korea. A second event took place more recently in the Japanese city of Okinawa in 2013.

From this 2007 conference, the Anglican Church entity, TOPIK was born. This program needs your support to continue to promote peace between the North and South, seven years on from its inception. Please give generously.

KP001NP needs **\$20,000**

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Did you know?

The Korean word for peace, when translated literally back into English, means "share food equally". This simple phrase sums up the commitment by the Anglican Church of Korea, based in the South, to provide humanitarian assistance to their sisters and brothers in North Korea.

New Clergy Workshops

Antisocial activities such as use of illicit drugs, women and child abuse and other waves of crimes are increasing in PNG.

Clergy need to be aware of how to deal with these during the course of their ministry. They must keep up with the changes and know how to minister to both victims and perpetrators.

The prime objective of bringing the clergy together every two years is to generate motivation among clergy to be innovative and charismatic in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church in PNG wants to bring clergy together for planned activities that would concentrate on different ways of proclaiming the Gospel. The project will be ongoing and take place every second year for the next six years when some positive transformative results are achieved.

This project is revisiting the proclamation of the Gospel as the Church has moved away from its traditional role and responsibility. The Church ministry is refocussing again on her prime purpose of establishment in PNG. The transformative power of the Gospel is what this workshop seeks to bring forth to empower the clergy and in turn they may be agents of change for transforming Anglican communities in this age.

The Diocese of Dogura is seeking counter funding of \$4,000 from a partner church to meet part of the cost component so that 28 members of the clergy can receive this important training.

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PG016ST needs **\$4,000**



MBH & SSF Outreach Evangelism

PG014MO needs **\$19,150**

Society of St Francis at Henduru. © ABM/Meagan Morrison, 2013.



Archbishop Clyde Igara believes religious orders such as the Melanesian Brotherhood (MBH) and the Society of St Francis (SSF) should be used to witness and make known Christ's saving, forgiving, and reconciling love to the people they serve.

Archbishop Clyde said, "When I visited the Orders earlier this year, I saw that there was a lot of potential in these two religious Orders to train and prepare them to take on board evangelism programs in their respective ministries. As a spiritual father, I want to raise the ministry in the two Orders by energising and empowering them to reach out to transform the communities in bringing reconciliation through the power of God's love and forgiveness in Christ Jesus."

By supporting this project you will help the Church to prepare materials to conduct evangelism training for the trainers to be conducted for the two religious Orders in Popondota Diocese. The trainers will then take up the training program to their respective Orders.

Archbishop Clyde will begin to train the trainers in 2015 and hopes their Christian faiths will be refreshed and transformed resulting in the same rejuvenation of marriages, families and communities to live and enjoy life together.

This project needs \$19,150 in 2015 to train key members of the religious orders in PNG.

New Archdeacon Training

Popondota Diocese has ten Deaneries and Archdeacons, all of whom have been selected to be trained for a month to better carry out their duties to assist the Diocese in providing pastoral care to each priest within its Deanery.

This project will see clergymen in each deanery brought together to attend retreats and have clergy training conducted by the Diocesan Bishop, retired Bishops and Archdeacons. This will be done so that the clergymen may truly serve God and His people and proclaim His Kingdom.

The project aims to allow both Archdeacons and Priests to do their pastoral work effectively so that parishioners will respond positively in their Christian faith and ultimately build the faith of the Anglican Church in PNG. Please support this project to raise \$14,130 in 2015.

PG016TE needs \$14,130



New Student Enrichment Project (Kerina College)

This new project in 2015 will offer practical and emotional support to the wives of the students at Kerina College. Wives will be taught new skills and literacy and in turn encouraged to build relationships with one another and improve their social and emotional support circles.

Through this project it is hoped that the wives will be able to further participate in community life in their future parishes and share their learnings with those communities.

Kerina Evangelist College has been in existence for over 28 years. It started as a Diocesan Institution and slowly gained recognition as a Provincial Institution. Kerina enrols a maximum of 10 students per year who complete a two year program in Theology, Pastoral Care, liturgy, church history and leadership.

Many students' wives and their families live with them but there is limited support. Kerina has trained over 300 Evangelists who are scattered over Anglican Church of PNG (ACPNG). While many are serving faithfully, some are less effective because they lack support from their families and networks. Through this basic training the wives will further support their husbands' ministry.

Throughout 2015, \$13,200 will offer support to the students of Kerina and their wives.

Many projects funded under this program attempt to address the underlying causes of violence against women indirectly as well as discussing the issues of gender based violence directly. The church actively participated in national action around violence against women including White Ribbon Day. The Anglican priests' training school, Newton Theological College, has incorporated gender equity and women's empowerment into its curriculum for theological students and their wives. After participating in gender-based issues education, they took these teachings back to local communities with great success.

Building Local Skills

This project supports communities in PNG by working with locals to build their skills and improve their agriculture, infrastructure and education.

Meagan Morrison, ABM's PNG Program Coordinator and Partner Liaison, visited Fikombaru, Simbu Province, and Aserangka, Eastern Highlands Province, on a monitoring trip where she witnessed the success of one of the many activities funded under this project.

In Fikombaru, young people have received training in improved agriculture and animal husbandry techniques and received seeds and starter populations of goats and fish. A model garden and nursery also provides ongoing assistance. An adult literacy school in the same community teaches men and women literacy and numeracy skills they can apply to these other areas.

Through this activity, ABM is supporting the community and the Church to liaise with the PNG Government Department of Agriculture and Livestock to promote improved productivity and encourage nutrition education. The way the components of the program work together creates more connection in the community and stronger skills for locals.

Meagan reports that the hope for 2015 is that this project will be the model for daughter projects in other communities, such as Aserangka, and provide them with skills and resources as well as ongoing support and encouragement.

PG020IS needs \$165,000

Local clergyman and young boy showing off a new crop of bananas that grows quickly and has a higher yield. © ABM/Meagan Morrison, 2014.





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Inspecting a pineapple crop that will provide food for local community, help build local skills and provide seedlings for daughter project sites. © ABM/ Meagan Morrison, 2014.

ACPNG Church Capacity Building

The Capacity building Program aims to contribute to PNG development and social stability by working through the local churches and their communities.

Meagan Morrison, ABM's PNG Program Coordinator and Partner Liaison, said, "The program is about having the community themselves respond to their own needs without having to call in others. They don't have to look elsewhere for assistance but can build their own. This project is about getting communities to a point where they don't need external support. They can build on their own strengths and make sure everyone can participate in their own communities – it's a strengths-based approach."

In 2015 the program is planning training sessions for both church and community groups who are in a position to apply for funding from local government in PNG or other organisations but may not have the skills or resources to apply. These training sessions will teach the local people how to write a successful application and highlight the resources needed to ensure a sustainable future.

This resourcing of church and community groups to gain funding will then filter through to community development and more local benefits.

Activities conducted by the Anglican Church using this funding attempt to use existing church resources and infrastructure. The remote location of many of these communities does mean that the cost of communications and transport are high compared to conducting activities in urban areas.

Your support will allow this local training to continue to ensure sustainability in PNG.

PG020IF needs **\$110,000**



New Diocesan Social Media & Communication Strategy

This project is urgently needed to enable efficient communication from the Diocese of Popondota to all divisions, clergymen, ministry arms, parishioners and with the other dioceses in ACPNG. The Diocesan Social Media and Communications Strategy will help the diocese office and related divisions of Health, Education and Anglicare, to provide efficient and timely dissemination to others. Currently important information is not being effectively communicated to clergy, congregations and all who need to know. This project enhances the current work of ABM and the Anglican Church in running the Popondota Diocese. ABM and the Church in PNG will do a better job to continue supporting the faith of Anglicans in the Popondota Diocese with more efficient communications. New communication processes will not only help the clergymen, heads of the ministry arms and institutions to get information directly from the Diocese Office but it will also help the Diocesan staff and Divisions to get responses from the relevant people.

This new communication strategy can be implemented for \$7,650 in 2015.

PG016IB needs **\$7,650**

Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza

In 2014, prior to the recent outbreak of war between Hamas militants and the Israeli Defence Force, plans were in place to continue the Child Nutrition Project through the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital.

This vital service was postponed as the hospital deals with the influx of victims from the shelling and mortar attacks from the opposing forces.

During the conflict, Al-Ahli staff maintained aroundthe-clock presence at the hospital, receiving wounded people and providing them with the critical medical care that they needed. Like other hospitals in Gaza, Al-Ahli is experiencing severe shortages in medicine, fuel for electrical generators, food for patients and food for parcels for many in the community seeking help.

The hospital itself has also sustained attack, with structural damage from airstrikes affecting the ventilation system in the operating theatre and emergency room. An exterior wall and the main steam pipe was destroyed, leaving the hospital without hot water and with a reduced number of rooms to house patients.

The need for services such as the Child Nutrition project is now even more acute. Its value to the local community is immeasurable, and as Al-Ahli Arab hospital was setup and is run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, it provides a tangible witness to the love of Christ in action.

PS001LH needs **\$27,500**



Doctors at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital prior to the 50-day war.

Mrs Haneen Ahmad El Adham is 25 years old and lives in Jabalia city in Northern Gaza. Her husband is unemployed because he has renal failure and is in need of kidney dialysis. She is a mother of two and has only one room to live in with her in-laws and their families – a house with nineteen people in total.

She said, "My child came to this program because he was suffering from severe malnutrition and anaemia. This program has helped to improve the health of my child, as he was unable to stand or walk. Now he can run. Please, please, please carry on with this humanitarian project, it is very important not only to my child but to all Gaza children."



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Fr Herbert from the Philipppines and Fr Grayson from Papua New Guinea. © ABM/ Vivienne For, 2014. Encounter Program

The Encounter Program – Partner Clergy Training in Australia

The Encounter program allows ABM to bring clergy from its partner churches to Australia for mutual learning.

ABM helps the Australian parish to devise a program which transforms and enriches both the parish and the visitor, who is able to experience Australian and Anglican life.

Fr Grayson Elea from Popondotta Diocese in PNG visited Rockhampton Diocese as an Encounter Visitor. He arrived in Australia just prior to the Christmas celebrations for a two-month visit.

Fr Grayson preached to congregations and in fact preached for the first time in Australia at St John's South Sea Islander Church on Christmas Day.

He also visited the North Rockhampton Nursing Home and a number of households as part of the pastoral visiting program and the feedback received by the Diocese was very positive.

Fr Luke Foai from the Solomon Islands, visited Western Australia and spent time with Mission to Seafarers.

Norm Stevens from Mission to Seafarers in Albany said, "Here in Albany Luke was hosted by Living Waters Church and the Rev Bill Byleveld and Luke spent his time here at the Mission. He spent a number of weeks with us to see what the workings of the Mission are like. I took him on board to meet the crew and he assisted with Foreign Exchange monies, phone cards and logistics, plus he came with me when I took Seafarers shopping and on outings."

"Rev Bill or his wife, Helen would bring Luke to our Saturday morning Holy Communion Service each week. Luke and I went on board at Christmas to distribute gifts to Seafarers – he was a real asset to the Mission and to me. Luke is especially good interacting with the Seafarers," Mr Stevens said.

The Encounter Program needs \$13,200 in 2015 which will allow ABM to support more visitors like Fr Luke and Fr Grayson.



Mike, Father Luke and Norm in Bunbury, WA. © Norm Stevens, 2012.

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Gender & Governance Initiative

Through the Gender and Governance Initiative the Zambian Anglican Council (ZAC) is addressing harmful cultural practices that significantly impact on Zambian women and children. The Initiative has two core focuses: raising awareness about both gender-based violence and gender equity issues.

Gender-based violence (physical, sexual and emotional) is tolerated in many communities in Zambia. The 2007 Zambian Demographic Health Survey showed that of those surveyed, 46% (5,325) of women 15-49 years of age have experienced some form of physical violence in their life. One in five Zambian women reported that they have experienced violence in the form of sexual abuse. Negative cultural practices in the form of gender inequality in Zambia takes such forms as: no access to birth and death registration, no women's rights to land and inheritance, limited involvement in household and community decision-making, limited access to leadership roles (local and government), early child marriages, and limited education of girls.

ABM has been supporting this Gender and Governance Initiative for three years in a number of areas of Zambia. This year we will focus on one of the poorest areas. the large Lui River valley area in Senanga region of western Zambia. The Lui River Gender Action Group volunteers have been trained by ZAC over the last two years in how to positively address the negative cultural practice through indigenous songs, dance, story-telling, drama and discussion groups, and they will continue this awareness raising work in new villages this year.

The Gender Action Group need an income that will support them during their volunteer work, and since inception they have also been trained in writing business plans, report writing, basic financial account keeping, stock-keeping, banking, and other small business management skills. They have established a community grocery shop, the profits of which will be shared amongst the group members. Villagers within the large river valley no longer need to travel a day to buy supplies in the nearest town. The store provided such items as soap, basic medicines, stationery, school supplies, and vegetables. So successful have they become that the group plan to extend the small building and add products such as hardware, tools, bicycle spare parts etc.

Last year ABM contributed to the cost of a wagon, and this has enabled the group to more easily transport supplies from the town to the community. They had to hire an ox to pull the cart, so this year we will contribute to the purchase of an ox. A solar panel will also be purchased to enable night-time operation.

ABM is partnering with the church to assist in building their capacity to carry out their Mission in their country. We will fund an evaluation of the last three years of the Gender and Governance Initiative to enable ZAC to assess the program's effectiveness, and assist them in planning the next phase of the program. Additionally, we will contribute to improving staff financial skills within the various dioceses.

ZM003GE needs **\$130,000**

Australian

Gender Action Group conducting community dramas about child marriage. © ABM/Lina Magallanes, 2013.





Advocating for Women

M'kusi, in south Western province in Zambia is a dry and dusty place in the hot season. Cross-border marriages are reasonably common in this area amongst some tribal groups.

Wukubesa Mbauga, a widow, lives in a village close to the Namibian border. She was married to a Namibian man but when he died she was left with their two children aged 10 and 12. After his death, her husband's family came and claimed all household possessions and money, and Wukubesa was left to look after the children with no support from her late husband's relatives.

She returned to her relatives in Zambia for help, and now lives with her elder sister. She attended a village awareness

raising meeting, run by one of the Gender Action Groups, where she learnt about her legal rights. The group was able to assist her to access the police and the justice system, and facilitated communications with her Namibian in-laws. The in-laws subsequently became more compliant and offered to share the possessions they had taken.

Many women in rural villages in Zambia do not understand the rights they have under Zambian law and in addition, in some aspects the law is insufficient in protecting women. Through the Gender and Governance Initiative, the Zambian Anglican Council is advocating for improved inheritance rights for women.

St John's Seminary – Theological Training Support

St John's Seminary is the national Seminary of the Anglican Church in Zambia which ABM has been supporting for more than five years. In 2013 and 2014 a new off-campus theology training program has really benefitted the targeted lay Ministers in each of the five dioceses.

The seminary is intending to expand this training program to other church groups. It will give training opportunity to the laity, both men and women, and youth who make up the large majority of each congregation. The church needs training for both the laity and clergy to support the growth of the church wholesomely.

In 2012 the Bishop's eagerness to upgrade the Seminary program to a recognised degree program was acted on by a signed memorandum of understanding with North West University of South Africa to start offering Postgraduate degrees at St John's Seminary. The student intake of clergy from 2013, who are now serving in parishes, will graduate in November 2015.

This program is intended to benefit many of the clergy in the parishes to help



them to serve the community better in a modern and challenging Zambia.

The Seminary is also aiming to acquire registration with the local Ministry of Education and once registration is granted, the seminary will begin to offer graduate programs recognised by the Ministry of Education of Zambia. The seminary depends on ABM donors' support to top-up teachers' salaries, cover costs for special courses, internet access, books for the library and maintenance. This project needs \$13,200 in 2015.



Health Commission Support

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan (ECSSS) has a number of health facilities, although not nearly as many as they would desire, to meet the high needs in rural areas. The strategic plan of the church's Health Commission has a key objective of promotion and facilitation of quality health programs in the dioceses.

Poor health infrastructure and services contributes to concerning statistics in South Sudan including:

- Highest maternal death rates in the world (2,054 per 100,000 live births)
- Mortality rate <5 years of age: 106 per 1,000 children
- Less than 44% of the population able to access basic health services
- Life expectancy of 54 years.

Although not the primary goal of ECSSS, over the last two years ABM has contributed to funding the construction of two new clinics. These are in Maker village in Wau Diocese, and Ofirika village in Torit Diocese. The church has been occupied with responding to the conflict disaster in 2014, and this has delayed the full completion of these clinics, however they are now operational and the numbers utilising these health services continues to increase.

ABM is partnering with the church in building the Health Commission's management capacity to oversee the diocesan health work, and facilitating improvement in the skills of diocesan health personnel to provide efficient and effective services, to address poor health worker skills in under-utilised clinics around South Sudan. Investment into community health are changing lives in rural areas of South Sudan. Please support this project.

SD010HE needs **\$132,000**

New Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Support

The Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan (ECSSS), Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul exclaimed, "The plight of our people who have lost loved ones and many others who continue to live as refugees in their own country saddens my heart... that our people must once again endure the sufferings of war", commenting on the continued civil war in South Sudan.

ABM launched an emergency appeal in 2014 to support ECSSS' humanitarian response to the needs of the 1.5 million people who have fled their homes to seek security, shelter and food in other parts of the country. Many innocent people have died from hunger and disease. Continuing conflict where they live or lack of infrastructure, utilities and food supplies keep people from returning home. In some areas farmers have not returned to their homes in time to plant crops in the rainy season, and these areas will now face food shortages and potentially famine.

Since commencement of this emergency the church has distributed emergency supplies to 72,250 displaced people: 171,000kgs maize flour, 3,500kgs sugar, 52,300kg beans lentils and sorghum, 15,720 litres of cooking oil, and milk, salt and soap.

The church has now moved into a rehabilitation phase to assist people as they return home. They will focus on the following activities: education for children, distribution of seeds and tools to farmers, training of psycho-social counsellors and provision of trauma counselling particularly to traumatised children, peace and reconciliation activities to foster peace between various ethnic groups, and women's income generation training and projects (provided by the Mother's Union).

Please partner with the church to build a stronger future for internally displaced returnees in South Sudan.

SD002EP needs **\$55,000**



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'account' means the account held at your financial institution from which we authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

'Agreement' means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

'business day' means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a national public holiday. 'debit day' means the day that payment by you to us is due.

'debit payment' means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

'Direct Debit Request' means the Direct Debit Request between you and us.

'us or we' means Anglican Board of Mission - Australia (ABM).

'you' means the customer who signed the Direct Debit Request.

'your financial institution' is the financial institution where you hold the account that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

DEBITING YOUR ACCOUNT

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OR We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the Direct Debit Request, a billing advice that specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.

If the debit day falls on a day that is not a business day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following business day.

If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

CHANGES BY US

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

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If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment, you must notify us in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next debit day.

You may cancel your authority for us to debit your account at any time by giving us fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next debit day.

You may change the arrangement (but not stop, defer or cancel) under a Direct Debit Request by telephoning us on 1300 302 663.

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It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request. If there are insufficient funds in your account to meet a debit payment you may:

a) be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution;

 also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment

You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

DISPUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

You should check:

- a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions;
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CONFIDENTIALITY

We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information. We will only disclose information that we have about you to the extent specifically required by law, or, for the purposes of this Agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim). The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia will not sell, lend, disclose or give your personal information to any external individuals or organisations unless:

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NOTICE

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We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.

Any notice will be deemed to have been received two business days after it is posted.

2015 Projects

	Project Code	Project Name	Tax Deductible	2015 Fundraising Target	Page	
	Australia –	Reconciliation Program				
	AU008BA	Bishop's Award Program, Diocese of the Northern Territory		\$55,000	6	
	AU005DB	The Rev Gloria Shipp & NATSIAC, Diocese of Bathurst		\$22,000	5	
New	AU013HL	Hope for Life – Teenage Pregnancy Support Pilot Project		\$33,000	7	
	AU004NG	Nungalinya Theological College, Darwin	\checkmark	\$49,500	6	
	AU009SS	St Andrew's Cathedral Gawura School, Diocese of Sydney	\checkmark	\$35,200	7	
	AU003WB	Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College, Cairns		\$55,000	5	
New	AU011YE	Youth Engagement in Northern Territory Remote Communities		\$22,000	6	
	Australia a	nd Overseas Exchange Program				
	AU012EP	The Encounter Program – Partner Clergy Training in Australia		\$13,200	27	
	China					
	CN001VH	Community-based HIV Prevention and Health Care Promotion	\checkmark	\$112,981	12	
	Emergenci	es				
	XG033ZX	Global Rapid Response	\checkmark	\$20,000	20	
	Ethiopia					
	ET002CL	Community Library, Addis Ababa	\checkmark	\$17,600	13	
	Kenya					
	KE003YC	Children's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program		\$19,800	10	
	KE003TR	Machakos & Makueni Diocese Leadership and Management Training		\$26,400	10	
	KE001IC	Sustainable Livelihoods Program	✓	\$140,000	11	
	Korea					
	KP001NP	TOPIK (Towards Peace in Korea)	\checkmark	\$20,000	21	
	Myanmar (Burma)				
New	MM011MA	Evangelism and Christian Education		\$40,200	20	
	MM001CE	Church Capacity Building	√	\$47,000	19	
	MM001EA	Education	\checkmark	\$98,000	19	
	MM001WS	Water and Sanitation	\checkmark	\$48,000	18	
	Palestine					
	PS001LH	Al-Ahli Arab Hospital	\checkmark	\$27,500	26	

	Papua Nev	v Guinea			
	PG020IF	ACPNG Church Capacity Building	\checkmark	\$110,000	25
New	PG016TE	Archdeacon Training		\$14,130	23
	PG020IS	Building Local Skills	stralian	\$165,000	24
New	PG016ST	Clergy Workshop		\$4,000	22
New	PG016IB	Diocesan Social Media & Communication Strategy		\$7,650	25
	PG014MB	MBH & SSF Outreach and Evangelism Program		\$19,150	23
New	PG014EM	Student Enrichment Project (Kerina College)		\$13,200	23
	Philippines	3			
	PH001IF	Community Capacity Building	stralian	\$110,000	17
New	PH006EP	Disaster Risk Reduction	stralian	\$1,900	17
	PH001EE	Economic Empowerment	stralian	\$110,000	16
	PH010EM	Evangelism and Christian Education		\$24,000	17
	Solomon Is	lands			
	SB012IS	Church Capacity Building	✓	\$16,500	14
New	SB012EP	Disaster Risk Reduction	✓	\$26,000	15
	SB012YC	Mothers' Union Bildam Ap & Positive Parenting	✓	\$60,500	14
	South Suda	n			
	SD010HE	Health Commission Support	✓	\$132,000	30
New	SD002EP	Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Support	\checkmark	\$55,000	30
	Vanuatu				
New	VU006EP	Disaster Risk Reduction	✓	\$13,000	9
	VU006EA	Language, Literacy and Numeracy	stralian	\$22,000	8
	VU006WS	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Program (WASH)	stralian	\$66,000	8
	Zambia				
	ZM003GE	Gender and Governance Initiative	stralian	\$130,000	28
	ZM004TF	St John's Seminary – Theological Training Support		\$13,200	29
	General				
	XG011ZD	Anglican Alliance Support	✓	\$50,000	
	XG005GZ	General Global Fund		\$110,000	

Australian Receives partial funding from the Australian Government.

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