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The Australian Presbyterian World Mission exists to glorify God by facilitating the spread of the gospel to people overseas and Aborigines within Australia.

Cyclone Pam: Vanuatu One Year Later



JONATHAN TARIP FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VANUATU HANDS VOUCHERS FOR THEOLOGICAL BOOKS TO THE CLERK OF THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS PRESBYTERY.

In March 2015, Cyclone Pam hit the nation of Vanuatu. Cyclones are a regular feature of life in Vanuatu but this was the most intense cyclone the South Pacific has known in living memory. Thank you to the members of the Presbyterian Church of Australia for your extremely generous donations for our brothers and sisters.

Some of the money was given immediately to the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu to meet urgent needs. In consultation with the Church the rest of the money is being used for relief projects such as:

- repairs to Church-owned school buildings
- replacement of buildings that were severely damaged



STUDENTS FROM SOUTHERN ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE LOCATED ON TANNA, WHICH WAS SEVERELY AFFECTED BY CYCLONE PAM.

- repairs to Church buildings
- vouchers to enable pastors to re-stock their library. At last year's Assembly book vouchers were distributed to Presbyteries to enable them to select books sent from the Presbyterian Church of Australia and some ordered from the USA.
- the reprinting of the New Testament owing to the fact that many were damaged or destroyed by the cyclone



SOUTHERN ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE CLASSROOM REBUILT WITH FUNDS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA.



MELIWO BIBLE SCHOOL BUILDING PAID FOR BY THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA TO REPLACE A BUILDING DESTROYED BY CYCLONE PAM

- fees for students at Bible Colleges who came from the islands most badly affected by the cyclone. Such students rely upon family income from the family farm or business but these were often severely affected by the cyclone.

Owing to the scale of the disaster and the shortage of building materials, these projects have taken some time to be completed and we are only now receiving photos. Thank you very much for your generous partnership!

PresAID and Santo Bush Mission

One of the projects supported by PresAID's Christmas 2015 Appeal was the Santo Bush Mission's need for a water pump for its farm and training centre.

Located on Vanuatu's largest island, the farm trains its workers in practical aid to remote villages in Vanuatu. In addition, the centre will be training people from these villages in practical skills such as carpentry.

The Santo Bush Mission is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and is led by

missionary Tueni Wan from New Zealand. Tueni is a man full of vision and enthusiasm for the growth of the gospel in Vanuatu.

APWM greatly values the partnership of PresAID and the generosity of those who gave toward the water pump.



TUENI WAN, SANTO BUSH MISSION LEADER



SANTO BUSH MISSION FARM WATER PUMP HOUSE

“ AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT, FROM EVERY NATION, TRIBE, PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND IN FRONT OF THE LAMB. (REVELATION 7:9) ”

Updates



JOHN & ROSEMARY EVANS AND FAMILY

JAPAN: THE NEXT STEPS

John and Rosemary Evans and family recently returned to Japan after 5 months home assignment in Australia. They now enter a particularly exciting phase of their ministry as the groundwork of the last few years begins to come together.

The task now is to assemble the Chiba City church planting team. It is hoped that within two years they will begin to meet as a church. The team includes Adam and



NATHAN & TOMOKO STEWART AND FAMILY

Helene Ramsay (APWM/CMS) and Matt and Carly Chase (Mission to the World). Please pray for the Evans as a family that they will know God's sustaining hand as they transition back into life in Japan.

Nathan and Tomoko Stewart continue to develop their partnership support and have recently been visiting churches to speak about ministry in Japan. Their plan is to help a Japanese congregation in Osaka reach out to people through English language ministry. Their current support level is at 50%.

APWM is planning to commission them on Sunday 23rd October if their support level is near 100%. If you would like to have them speak to your congregation then please contact Nathan on 0422 853 800 or nathan@stewartfamily.id.au or finance@apwm.org.au or use the form on the last page of this newsletter.



MARTIN EAGLE

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In January-February Martin was in Australia to attend the Wycliffe six week Summer School and have a brief holiday. Martin will next be in Australia in February 2017 for

home assignment. Martin's support account needs extra pledges to enable him to return to Myanmar after home assignment.



LAUREN CRASE

THE BURDEN OF LOVE

It was with great joy that **Lauren Crase** was recently commissioned for service in Timor Leste at the Browns Plains Presbyterian Church. Part of that joy sprang from the fact that Lauren grew up in the congregation and is the first person to be sent out by Browns Plains as a cross-cultural missionary.

During the commissioning hands were laid on Lauren. She later commented "Those hands were heavy but I thought 'This is a burden of love'". Lauren will be serving in a remote area in Timor Leste through outreach, discipleship, teaching English and in healthcare. Lauren is due to depart in early May.

Lauren has served in remote Timor Leste on three previous occasions but this time will be located there for two years.

Please pray for God's wisdom as she settles into ministry.

POSITIONS VACANT

Teacher of English for Academic Purposes – Talua, Vanuatu

Oversee development of the Foundation Year and Bachelor of Ministry students' academic skills, particularly in the area of English. Qualifications • a love for Jesus • at least one year of Bible training (long term applicants) • where possible relevant English as a Foreign Language teaching qualifications and/or experience • flexibility and patience.

Primary and Secondary Teachers: Ethiopia

Qualifications • a love for Jesus • academic qualifications appropriate to the area being taught • professional accreditation. SIM in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia needs 24 teachers in its mission school. Such a school enables missionaries to stay on the field instead of having to return home for the education of their children.

Theological Lecturer – Talua, Vanuatu

Full-time lecturer needed at the Talua Theological Institute, the Bible College of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.

Qualifications • a love for Jesus • academic

qualifications – either a Bachelor or a Master's degree in theology

Please contact APWM for more information.

Please note that all positions require the raising of partnership support.



BMIN STUDENTS AT TALUA

TIMOR LESTE: HELP NEEDED

Some years ago, Rob Duncanson, the minister at Darwin, asked himself "Where is the nearest Presbyterian Church?" The answer was in Timor Leste (East Timor). That one question led us to the rich partnership we have today with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Timor Leste.



ROB DUNCANSON AND A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH IN TIMOR LESTE

In Timor Leste we:

- facilitate inservice training seminars for pastors, many of whom have fairly basic training
- provide funding for pastors to travel to Synod meetings
- provide a grant of \$16,000 per year to provide the church with a guaranteed income to run its basic infrastructure
- assist with the translation of materials into Tetum, the national language

It's an encouraging relationship as we see lives transformed as leaders grasp the implications of the gospel, first for themselves and then for the people whom they lead and teach.

In recent years the our Timor Leste funds have run down a bit. If you feel led to financially help this ministry then please get in touch with us.

HOW DOES SOMEONE APPLY TO SERVE WITH APWM?

1. Talk to their local leadership

The first thing is to talk to their minister and church elders. They will be able to help determine if the applicant has the gifting and temperament for missionary service. They will interview the applicant and if they think they should proceed then they will refer the applicant to the APWM State Committee.

2. Talk to the mission agency

When someone wants to serve with a mission agency they should begin the

application process with the agency, in parallel with their application to APWM.

If they hope to serve with one of the PCA's Partner Churches, they should contact the APWM National Director to discuss the opportunities available.

3. Submit the APWM application forms

Application documents are available on the APWM website: <http://www.apwm.org.au/serving/how-do-i-apply/>

There are various application forms to complete both for the mission agency and APWM.

4. Meet with the State APWM Committee

When all of the documents are received arrangements are made for an interview with the APWM State Committee.



ALEX KOWALENKO SERVES WITH EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN MISSION IN PORTUGAL

Applicants intending to serve with Partner Agencies are interviewed and accepted by the State Committee. A successful applicant is a member of APWM in dual membership with the Partner Agency.

Applicants intending to serve with a Partner Church are interviewed by their APWM State Committee, and after that by the APWM National Committee.

Once someone is received as an APWM missionary, Presbyterian congregations are encouraged to get behind them in raising prayer and financial support to enable them to go to the field to which is God is leading them to serve.

SUPPORTING THE GOSPEL IN MYANMAR

APWM supports the Evangelical Reformed Church of Myanmar through sponsorships provided to students at the Church's theological college (Reformed Bible Institute) and also to pastors who work in rural regions of Chin State in north-west Myanmar. Students train at RBI in Yangon,

and many go on to serve the church in Chin State once they have graduated. This year the sponsorships will be \$500 per student, to be given before June. If you would like to support the Myanmar church in this way please contact Sheryl Sarkoezy in the National Office for more information.



