

# Update

2015



*This update is intended to give the members of our churches a broad overview of what is currently happening in Global Mission. I hope you enjoy catching up on all the news – and even more, I hope it motivates you or your congregation to make contact and explore how you can become part of the exciting vision to grow global followers of Jesus. There is still heaps to do!* Phil King Global Mission Coordinator



## THE IMPACT OF CYCLONE PAM

PCANZ affirms that the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV) is our primary mission partner and the extent of work we are involved in there testifies to this. Before Cyclone Pam hit on March 13<sup>th</sup>, we were working together in many effective ways. We have a long history of partnership with the PCV and the scale and scope of our involvement was increasing in 2015. Much of that changed when the devastating cyclone tore through Vanuatu, causing damage on a scale not seen before. The PCV are now committed to a long-term recovery for their church and nation, and as a key partner we will walk beside them through this challenging journey. Immediately after the cyclone hit, Moderator Andrew Norton launched a cyclone appeal to raise funds for the PCV. The appeal funds are contributing towards several rebuild projects. In April, Andrew visited Vanuatu

with Global Mission Coordinator Phil King to pay a visit of solidarity and pastoral support. They saw first-hand the incredible damage that Cyclone Pam had wrought on Vanuatu, and learnt of the challenge that lies before PCV. Our support will be vital to the PCV as they restore their churches, schools, and ministries in this time of recovery.

By the end of April the Moderator's Appeal had raised almost \$100,000 for the PCV, a fantastic effort which is testimony to the special partnership between our two churches. The first distribution of funds was for re-roofing classrooms at Onesua College, and the rebuilding of churches and pastor's houses on Efate Island. The appeal funds will continue to be distributed as projects are managed. The task of rebuilding so many damaged buildings is massive, and so will take a long time.

Read more inside ...



**TENIS CHURCH AT ISANGEL ON TANNA ISLAND IS ONE OF MANY CHURCHES THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED**

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ANDREW NORTON WITH LENAKEL COLLEGE BOARDING MASTER, ON THE SITE OF A DORMITORY DEMOLISHED BY CYCLONE PAM.

## VANUATU

### DAMAGE TO PCV CHURCH SCHOOLS

The PCV manages several church schools, the most well known of which is Onesua College. Onesua sustained considerable damage and is very grateful to the PCANZ and St. Andrew's College for their prompt response. Soon after communications were restored, St. Andrew's sent through \$10,000 which, combined with \$5,000 from the Moderator's appeal funds, enabled Onesua to immediately re-roof some of their damaged classrooms so that classes could resume. Other PCANZ Church Schools are also raising funds for PCV schools.

In recent years, Presbyterian groups have visited Lenakel College on Tanna Island through the Going Global programme. A close partnership has been established, and so it was of deep concern to learn about the

incredible damage sustained on Tanna which was one of the islands hit the hardest. For this reason, Andrew and Phil visited Tanna and were amazed to see how much devastation had been caused. In his report to the PCV Executive, the Lenakel College principal wrote this:

*"Of the 414 students, only 224 have returned and others may slowly make their way as they get over the trauma. It's like a war torn school, broken and shattered to the ground. It was a disheartening, sad and sorry sight to behold on the mid-morning of March 14, but the monster had indeed visited Lenakel Presbyterian College. We are slowly recovering from the shock as it took what we had painstakingly built over the years – just that one Saturday, and gone."*



**LENAKEL PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**Damaged staff house at Onesua College**

## **WAYS TO HELP**

**Needs in Vanuatu will be ongoing and we will continue to support the PCV in as many ways as possible. They have prioritised their needs in the following ways:**

- 1) Education: Student dormitory and classroom rebuilds; Teachers housing; School resources**
- 2) Health: Health clinic rebuilds; Clinic resources; Health education**
- 3) Parish life: Pastor's housing; Churches and Women's Ministry buildings; Pastor's salary relief.**

The Moderator's appeal funds will be applied to these needs. In practical terms, the scope of the work is beyond the resources of the PCV so help will be required. Tradespeople and labourers, work parties, and health professionals are all invited to offer their assistance. Global Mission will work with the PCV and Neville Jones, a PCANZ volunteer in Port Vila, to coordinate our response.

## PROJECTS GOING FULL STEAM AHEAD

A number of PCANZ congregations are already involved in mission projects in Vanuatu, which will continue, despite the impact of the cyclone. Ron Mills, minister of Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church, writes about his church's Global Mission partnership.

### Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church - Partnership with PWMU in Vanuatu

When Cyclone Pam struck Vanuatu in March the impact was felt in the Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church. We waited with concern for news of the National Project House, a skills training centre and hostel owned and run by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union (PWMU) in Port Vila. We were relieved when we received news that no one had been injured and the National Project House, though missing part of its roof and with water damage to the interior, was still standing. We are now working with New Zealanders, Neville and Gloria Jones, who are on the ground in Port Vila, to ascertain the extent of the damage and to source building supplies to repair or replace the roof.

This is an example of what happens when a church becomes involved in Global Mission. The Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church is now in the second year of its partnership relationship with the PWMU. We entered into a five-year agreement with the Global Mission Office in late 2013 to develop a mission partnership with the PWMU following an exploratory visit by a small team from our church to Vanuatu with Phil King in May 2013. It was decided after this visit that we would support the skills training work of the PWMU through the National Project House. In May 2014 we made a follow-up visit, this time to oversee the setting up of five new

desktop computers we had purchased for the training centre through a computer supplier in Port Vila. We were planning a return visit this year, when Cyclone Pam unleashed its fury.

Being involved with the PWMU has enlarged our appreciation of being part of a worldwide church – it has enlarged our perspective and helped us to grow as global followers of Jesus. It has made us deeply appreciative of the gifts, skills and generous hospitality of the PWMU. It has enriched our life. In the wake of Cyclone Pam, we are talking with another North Shore Church with a view to this church becoming involved with us in the partnership. It is worth the effort!



**Enikelen Netine outside the PWMU Project House in Port Vila. It lost its roof and suffered significant damage.**

## OTHER PROJECTS

- Hawera Presbyterian Church is beginning a relationship with the community at Big Bay on Santo Island.
- A combined PCANZ work team has just returned from a school re-building project on Ambrym Island
- Highgate Church in Dunedin is connecting with a school and village on Santo.

### Opportunities exist for new partnerships to be formed in Vanuatu.

As Ron Mills and Hibiscus Coast parish have discovered, global mission helps us do local mission. Contact Global Mission Coordinator Phil King if you or your congregation would like to investigate a mission project in Vanuatu.

## TALUA MINISTRY TRAINING CENTRE



**DON AND SHIRLEY ANTON ARE SERVING AT TALUA MINISTRY TRAINING CENTRE**

Talua is the PCV's Theological College, where we have funded staff for several years. Don and Shirley Anton from Titirangi Presbyterian are our new appointments there, having begun a two year term at Talua in January 2015. Shirley teaches English to theology students while Don teaches a maths class and assists with a variety of administrative tasks on campus. The Antons replaced Roger and Paula Levy who served at Talua for four years. Fortunately Talua was spared the full force of the cyclone and life has been able to continue on relatively unscathed. However staff and students have been affected as they come from all over Vanuatu, and so the impact will still be felt deeply within the Talua community.

# VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PCV

Two couples are volunteering in Vanuatu this year. Neville and Gloria Jones from Blenheim are based in Port Vila. Neville originally went to teach English in a PCV Bible school, while Gloria, a dental technician, was going to help as a dental technician in the PCV community health programme. Not long after their arrival, Cyclone Pam changed their plans dramatically. Neville is now serving as the logistics coordinator on the PCV's Disaster Relief Team. He is helping to coordinate a wide range of tasks in the recovery effort. Gloria will continue to serve in community health, while Neville will remain in disaster relief for as long as needed. It has been invaluable having Neville and Gloria in this liaison role. Despite the impact of the cyclone, they have chosen to stay and help, and hope to remain in Vanuatu for at least two years.

Graeme and Maebry Reid from Christchurch were volunteering at Onesua College when the cyclone hit. This was a surreal experience for them. After surviving the category five storm, they stepped outside to see the immense damage the cyclone had wrought on Onesua. Despite the very difficult circumstances, the Reids have also chosen to stay and help where needed. They have negotiated a new role at Seaside School in Port Vila until conditions at Onesua are suitable for them to return there. Seaside is a low socio-economic area of Port Vila and the Principal has welcomed their offer of help. Their commitment to help the church recover from the cyclone will deepen and strengthen our partnership. A story about volunteering in Vanuatu was in the autumn 2015 edition of Spanz.

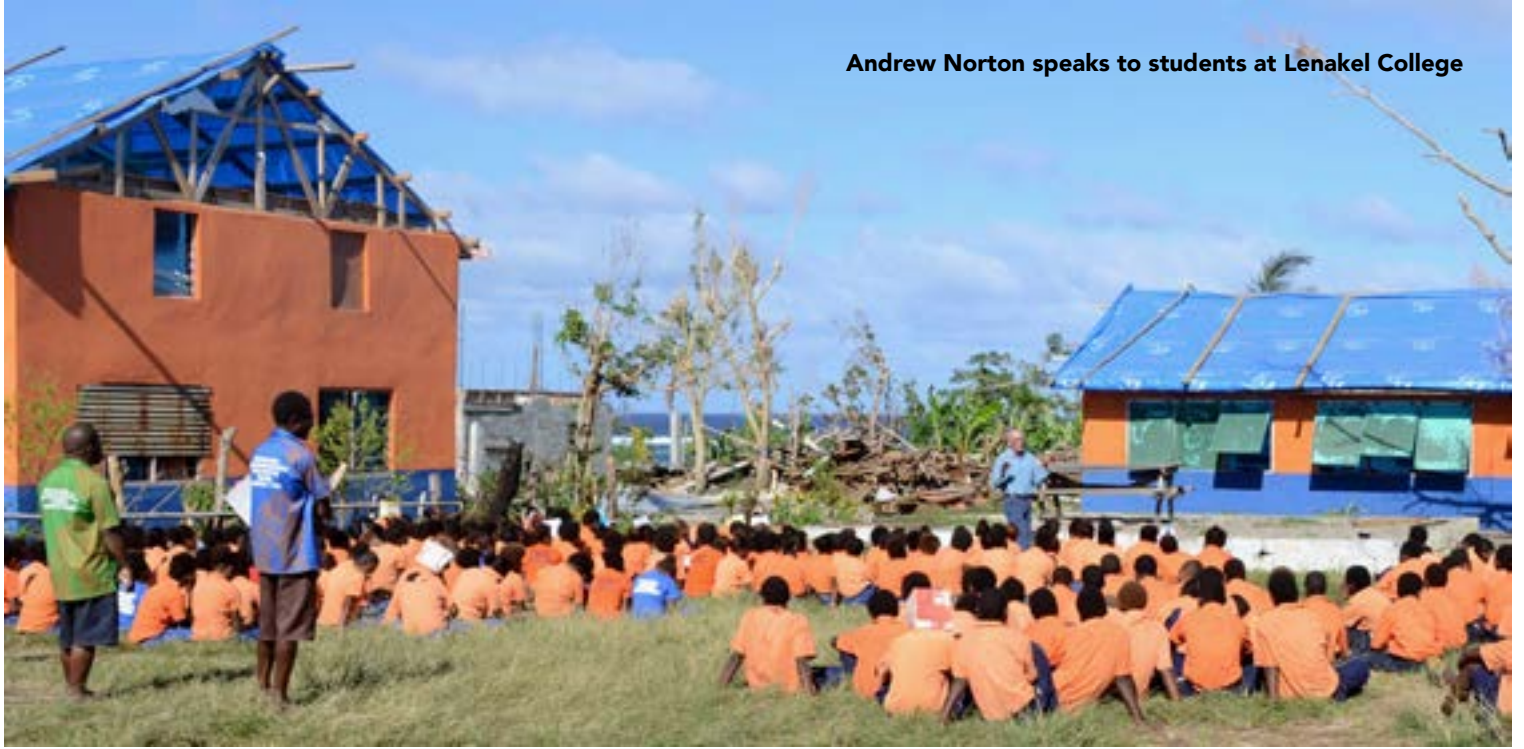
## NEW NAME FOR VANUATU MISSION

The PCANZ's partnership with the PCV has never had its own specific name. So in January this year the Vanuatu Support Group decided to choose a name for this. The cyclone hit just as the name was about to be launched. The name chosen is Pacific Vision Vanuatu, which is why the Moderator's cyclone appeal is so named. Beyond cyclone recovery, Global Mission work in Vanuatu will continue to use Pacific Vision Vanuatu as the partnership name.



**BEFORE THE CYCLONE: CHILDREN ENJOYING A FAMILY FUN DAY IN PORT VILA, VANUATU**

Andrew Norton speaks to students at Lenakel College



Dead in the water at Port Vila



The waterfront park



Debris at Lenakel College



Lenakel Dining hall



One of the busy markets in Port Vila was eerily empty



Presbyterian College Principal Graham Kalmar recounts the night of the cyclone



Massive uprooted tree outside Paton Memorial Church in Port Vila



PCV Pastors in Port Vila attend a trauma management seminar



# THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

## LEINAMAU SERU

In 2014 Global Mission agreed to sponsor a female theological student from the PCV to study for a degree at Pacific Theological College in Fiji. Global Mission Coordinator Phil King says, "When PCV Mission Secretary Allan Nafuki asked me to consider sponsoring Leinamau, I agreed because I think it is important to support the PCV in the education of female theologians and pastors. So I put out a request for help to fund the scholarship and the response has been very encouraging. I am confident we will raise enough for the full three years of her degree." Leinamau is one of the few female pastors of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and has worked as the PCV Deputy Christian Education Director from mid-2005 to 2014. On completion of her degree, she is interested in creating resources to teach others, especially children. She says, "I believe that training them well today will produce a good and



**Presbyterian Women's Executive members present a donation of \$10,000 to Global Mission. This is helping to fund Leinamau Seru scholarship**



LEINAMAU SERU

well balanced future for them as good citizens and Christians in and out of Vanuatu!"

If you would like to help sponsor Leinamau, contact Global Mission Coordinator Phil King.

## TALUA SCHOLARSHIPS

Global Mission, with support from some congregations, sponsors students at Talua. Last year, we received a heart-warming thank you letter from Baise Narae, who completed his training. Here are some excerpts from his letter:

"I am married and have five children. Our first born son died in 2009. When my son died I decided not to continue to serve in the church. When my son died, because he was 9 years old, it challenged me. But God still loves me and wants me to continue in the ministry ... During my years in Talua I thought I could not continue, because of school fees. I thank God for what he has done, that I received a sponsor in Global Mission. I never thought that a mission in another country would help me. I again thank God because he never fails his promise in our lives. ... I am very grateful to thank you for what you have done to help me in my school fees .. please share my thanks with the people who have supported us financially. I will never see him or her, but I believe that we will meet together when Christ will come back again. May God bless you and make you strong to do his work, Baise Narae.



**This traditional artwork was made by the sister of Talua student Baise Narae, as a thank you gift to the PCANZ**





School of Nursing students celebrating through dance at a concert in Jagadhri

## INDIA FROM THE FRIENDS OF JAGADHRI TO THE SPICE OF LIFE

Support for PCANZ mission in India has long been overseen by the Friends of Jagadhri, who maintained a close connection with Christian Hospital and St. Thomas' School. The Friends raised funds for equipment, projects and scholarships for students, and provided prayerful support for the mission of these institutions that still offer an effective Christian witness in their multi-faith community.

In 2014 Doreen Riddell retired as Chair of the Friends of Jagadhri, and the long-serving members of the Friends decided it was time for them to follow suit. So it was agreed that oversight of PCANZ mission support in India would be handed back to Global Mission. There is still a strong heart throughout PCANZ for supporting Christian mission and witness in India, and the nucleus of a new group providing ongoing support for India is based at Somervell Church in Remuera. This is entirely appropriate as one of Somervell's previous ministers, the Rev. J. L. Gray, served in India from 1921-1943. After receiving suggestions from the members of Somervell, the group has been re-named The Spice of Life. While retaining links with Jagadhri, "Spice" will extend support for the ministry of

the Church of North India (CNI) in other regions. One of the CNI's main strategies at present is to strengthen the ministry of their church schools. Somervell has established a partnership with Avalon Girl's school, a CNI school in Pathankot, Northern Punjab. Many Christians in India are of Dalit or tribal origin, meaning they have historically been socio-economically disadvantaged. Avalon School is one of the CNI schools that aims to provide places for female students from disadvantaged Christian families, to give them an education and a way out of the poverty trap. We also have good contacts with St. Paul's school in Himachal Pradesh and are eager to find a congregation in the PCANZ to take this on as a long-term global outreach. Members from Somervell have visited both schools and are impressed by the calibre and vision of principals and staff. Heather Laxon, who visited India with her family just recently says,

"We were very impressed with the dedication and commitment of the principals to provide these students with a good education. What stood out for us also is the loving care both the boys and girls experienced from the staff at the hostel and schools.

At St. Paul's boys' hostel, the welfare of the boys was very evident as we talked to the warden Mrs. Singh, who is also the principal's wife. The boys are from extremely poor backgrounds and have had very limited education prior to coming to the hostel.



Students at St. Paul's School Hostel in Himachal Pradesh enjoy meeting David Laxon from Somervell Presbyterian Church, Auckland

# MYANMAR

## RICEBOWL MISSION

The Ricebowl Mission is the name of the PCANZ partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Myanmar (PCM), and a part-time coordinator, Joanne Wieland, is employed to manage this. An informative article about Joanne and the Ricebowl Mission was published in the 2015 autumn edition of Spanz. In May this year Phil King, Joanne, and Margaret Dewse, who is a member of the Myanmar Oversight Group are going to Myanmar to attend a church partners meeting with the PCM, hosted by the Council for World Mission. This will include several other churches who are engaged in mission with the PCM, and will be a valuable insight into how PCANZ can best contribute to their mission going forward. On her return Joanne will begin preparations for a mission trip to Myanmar next summer.



**Young adults from PCANZ with students from Tahan Theological College in Myanmar**

**Ricebowl Mission has its own website** and newsletter, Mingalaba (which means "hello" in Burmese). You can sign up to receive this by going to the Ricebowl website, [www.ricebowlmission.org.nz](http://www.ricebowlmission.org.nz)

## THAILAND

PCANZ members who have supported Global Mission for a long time will be familiar with the name of Kathryn McDaniel. Kathryn is still based in Chiang Mai, where she leads a team of visitors who offer ministry to foreign prisoners in Chiang Mai men's and women's prisons. She also visits prisoners in Bangkok. This is a ministry of the Chiang Mai community church, within the Church of Christ in Thailand. Kathryn has given herself to this work for many years and is still fully committed to it. She is willing to host members of the PCANZ who are interested in observing the work of her team first-hand. The PCANZ makes a contribution to Kathryn's living expenses but otherwise her ministry is self-funded. Members of PCANZ who would like to support Kathryn are invited to do so by sending donations to the Global Mission office.



**Kathryn McDaniel** outside the chapel named after her late husband, at hospital in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

# YOUNG ADULTS

## GLOBAL MISSION INTERNSHIPS



**Max Westropp with school students at the Migrant Centre where he served as an intern for three months in Seoul.**

An exciting new development in Global Mission is the opportunity to take part in short-term internships in our partner church's ministries.

## GOING GLOBAL

Going Global is a programme run jointly with Presbyterian Youth Ministries (PYM). Each year we provide opportunities for young adults to experience life with one of our partner churches. Recent years have seen programmes take place in Myanmar and Vanuatu, and the 2015 programme will be in India.

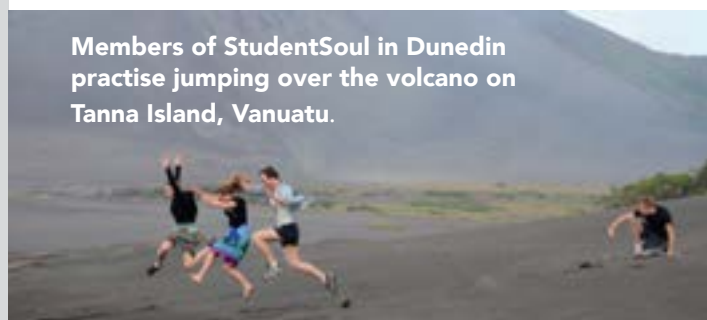
## I LOVE TAIWAN

I Love Taiwan is an annual programme hosted by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT). This is generally held for two weeks in July each year. Young adult members of PCANZ who are interested in learning more about I Love Taiwan 2016 are invited to enquire now.

## SHORT TERM TEACHING IN THAILAND

The Church of Christ in Thailand offers opportunities for Christian young people to teach for short to medium term in some of their Christian schools. This could be done as part of a gap year or while travelling in Asia. For more information view this website, [www.teachingenglishinthailand.org](http://www.teachingenglishinthailand.org)

**Members of StudentSoul in Dunedin practise jumping over the volcano on Tanna Island, Vanuatu.**



# TRAINING IN MISSION (TIM)

PCANZ is a member of the Council for World Mission (CWM), a worldwide mission organisation comprised of 31 member churches. CWM runs several training and experience programmes for its members, including Training in Mission (TIM). TIM is a ten-month long programme for young adults, which PCANZ is co-hosting with the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, and the Kiribati Protestant Church. While in New Zealand, the team will be based at Laidlaw College in Auckland where they will be involved in a programme of lectures and various placements around Auckland. They will also spend time being hosted by Te Aka Puaho, at Te Maungarongo Marae in Ohope. Young people from PCANZ and Uniting congregations can apply to be on TIM, and the successful applicant for TIM 2015 is Arthur Joel Key. AJ (as he prefers to be called) is 18 years old and is a member of the Queenstown Lakes parish. He will have a year full of exciting and challenging new experiences as he shares in TIM with young adults from many different countries around the world.

## A.J. KEY FROM ARROWTOWN.

A.J is the PCANZ candidate on Training in Mission 2015.



## TIM 2016

TIM is a great gap year opportunity for school leavers, or for anyone aged 18-30 with a mature Christian faith, who is interested in growing and serving, and learning to share their faith in a cross-cultural context. Expressions of interest in TIM 2016 can be made now. Information about the application process can be found on the Global Mission website, <http://presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/global-mission-office/>

Other CWM programmes such as Face to Face (for theological students) and a New Face (for ministers) can be found on the CWM website [www.cwmission.org](http://www.cwmission.org)

## BIG UPS TO DUNEDIN!

It's great to see so much support for Global Mission coming from Dunedin (just so happens to be my home town! - ed) Here is a quick summary of who is involved from the Deep South:

- Several members of Leith Valley/Student Soul took part in Going Global to Vanuatu in 2014.
- Highgate Church minister Geoff Skilton accompanied Phil King to the PCV General Assembly on Paama Island last year. The Highgate congregation is now developing a partnership with a village and school on Paama Island.
- Columba College (where Geoff Skilton is chaplain) are going to Santo Island in April 2015 to establish new school connections with a primary and secondary school there.
- Brockville and East Taieri Churches are planning Going Global youth programmes to two separate locations in Vanuatu in 2016. East Taieri will be going to Lenakel on Tanna island, where youth pastor Jeremy Selfe visited when he was youth leader with Papakura East church.
- Brockville are making plans to establish a new connection elsewhere in 2017.

## MEMBERS IN MISSION

Many congregations within the PCANZ support their own mission workers and projects in various different parts of the world. You can read about some of these on the Members in Mission link on the Global Mission website <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/global-mission-office/>. If your congregation supports mission that is not directly associated with PCANZ Global Mission, you are invited to add your information to this page, to encourage awareness of, and support for, the work that you do support.

### Training In Mission students at Tanatana Marae at Waimana in the Bay of Plenty



## HOW IS GLOBAL MISSION STRUCTURED?

Global Mission Coordinator Phil King works out of the Assembly Office in Wellington. Phil is a national employee of the PCANZ and is member of the Assembly Service Team. He has been an ordained minister of the PCANZ for 25 years. The Assembly office team assist with finance and administration.

The Global Mission Advisory Group is a newly established group that helps set policy and provide advice and support for the Global Mission Coordinator. The group is representative of the breadth of Global Mission Work. Current members of the group and their main area of responsibility are Phil King (Global Mission Coordinator), Heather Laxon (India), Geoff Skilton (Vanuatu), Garry Marquand (Myanmar), Matt Chamberlin (PYM/Going Global), Kyoung Gyun Han (Asian Ministries Coordinator), Wayne Matheson (Assembly Executive Secretary).

### **The following groups report to the Advisory Group and focus on specific areas of mission:**

#### **Vanuatu Support Group – Pacific Vision Vanuatu**

This is drawn from members of PCANZ through New Zealand, who are all involved in supporting Pacific Vision in some way. The group usually meets face to face once a year to update the scope of work in Vanuatu, and among seasonal workers here in New Zealand. Members maintain contact via email and phone as needed throughout the year.

#### **India – The Spice of Life**

This is led by a small team from Somervell Church in Auckland. We are looking for more congregations to sign up to The Spice of Life, to help grow our long-standing support of Christian witness in India.

#### **Myanmar Oversight Group – Ricebowl Mission**

The Ricebowl Mission is managed by the Myanmar Oversight Group which is based at St. Columba Church in Botany Downs, Auckland. Most of the members of the Myanmar Oversight Group are from St. Columba but the wider membership of the group does include members from other churches, (currently Janet Sim Elder from Knox, Dunedin).

## HOW IS GLOBAL MISSION FINANCED?

The Global Mission budget is financed from a variety of sources. One of these is interest from accounts in the Presbyterian Investment Fund, of which some are tagged for specific purposes, while others are for general purpose. Funds also come from grants, the largest of which is the Clark Estate, a dairy farm in the Wairarapa. Other sources are donations made regularly from members, congregations and groups within the PCANZ, many of which are specifically targeted. And the General Assembly usually contributes a portion of its funds for Global Mission as well. Just how much is dependent on the income received from these other sources each year. Global Mission Coordinator Phil King says, "I am extremely grateful to the many churches, groups and individuals who generously support the ministry of Global Mission. Your grants, donations and bequests will help to ensure Global Mission continues to grow global followers of Jesus Christ for many years to come."

If you, your congregation or mission group would like to follow up on any of the stories in this newsletter, contact the Global Mission Coordinator, Phil King.

### **Donations**

Donations to Global Mission can be made by online banking or by cheque. The online bank account number is 020500 0086963 10.

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