



Pacific Vision
Vanuatu

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Supporting Bush Mission on the Island of Espiritu Santo

Teams from Wakatipu Presbyterian Community Church have supported the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu's Bush Mission outreach on Santo Island for the past two years. Wakatipu minister Carlton Johnstone has led this partnership and plans to return with another team in July this year. He is inviting young adults from the Southern Presbytery region to join them on what is an amazing adventure in mission. Conditions are challenging and participants need to be fit, but it is a very rewarding experience. Carlton says, "Ideally this would suit a youth leader interested in leading a team there next year, teachers, or those who love working with kids. The main focus of the trip involves teaching children English and Bible stories in the mornings and running games and activities in the afternoon in mountain custom villages. It is a wonderful immersive experience in a culture vastly different to New Zealand. You will need a good level of fitness to participate as it involves trekking into the villages, some days three hours plus. " They are going during the July school holidays for 10-12 days. The cost for the trip will be \$2000. If you are interested please contact Carlton at carlton.johnstone@gmail.com).

East Taieri Going Global Programme

A youth team from East Taieri Church had a successful programme at Lenakel Junior Secondary School on Tanna Island in July last year. East Taieri youth pastor Caleb Griffith said, "It couldn't have gone any better." The team was involved in a varied programme that included classroom activities, sports, music, worship and encouragement. Great friendships were made as they shared life and faith together with students and staff at the school. This is the third visit teams from East Taieri have made to Lenakel. Opportunities exist for youth teams to visit other schools and communities in Vanuatu. Contact Global Mission Coordinator Phil King for more information. Photos from their programme tell the story, below.



Possible Projects

The community at **Hokua** on the very north of the island of Espiritu Santo (indicated by the arrow on the right) has made a request for help with building a church. This would be a good, challenging project for a team who was willing to spend the time and energy required to work with the community here in this remote location. The photograph below shows Dawn Daunauda with the community at Hokua who made the request when she visited last year.



A second request has been made by the village at Epong on the east coast of Efate, Vanuatu's main island. This is less remote and easier to access. Enquiries for both to Phil King.

Justice and Grace – a Study of Vanuatu Reconciliation Ceremonies

Last year Global Mission Coordinator Phil King undertook study leave on the topic of Vanuatu reconciliation ceremonies. He has written a paper summarising his findings. Hard copies are available for a small donation to cover costs. If you would like a copy contact Phil at phil@presbyterian.org.nz.

It can be found on the Global Mission website, www.globalmission.org.nz or paste this link into your browser, <https://bit.ly/2SFSN7x>.



Support for School Library Will Continue

Members of St. Margaret's congregation in Bishopdale, Christchurch, have been supporting the development of a library at Seaside School in Port Vila for several years. This includes contributing towards the wages for a librarian. While communication has become more challenging with no Global Mission personnel in Port Vila, they plan to continue with their support as the library is an asset not only to the school but also to the Seaside community, a lower socio-economic area in Port Vila. Gloria Jones spent a lot of her volunteer time encouraging Seaside students with their reading, encouraging them to be proud of their library(right).



Presidential Medals Awarded to PCANZ Members

Four members of the PCANZ received medals from the President of Vanuatu at the PCV Assembly in August last year. These were presented by Vanuatu's President Rev. Obed Moses, who until recently was serving as a minister within the PCV. The medals were awarded to PCANZ Moderator Rev. Richard Dawson, Garth Stevenson, Tueni Won, and Phil King, in recognition of their service to the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. They are photographed here with fellow medal recipients Rev. Kevin Murray of Australia, and Pastor Philip Manuao of the Solomon Islands, currently serving in Port Vila.



Left: Overseas partners join with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu Moderator Rev. John Vimoli, and General Secretary Rev. Allen Nafuki to cut the cake at the opening of their General Assembly on Tanna Island in August last year.

Below: Four members of the 2018 Vanuatu Global Mission team at the PCV Assembly with 2018 PCANZ Moderator Richard Dawson; Nicola Young, Dawn Daunauda, Gloria and Neville Jones.



Martyn and Annette Vincent who could not be there due to Martyn's broken leg.



Other News ...

Hibiscus Coast Ablution Block Project

A combined team from several congregations has been faithfully supporting building projects in and around Port Vila for a few years. Reporting on last year's project, Paul Fransham said, "At the request of the PCV, the team built an ablution block for a new school at Etas. Etas is about 15 minutes drive out of Port Vila with no electricity and limited access to water, other than the river about a kilometre away. After consultation a decision was made to build a long drop toilet with a very (very) large pit underneath it. A tremendous fundraising effort from Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church and also from the Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church, along with some very generous donations from local firms and individuals, meant that the trip was given the green light. A team of six men from a number of different congregations and denominations went over for a week in September of 2018, and with the amazing assistance of Neville and Gloria Jones on the ground in Port Vila, a very strong ablution block was built." Congratulations to the team for their commitment to helping develop the infrastructure of the PCV's buildings over the past few years. *Progress (top) and successful completion (right).*



PCANZ Supporting the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu

Thank you to everyone who has contributed financially and with gifts of time and talents in supporting the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. So far this financial year, \$31, 630 has been raised for PCV mission by congregations and individual donors, with another \$5,873 donated to untapped funds. Numerous teams have participated in projects that have helped to strengthen our partnership. Donations to continue this generous support are invited and can be made online to 02 0500 0086963 10, or to PCANZ Global Mission, P.O. Box 9049, Wellington 6141

Thank You!

St. Kentigern's School Planning a Return Trip to Port Vila

A team from St. Kentigern's Presbyterian School in Auckland was involved in a programme supporting two schools in the Port Vila region last year. They plan to return in July this year and have enlisted the service of former Global Mission/PCV projects manager Neville Jones for this purpose. St. Kentigern's chaplain Reuben Hardie will again lead the team of students and parents, who will build on the partnerships begun last year.



New Look to Partnership This Year

Things look different in our partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu in 2019, with all our personnel from the past few years now back home in NZ. Neville and Gloria Jones have returned home after nearly four years service; Martyn and Annette Vincent were there for 18 months over 2017 and 2018; and Dawn Daunauda taught at Talua Theological Training Institute on Santo for the 2018 academic year. Nicola Young, who had been working at Korvan Community Health school, was intending to remain in 2019 but her circumstances changed and her family needed to return



to New Zealand. This means we currently have no one based in Port Vila. Rev. Cassandra Nixon from Australia is covering the English teacher position that we support at Talua for the first part of the year, as we had no-one available. Most of the recently returned team met with Global Mission Coordinator Phil King for a meeting in Wellington recently, looking fresh on their return to Aotearoa. Dawn Daunauda has recently been inducted to the Amuri parish in North Canterbury.

Coming Up ...

Visit of PCV Youth to New Zealand

We are making plans to bring a team of five Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu youth leaders to New Zealand in July this year. They will be hosted by Mangapapa Union Church in Gisborne, where they will learn about youth ministry under the guidance of the ministry team there led by the Rev. Paula Levy. Paula, with her husband Roger and family served for several years in Vanuatu. The PCV youth leaders will then attend Connect (Presbyterian Youth Ministry national youth leaders training weekend) at Te Maungarongo Marae in Ohope before returning home. It feels good to be able to support the mission of the PCV in this way. The visit has been made possible by generous donations.

Korvan Community Health School Requires Nurse Educator

The PCV is working with the Vanuatu Ministry of Health to provide training for Village Health Workers and Nurse Aids. This is the work that Global Mission volunteers Nicola Young and Annette Vincent were key figures in last year. Skilled personnel are still required to complete the curriculum for the Nurse Aid training course; and help with teaching. Graduates from last year are seen here with Nicola and Annette. At this stage, these would be voluntary roles. If anyone with the suitable skills is interested in finding out more, contact Global Mission Coordinator Phil King.



WHAT IS NAMBAWAN! NEWSLETTER?

Nambawan! is Global Mission's newsletter specifically dedicated to the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand's partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. Nambawan is Bislama (one of the three official languages of Vanuatu) and means Number One, or as we might say today, "Awesome!"

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