

# Nambawan!

Pacific Vision  
Vanuatu  
newsletter



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**This is the second edition of Nambawan! – Global Mission’s newsletter dedicated to our partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV). Last year we decided to “re-brand” our Vanuatu partnership, to have consistency with our other Global Mission partnerships. So we have renamed our Vanuatu partnership Pacific Vision Vanuatu, and given it a nice new logo.**

### Staff and volunteers

This year has seen a continuation of last year with dedicated PCANZ personnel serving in Vanuatu. Our current staff and volunteers are:

Neville and Gloria Jones – Neville is continuing his work as project manager for the PCV’s cyclone re-building projects at Onesua and Ebule Colleges, the PWMU project house, and the Twin Cains accommodation in Port Vila. Gloria works as a dental technician in the PCV’s dental health programme, and this year she is also assisting children with their reading at the PCV’s Seaside School. Neville and Gloria live in Sutherland House, and are very generous with their hospitality, often offering accommodation for PCANZ personnel who pass through. Neville and Gloria are wonderful servants of Global Mission in Vanuatu and are doing fantastic work. You can follow them on their blog, <http://jonesvanuatu.blogspot.co.nz/>.



Don and Shirley Anton in the PCV Office



After spending a year at Talua Ministry Training Centre last year, Don and Shirley are now based in the PCV Assembly Office in Port Vila. Shirley is developing teaching resources for PCV schools, and Don is helping the PCV develop policies for their educational institutions, with a view to gaining Vanuatu Qualifications Authority registration. Don and Shirley were returning home to New Zealand in November last year but were asked by the PCV to consider staying to help them in this work. They agreed, and these new positions were created for them. They are doing really valuable work and their commitment to this is a great example of our close partnership with the PCV.

Helen Wells – Helen is teaching English at Talua ministry Training Centre, the position filled by Shirley last year. Helen will be there on a one-year appointment. She originally visited Vanuatu on a Volunteer Service Abroad appointment in the 1960’s, and was eager to return when this opportunity came up. Helen has previous mission experience with OMF in Thailand.

Helen with Talua students who are sponsored by Global Mission; Charlie Etap and his family; and Mala Henry.



Bron Markham – Bron is a nurse from Carterton who offered for voluntary service when she read about the opportunity to tutor at the Korvan Community Health School in Port Vila. Bron will be in Port Vila from February to April. Other health professionals are invited to consider similar short term service (this can be as short as a week or two) and Bron will be a ready source of information for anyone who wants to know more about this.

It is a huge boost to our partnership to have so many people willing and able to serve. Please pray for our staff in Vanuatu and let Phil King know if you would like more information about ways in which you can support them, or contribute in other ways.

### Going Global Programmes

In December last year St. Andrew's Mt. Maunganui youth group visited Vanuatu on a Going Global programme. They were hosted by the Sapi Village Presbyterian Church on Santo Island. Youth leader Emma Gallaher has this to say about their experience:

"All team members experienced significant personal growth and believed that the trip had a huge effect on their Christian walk and world views. As the team leader I noticed huge growth in the young people's confidence in both God and themselves. I really enjoyed the way that our ministry was in partnership with the local church and there was a strong focus on learning from one another. We were thoroughly blessed by the time we spent in Sapi and I would wholeheartedly recommend Sapi Presbyterian Church as a base for future trips, especially for youth teams."

### Update on Cyclone Appeal progress



#### New roof and water tank Ebule Technical College

Overall our appeal raised close to \$200,000 for the PCV. Over \$172,000 was given directly for the cyclone appeal and some was specifically given for repairs at Onesua College, bringing the total to \$190,000.

Our funds have been spent on:

- Substantial rebuilding and repairs at Onesua College, and the adjacent Ebule Technical College.
- A large donation to the PWMU distributed to widows to relieve hardship.
- Significant rebuild of the PWMU Project House in Port Vila - (labour supplied by Hibiscus Coast and Mairangi/Castor Bays and other volunteers) with assistance from Australian funds.
- Wages for local workers on rebuilds at Onesua and Ebule.
- Reroofing and repair of PCV's Twin Cains property in Port Vila.
- Purchase and supply of several water tanks.
- Repairs to Lenakel and Napagasale schools on Tanna and Tongoa.
- Repairs of churches and pastors houses.
- Funding of a project manager to oversee much of this work; and the purchase of a truck to facilitate the projects.
- We continue to respond to ongoing requests as new projects are identified and funds allow.



**Neville Jones and Onesua College Principal Graham Kalmar inspect ceiling damage at the College following Cyclone Pam. PCANZ is funding these repairs.**

And in July this year a team from East Taieri will be going to Lenakel Presbyterian College on Tanna Island. Previous Going Global programmes have been held there, so it is part of an ongoing relationship. Lenakel was hit very badly by Cyclone Pam last year, so this visit will be an important time of encouragement for students and staff as they welcome the first visitors to return to the school following the devastation wrought by the cyclone. PCANZ funds raised by the Moderator's Appeal have been significant in helping repair damaged buildings at the College.



### Leinamau Manroaga Scholarship

Global Mission is funding a female pastor of the PCV as she studies for a Bachelor of Divinity at Pacific Theological College (PTC) in Fiji. Leinamau passed her first-year exams and is well on her way through her second year. She remains very grateful to all who have contributed towards her fees. If you would like to support her, please contact Phil King. Leinamau is pictured, right, with PCV Christian Education Director Elder Johnny Albert.



PCANZ has sent \$17,500 to PTC to help with the repair of staff houses, after a request for help from the Principal as a result of damage caused by Cyclone Pam.

### Talua Student Scholarships

Global Mission also funds scholarships for students at Talua Ministry Training Centre. This year we are funding two students., Charlie Etap from Tanna, and Mala Henry, a female student. Following a meeting with Talua staff earlier this year, scholarship criteria was discussed. Future scholarships will be on a half-fee basis, with successful scholarship candidates being recommended by their respective Presbyteries. If you would like to contribute to scholarships at Talua, you can send your donation to Global Mission.



### Korvan Community Health School Scholarships

We also sponsor two students at Korvan Community Health School, through the Horwell Fund. This fund was set up in memory of PCANZ missionaries Graham and Margaret Horwell. This years students are Simon Jack and Dorothy Kelep, from the Shepherd Islands, pictured (above right) with Global Mission Coordinator Phil King.

### Who is Serving on Short Term Projects, and Where?

Various members of PCANZ are helping on a variety of projects throughout 2016. Some of these people, and service areas are:

Garth Stevenson from St. Paul's, Wanganui is helping rebuild a church at Lamnatu, in Middle Bush on Tanna. This will also help improve the village water supply.

Adrienne Matheson from St. John's in the City, Wellington, is planning to spend a few weeks in Port Vila assisting in education and PWMU projects.

Eion Field from Hamilton has helped repair a truck on Ambrym, needed in the rebuilding of Megamone school. Others are enquiring all the time. Why not join them?



Garth Stevenson with the PCANZ team in Port Vila



Paul Fransham and David McFarland make plans with Neville Jones in Sutherland House

### Church Teams

**Hawera Church** – a team is planning to return to Big Bay on Santo to support the community in their mission and help build a church.

**Hibiscus Coast and Mairangi/Castor Bays** – have been doing great work renovating the PWMU project house in Port Vila.

**Queenstown Lakes parish** is sending a team to Santo learn about, and help in, the Bush Mission work to the villages in the high country on Santo.

**Highgate parish** is helping with community, education and church development on Paama Island.

Various other congregations are exploring options for their involvement. Please contact Phil King if you would like to do the same.

### Visit of St. Peter's Tauranga, to Port Vila

In April, a team of twelve from St. Peter's Church in Tauranga spent a week in Port Vila helping refurbish PCV-owned accommodation known as Twin Cains, in Port Vila. This had been damaged by Cyclone Pam and is one of the projects being managed by Neville Jones. The St. Peter's team did a great job helping with the painting of the apartments, which are now nearly ready for use by PCV members who travel to Vila from other parts of Vanuatu. Team members Robin Burness, a doctor, and Alice Dunn, a teacher, also helped in health and education. Robin gave tutorials at the Korvan Community Health school, and Alice assisted Gloria Jones and took some classes at Seaside school. The input of team members was greatly appreciated and they seem to have enjoyed themselves as well!



The St. Peter's team with local workers and Global Mission personnel Neville and Gloria Jones, and Sun Kim of the Korvan Health School



Alice Dunn with some happy students at Seaside School

**Travel Subsidy Available** – a generous travel subsidy is available this year for groups and individuals who are able to help with service projects for the PCV. Contact Phil King for details.

After the first edition of *Nambawan!*, one reader suggested I include a map of Vanuatu so readers can get a better picture. Thank you for the suggestion - here it is included here, with another map indicating where it is in relation to other Pacific nations.



### WHAT IS NAMBAWAN! NEWSLETTER?

This is the second edition of Nambawan! - 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!" We hope the newsletter will be printed two or three times a year.

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