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*Cover Photo: Sisters from the Community
of the Sisters of Melanesia working on their
sewing projects.*



Recently I attended a presentation by Rev. Dr Christopher Wright in Nelson, author of two books on Mission – *The Mission of God's People* and *The Mission of God*. I was fascinated when

he spent a large proportion of time focused on our 5 part Mission Statement. It really brought home to me how relevant and comprehensive our Mission Statement really is.

The heartbeat of our 3 Tikanga Church is the same Mission statement given to us from the Anglican Consultative Council of the World-wide Anglican Communion. This 5 part Mission statement can be viewed as 5 distinct doors through which we can enter into the world of Mission. Regardless of our differences we can still enter into Mission together, even if we enter through different doors.

The 5 Doors to Mission are:



Evangelise: Proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom



Nurture: Teaching, baptising and nurturing the Christian Faith



Serve: Responding to human needs by loving service



Transform: Transforming the unjust structures of society.



Preserve: Preserving the integrity of creation for future generations

The first door to Mission is really a summary of what all mission is about, because it is based on Jesus' own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; cf. John 3:14-17). This should be the key statement about *everything* we do in Mission.

The 5 Doors allow everyone to do Mission. Faithful action is the measure of our response to Christ (cf. Matt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-26). *However, the challenge facing us is not just to do mission but to be people of mission.* That is, we are learning to shape our identity to become a sign, foretaste and instrument of God's reign in Christ. Our understanding of Mission needs to make that clear. Mission is the work of God, it is God-in-action.

"Mission goes out from God. Mission is God's way of loving and saving the world... So mission is never our invention or choice." (Lambeth Conference 1998, Section II p121). The initiative in mission is God's, not ours. We are called simply to serve God's mission by living and proclaiming the Good News. The Five Doors to Mission gives us a coherent

way in which everyone across the broad spectrum of our Church can enter in to the Mission of God.

All Mission has a context. So, although there is a fundamental unity to the Good News, it is shaped by the great diversity of places, times and cultures in which we live, proclaim and embody it. The 5 Doors to Mission doesn't mean there are only five ways of doing mission! On the contrary, the diversity of contexts demands a diversity of approaches to Mission. The ultimate goal of Anglican Missions is to affirm and enable the solemn responsibility of each partner church overseas, each mission partner or mission agency to discern how it will most faithfully serve God's mission in its context.

Through your prayers and support, we are better able to advance the Mission of God through the Mission Partnerships that we are called to support.

Let's enter in to Mission together!

A brown donkey is standing in a dry, dusty landscape, facing left. The ground is uneven and rocky. The background is a vast, open, arid plain under a clear sky.

THE START OF OVERSEAS MISSION

By Rev Mike Hawke

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The first ever sermon Jesus preached publicly is recorded in Luke 4:16-30. When He gives an example of people with the greatest faith, He refers to a widow from Zarephath. The interesting thing about this is that the listeners, mostly Jews, expected Jesus to refer to some local heroes from the past, such as Moses, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, David, Miriam or Esther, who were all big time Jewish heroes and heroines. But Jesus chooses this woman of Zarephath.

Look on a map and you will locate the town of Zarephath near the Mediterranean coast between Tyre and Sidon. It is in the neighbouring country of Syro-Phoenicia, part of the province of Syria. It was 'overseas'.

Jesus refers to the Old Testament story of 1 Kings 17 when the Prophet Elijah, from Israel went north to another country and ministered to this woman who was starving to death. Following this exchange, the woman has a conversion experience. As Elijah went to another country to share the word of God, so also we are called to look beyond our own borders.

This is a great reminder that overseas mission is at the heart of the gospel.

So the next time someone in your church questions overseas mission, remind them of the very first sermon Jesus preached!



PARTNERS' PROJECTS 2013

Projects allow you a look at what our *Partners* are doing and show you what a difference your donations to Anglican Missions are making.

"Mission Support" assists Reverend Jeki Abunio, Reverend Joji Abunio, Reverend Demesi Sitei, and more.



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The Diocese of Polynesia is actively engaged in improving the welfare of its members and the community through a variety of wide-ranging initiatives. Sustainability is a key focus of the church's programme, both for itself and those it is working with. Some projects, such as *Mission Support* and the *House of Sarah*, assist the whole community while others, such as *Housing Assistance*, directly address a serious individual need.

Projects such as *Water for All* only require funding for materials as the communities are skilled enough to complete construction/installation themselves.

Mission Support

This project needs support of \$80,000 for 2013. It is also part of the 2013 Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal.

Mission Support is an Anglican Missions project that has been around for many years and is the largest project within the Diocese of Polynesia. It provides for 27 clergy throughout the Diocese.

These clergy work mainly in rural areas and many of their parishioners are seasonal workers, only earning a small wage. As parishioners are poor, many churches are a long way off being able to fund their own Priest. As a result, most clergy in Polynesia are self-supporting "worker priests". They carry out their ministry duties for 20 to 30 hours a week and also must find a means of providing for their families. In the rural areas this means maintaining a small plot of land.

The Church in Polynesia wants to grow the number of priests who are able to minister fulltime without the added stress of also working fulltime to provide for their families. This can be achieved for as little as NZD\$100 a month in some rural centres.

House of Sarah

This project needs support of \$20,000 for 2013 to assist with counselling staff and costs.

The House of Sarah offers a listening ear, support and a place of refuge to those who need it most. It has drawn many people to its doors who have deep needs for prayer and counselling.

The House of Sarah also organises workshops for women to teach them basic knowledge and skills around topics such as: gender awareness, gender based and domestic violence, child abuse, rape, and sexual harassment. These women can then help more people in their community when these issues arise.

Recently the *House of Sarah* was recognised by the United Nations for the wonderful work it is carrying out.

Water for All for St James' School, Levuka

This project needs support of \$5,000 for 2013.

St James School was established in 1936 in Levuka, Ovalau - the old capital of Fiji. Since its establishment access to proper drinking water has been a constant challenge. Often students have had to be sent home early because of disruptions to the water system. Children are often forced to go without proper drinking water and access to clean toilets. Currently there are 71 students attending this school with 4 teachers.

This project is to buy a new water tank for the school. This will give the students access to a constant clean water supply and minimise disruptions to school time.

Landless People

This project needs support of \$25,000 for 2013 to help the people of Namara and Nadawa.

Landless People is an on-going project to assist the communities of Namara and Nadawa in Fiji.

The Diocese of Polynesia is helping the 10 Namara families to move to a new settlement, Tacirua East. The offer for purchasing the new land has been accepted, but donations are still required to complete the purchase and relocation.

The Diocese is also hoping to purchase the Nadawa land outright and act as landlords to the 12 families in Nadawa offering them guaranteed tenure.

Anglicare Polynesia

This project needs support of \$10,000 for 2013.

Anglicare Polynesia is a social service agency which provides welfare services

throughout the Diocese of Polynesia. This includes assistance during natural disasters, helping those living in poverty, and dealing with HIV/ AIDs.

Anglicare Polynesia also monitors all the community development projects and ensures that projects are carried out to the highest standard and appropriate priorities are set. This includes monitoring and reporting back on projects supported by Anglican Missions.

Outboard Engine for Dreketi in Macuata

This project needs support of \$5,000 for 2013 to buy the Outboard Engine.

Geographically most of the people of Dreketi, Macuata live near the sea and close to the river. Parish members are scattered and live quite a distance from each other and from the church. Road access is limited so the most accessible transportation means is by boat, which is expensive due to hiring fees.

Purchase of an outboard engine will assist the parish priest in having easy access to parishioners and the

community. The Community will raise the funds and build a boat for the engine to be used with.

Housing Assistance

This project needs support of \$5,000 for 2013 to buy building materials.

Naomi, a 55 year old widow, looks after her partially disabled elderly mother and son. At present they are living with a relative in a Housing Authority one bedroom rental flat. A total of nine people are currently living in this house. The Housing Authority has issued notices to the home owners, stating that extra members should find another place to stay.

The government are providing a piece of land in Waila for Naomi. Parishioners of her local parish, St Matthew's, have pledged their support through labour to construct her new home. Anglican Missions is raising funding for the building materials for this house.



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The Dogura Tractor from 2011 continues to power on as transport and ambulance (November 2012).

Anglican Missions is partnering with the Anglican Church of PNG in the areas of theological training, economic development, evangelism, and church administration. These are essential for such a diverse and growing church.

Newton Theological College in Popondetta and *Kerina Evangelists' College* at Tsendiap are assisting to fill an ever increasing need for more trained catechists and priests as the Anglican Church grows throughout PNG.

In 2013 your donation to Anglican Missions assists projects such as supporting the *Sisters of the Visitation*, providing a *chaplain to the Melanesian Brothers*, and the following projects.



The Transit House.

Transit House

This project needs your support for 2013 and is part of the 2013 Lenten Appeal.

The Diocese of Aipo Rongo in Papua New Guinea is working towards becoming self sufficient. They are building a *Transit House* in Mt Hagen to enable the Diocese to raise its own money.

The *Transit House* is a mini hostel/inn/hotel for the travelling public. It will also be used by people from all walks of life including priests, bishops, catechists and other church workers whenever they are in town conducting church business.

There is a shortage of good and safe accommodation in Papua New Guinea. The Diocese of Aipo Rongo and St Michael's Parish can help to provide this service in Mount Hagen, the third largest city in Papua New Guinea.

Once the *Transit House* is up and running revenue from it will go towards clergy training, instruments, books, and fund projects to support women, illiteracy, and the disabled people within the Diocese.

Kerina Evangelists' College

Situated in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea at Tsendiap in the remote Lower Jimi, *Kerina Evangelists' College* is a centre for the training of catechists. It is an isolated place visited by a sole MAF plane on a Friday, weather permitting. *Kerina* is sited to communicate to the areas that are outside the usual boundaries. In 2013 the college has 17 students and their wives, 3 lecturers and a bursar (4 staff).

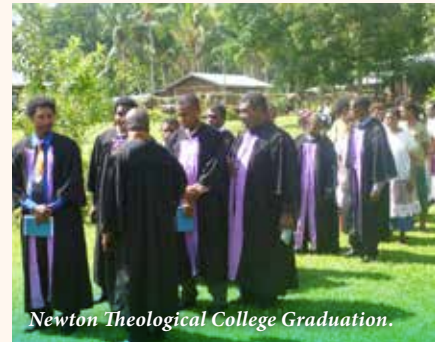
Catechists are lay people serving in isolated communities who do not have a resident priest. Once trained, they represent the Church and minister to many families and individuals. Villagers are sponsored to become catechists and go, with their families, to Kerina to be trained. The catechists are the backbone of the Church in the most remote areas but are unpaid volunteers.

Newton Theological College

Newton Theological College has a strong and on-going commitment to providing theologically competent and well equipped priests in Papua New Guinea.

The day to day life of the College is sustained by the priests and students growing and cultivating their own food. Students take turns working in the gardens.

The college has a reputation for high quality theological education not only for future priests, but also in the programmes for their wives and children.



Newton Theological College Graduation.




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Some of the Sisters' products sold at the Anglican Church Book Shop.

Sewing Machines for the Sisters of Melanesia

This project requires \$1,000 for 2013.

Sewing machines are a practical gift which can enable people to become self supporting. The Community of the Sisters of Melanesia sew priest's vestments and other clothes which they sell to support themselves. The Sisters of Melanesia also give away clothes to people who need them but cannot afford to pay.

Their current sewing machines are very old, so this year the Anglican Church of Melanesia has asked for support to enable the purchase of new sewing machines.



Sisters of Melanesia and one of their sewing projects.

Melanesian Brothers Farm in Tabalia

This project requires \$1,000 for 2013.

Being self-sustaining in the Solomon Islands is a great advantage. The Melanesian Brothers in Tabalia have a farm to grow their own crops, and raise pigs and chickens. They make enough to eat, and sell a portion as part of their self-supporting initiatives. This project is to assist the Melanesian Brothers at their Headquarters in Tabalia in their various farming activities.

The Tabalia Headquarters is where most novices (newly admitted youths) and confirmed brothers live and are trained for various ministries. Currently a total of 180 novices and brothers are residing there.

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- Tikanga Pakeha Missions Council
- SOMA

and runs *appeals* and *emergency appeals* when required.

Want to support a particular project?





GOLDEN OLDIES

By Graeme Mitchell
Founder of the Golden Oldies Mission

We did it!

The inaugural Golden Oldies Mission to Fiji, comprised of a team of 22 'Oldies' from New Zealand aged mainly 75 -82 years old. The vision? *Age shouldn't be a barrier to following your passions and dreams.*

So what was all this about? Graeme Mitchell, the visionary and founder of Golden Oldies Missions, wanted to offer our seniors an opportunity to visit mission projects. To see, touch, feel the warmth of the Fijian hospitality and experience life as it is for many Fijians living in Villages on these beautiful islands. And from that first hand encounter, determine what could be done to assist them going forward.

"It's always the youth going on these mission-styled experience trips, and us Oldies just fundraise for them with another cake stall!" was what the seniors were saying. But what if a 'Golden Oldies' styled mission experience trip could be developed to cater for their needs and paced to suit them? Even take our own qualified Nurse to help when and if needed. And that's what happened.

The Grandchildren were now running the cake stall to raise funds so Granny could go on this adventure of a life time.

The Golden Oldies on this mission adventure were welcomed by villages that had never hosted a 'white group' before, dined with squatters that are about to be evicted off their land they have lived on since birth, met children at the Church-supported school helping children from squatter villages to attend school, to fellowshiping in churches based in a tin shed!

The mission has been life-challenging, life changing, and there was a genuine consensus that '*we need to walk the talk*'.

The team has recently delivered a new computer to the Bible College in Suva, along with prayer books, children's story books, material, kitchen appliances and school stationery. Further boxes are being bundled up at present for the next 'air lift' to the islands.

And now Air Pacific has joined as a partner of the Golden Oldies Missions and will freight all these parcels at hugely discounted rates!

Golden Oldies Mission 2013

After the success of the 2012 Golden Oldies Mission, it's back on for 2013 to Fiji. Aged 60-years+? Why not come on this 9-day mission experience and visit a variety of mission and church projects. These include an orphanage, re-housing projects for squatter communities, clean water projects, Women's groups, visiting new 'churches' planted in remote villages; and a couple of days R&R at a tourist resort to finish. Tour departs mid-August.

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4 KEYS TO EFFECTIVE SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

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Most churches desire to see their missions programme grow and see more involvement in missions by a greater cross-section of the congregation. One of the most effective ways to do that is by giving people an opportunity to go personally to the field on a short-term mission team. But how do you increase the effectiveness of your short-term mission team? Here are four keys you can intentionally build into your short-term mission programme.

1) On-Going Partnership – God has wired each church with a unique DNA or set of gifts, skills, passions and experiences. Find a field or ministry that intersects with that DNA and seek to go deep and long. Don't randomly choose a field or go to a different location each year, but *intentionally* evaluate and choose somewhere that you can develop an on-going partnership.

2) Field Driven – As you put your team together, be *intentionally* field driven. You are there to serve the field, their needs and desires, and to help them develop their ministry. Which means you'll need to lay aside your agenda or pre-conceived ideas.

3) Training for Life-Change – Be sure to be *intentional* about training. It is easy for team meetings to become absorbed in the logistics of the trip. Does everyone have their passports, visas, insurance, shots, money, etc? Effective training includes building character, building team unity, and building bridges to culture.

A short-term mission trip is an excellent opportunity to develop the character of those who send, those who go, and those who receive. Colossians 1:28 says, “*We proclaim Him, admonishing every man, and teaching every man with all wisdom that we may present every man complete in Christ.*” That should be our theme verse, our goal, to present every one involved in our short-term mission team “*complete in Christ*”.

4) On-Going Follow-Through – The mission trip does not end when you step off the plane back in New Zealand. The goal is not just to get everyone home safe and sound, but to help people become more complete in Christ. An effective short-term mission programme is *intentional* about continuing to engage people long after the trip is over.

One church we worked with told the team members they were making a two year commitment – the year leading up to the trip to plan, pray and train, and the year after the trip to advocate and recruit others. This church was intentional about follow-through.

Short-term mission can be an extremely valuable tool for mobilizing and equipping your church body, but not if it is done haphazardly. We must be *intentional*.

Brian Stark serves as the National Director for International Teams New Zealand. Their vision is to help churches help the poor and oppressed and they are available to help you and your parish develop your missions focus and strategy as well as developing and equipping short-term mission teams.



Answers can be found by reading this edition, or online at www.angmissions.org.nz/crossword

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3. Mission _____ provides clergy with living assistance.
4. The Sisters of Melanesia give things away to those who cannot afford to ____.
7. What day can you get a plane to Kerina College (weather permitting)?
9. Money paid to live in a house.
10. Naomi, her mother, and her son are living with 6 other people in a _____.
11. College in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea.
14. The 2013 project for the Sisters of Melanesia will provide them with what?
18. _____ Nations.
19. Golden Oldies offers seniors a _____ to go on a mission.
20. Holds water.
22. Number of students at [Question 11] College in 2013.
24. Name for clergy who are self supporting.
27. Religious building.
30. Become larger.
31. An outboard motor is being provided for which village in Fiji?
32. Diocese of _____ Rongo.
33. Naomi's new home will be where?

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1. Collect money for a cause.
2. Settlement where the Namara people will move to.
5. The Sisters of Melanesia sometimes give away these to those that cannot afford them.
6. Where the Brothers' Farm is.
8. How many bedrooms are Naomi and her family living in currently.
10. There are 10 of what in Namara.
12. How many doors to Mission are there?
13. Give your time for nothing.
15. Anglican Missions is supporting the Sisters and Brothers of this Church.
16. Animals raised by the Brothers in Tabalia.
17. Dispatch.
21. Opposite of near.
23. Mission Support is an Anglican Missions _____ for 2013.
24. St James' School in Levuka needs a _____ tank.
25. An outboard _____ powers a boat.
26. A place people go to learn.
28. Geographic area outside of a city or town.
29. Building you live in.
32. Anglican group of women (Acronym).