

UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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Projects 2015 – 2018

We encourage you to support one or all of the water projects outlined here. However, if you have other water themed projects in your area that you would prefer to support, we would encourage you to do that. If you do choose to support a project in your area, please let us know about it, so other UCAFs can also hear about them.

The UCAF National Committee has selected three water themed projects that we believe are worthy of support and fit under the umbrella of our theme for the next three years of *Living Water - Come Drink*. They all involve the provision of clean water for people in their area of Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Outback Australia.

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Gravity systems where, with sufficient year round rainfall, a small weir is built with water storage tanks and several collection (tap) points. A tap costs \$35. It costs an average of A\$3,750 or 8,000Kina to construct each weir, and \$3,000 or 6,500Kina for a 9000L storage tank.

Rain catchment systems, using either a house roof or purpose built roofing system, are more usual on small coral islands where ground water is often too 'hard' and unsuitable with minerals, like salt often present. Four storage tanks cost A\$12,000 plus a rood of A\$2,500 per system. In addition, sanitation and clean eater education training costs \$30 per person/per village with up to 40-50 people attending on average per village.



In addition, UnitingWorld is working closely with their partners developing a comprehensive education and behaviour modification program in relation to all things to do with safe water and hygiene. They will have more to add to this aspect of their work at the UCAF National Consultation in April 2016.

To support this tax deductible project please send your payment to UnitingWorld's freepost address (PO Box A2266 Sydney South NSW 1235) or visit www.unitingworld.org.au/donate and click to donate to Relief and Development or call UnitingWorld on 1800 998 122. Please remember to quote: UCAF Living Water!

For further information contact Rev Paul Bartlett, Uniting World – Donor Relationships Manager, P: 02 8267 4267 E paulb@unitingworld.org.au

The Fresh Water and Toilet Facility is a project of North Ringwood Uniting Church (NRUC) and the Paonangisu Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu. Over a number of years NRUC have been involved in Vanuatu through Medical Sailing Ministries. This group have assisted the Vanuatu Eye Project, enabling the team members to get to outer islands through the use of a yacht *Chimere* owned by one of the NRUC members. During a number of visits it became apparent that the increase of tourists to Paonangisu highlighted the need for provision of fresh water and toilets that would not only benefit tourists, but also the local villages. NRUC was well advanced with their planning and fundraising for this project when Cyclone Pam arrived and changed the focus and need. The building of the toilet facility will be completed during 2015 by a work party from NRUC. However, the need for ongoing fresh water will continue into the future; it is this part of the project that is being promoted, being the purchase of easily transportable water tanks (\$4,500 each); check the following website www.polyweldtanks.com.au for information about the specific tanks.

Project Leader, Rob Latimer advises the project remains pretty much as before, however, we are now planning on purchasing a shipping container and sending it over mid-year packed full of all that's required to construct the toilet and complete the gutters and water tank part of the project.

We are considering using easily transportable water tanks.

In addition, the inclusion of a mobile concrete mixer in the container will allow further building work to be done following the build, including the making of low smoke stoves on a larger scale. The container will initially be used as a secure store room, but long term we hope to use it as part of a "Cyclone Pam Experience" tourist centre - a further reason for tourists to stop at the village and for them to be able to earn income to fund further development.

With recently raised funds we think we may be close to having the funds to complete the build, but if another group was to assist in the purchase of one or two of the water tanks (attached) which are about \$4,500 each, and the tropical guttering for the 28m long church building that would be fantastic and allow us to devote more of the funds raised at NRUC to the tourist centre

To support this project you can make your donation by

EFT : BSB 063 885 – CBA North Ringwood,
Account No. 1037 1315 Reference: Cyclone Pam, or by

Cheque/money payable to NRUC – PVP a/c (Cyclone Pam):
Post to NRUC PO Box 2243, Ringwood North, 3134

For further information contact Rob Latimer, Medical Sailing Ministries,
E: latimerfamily4@gmail.com

Frontier Services

Uniting Church-Frontier Services is the national mobile ministry operating throughout remote and isolated Australia, from Western Australia through The Centre, South Australia to Western NSW, throughout Queensland up to Cape York, and down in the Victorian Alps and in Tasmania.



Their popular Volunteer Program 'Outback Links' has 1,250 registered volunteers who are helpers to remote stations and homes, contributing to work like fencing, repairs, mustering, farm-minding, childcare and teaching, book keeping and IT.

Their Water Project asks the UCAF to assist our volunteers, ministers and supporters by purchasing reserves of bottled water to be used in the field. As theirs is a mobile ministry, bottled

water is the one necessary component used in all of our activities, with emphasis on our outreaching to people in remote "off grid" locales where there are extreme temperatures. Consideration for the environment means responsibly recycling the plastic bottles and bulk dispensers, and using local bottlers to minimise the carbon footprint caused through transportation and refrigeration. Costings to supply vary. One supplier quotes 3,000 350 ml bottles at 80c per unit = **\$2,400**. Another supplier, in a different state, **quotes 600 ml bottles at \$1 per bottle**. Besides the cost per unit, the purity of the water is the prime consideration.

When placing an order for water, we will supply a custom label with **Outback Links and Frontier Services logo and acknowledgement of this donation from UCAF, and an optional suitable line from scripture such as "I Am the Water of Life"**.

To support this project you can make your donation by:

- sending your cheque payable to 'Frontier Services' GPO Box 2527, Sydney, 2001 together with advice that the donation is for the Outback Links Water Project; or by
- EFT: BSB: 634 634

Account Name: Frontier Services Donations
Account No.: 100020802
Reference: 114007 water

If you do chose this method of payment, please advise Frontier Services via email or phone to they can identify your donation in their bank statement.

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