



Classroom time in College

Imagine... a Theological College where...

- there is a constant challenge to ensure good leadership and able teaching staff in this young Church and nation
- currently there are two lecturers, with 20 students undergoing a three-year residential training
- the theological curriculum also includes basic book-keeping, administration, leadership, community development and health issues like HIV & AIDS, to prepare the priest for their isolated, life-long calling
- wives are taught bible study, literacy, sewing, health and hygiene and other essential skills to equip them for their future ministry and local leadership role with women
- every afternoon, each student and their family have to work their 'garden' for their food, and also help maintain the buildings and grounds
- there are many applications for student places, but an acute shortage of basic funding and reliance on overseas support

NEWTON COLLEGE is such a place and desperately needs your support...

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Now... imagine the difference your support could make to Newton College...

- sponsoring the training of a priest through a three-year commitment of £500pa
- a three-year pledge of £280pa will train a student's wife for her future leadership role amongst women
- a basic, monthly living allowance for students - £40 for a family; £25 for a single student – to help pay for extra food, clothing and household needs
- buy a water-storage tank to help ensure domestic supplies during seasonal shortages - £750 for a 5,000 litre tank; £500 for a 2,000 litre one
- £135 will provide a student's wife with the lifelong benefit of a hand sewing-machine to generate income and make family clothing and church items

But **any donation**, large or small, would help the College's limited funds to:

- support the repair, refurbishment or replacement of the ageing college buildings
- update and increase the library stock and computer equipment for staff and students
- help run the on-site health clinic and pre-school creche
- recruit further staff to provide in-service training for serving priests and laity

Any donation will be fully used and much appreciated. Please Gift Aid it, if you are able, to add a further 25% at no cost to yourself.

You can easily donate:

- through the 'Donate' button on PNGCP's website www.pngcp.org.uk
- by using our CAF Donate Account <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/26020>
- by bank transfer, after email request for account details and Gift Aid form to PNGCP Treasurer jannicholson1@btinternet.com
- by cheque to the Treasurer at Papua New Guinea Church Partnership, 16 Tavistock Crescent, London, W11 1AP

Please continue to pray for the College staff, students and their families. Thank you!



Imagine... a country where...

- there are over 830 separate languages amongst the ten million people
- most people live in remote rural communities without electricity, shops, roads or access to markets
- many are illiterate, particularly women, and most parents struggle to pay for even basic education for their children
- few have paid jobs, and over three-quarters of the population are totally reliant on local subsistence farming
- healthcare is limited and TB, malaria, HIV & AIDS, sexual abuse, domestic violence and sorcery are major problems
- belonging in your community is more important than the family or individual interest
- over 90% of the people are Christian, the nation has a Christian constitution, and there are more than 200 Christian denominations

PAPUA NEW GUINEA is such a country



Celebration for the consecration of the Bishop of Popondota

Imagine... an Anglican Church where...

- the first missionaries landed in 1891, but the Church reached the heavily-populated Highlands only 70 years ago and some areas are still unreached
- as a young, independent Province within the world-wide Anglican Communion, there is a wholly indigenous priesthood and administration, three religious orders and PNG missionaries working overseas
- there are over 140 parishes, with hundreds of associated outstations and chapels, mostly in remote mountain, coastal or island areas
- the three-fold Anglican ministry of preaching, teaching and healing provides the only education and health services for most of these communities
- weather, terrain, distance and cost are formidable obstacles to meetings, training and communication

The ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA (ACPNG) is such a Church

Imagine...

a Parish where...

- the priest and team of local catechists support an active network of outstations and chapels, up to two days' arduous walk or paddle away
- church councillors are often called upon to conduct funerals and provide pastoral care, as well as maintain the church buildings
- most people worship daily in a church or chapel that is the active heart of their community
- community loyalty is paramount and all come together to grieve or celebrate
- the lack of a local cash economy makes it difficult to buy supplies like bread, wine or candles, or support the priest or diocese
- a bishop 'on patrol' can be faced with confirming hundreds of well-prepared, enthusiastic candidates
- Christian belief and local culture provide a joyous liturgy that is rich in song, dance and drumming

Most ACPNG parishes are like this



Sunday Service in a village



Early morning arrival of a priest at a bush chapel

Imagine... being a Priest where...

- with little or no stipend available, you and your family are reliant on your 'garden' and the congregation for your support
- the weekly church collection may be mostly 'produce' - not helpful when you need to buy paraffin, second-hand clothes, or pay school fees
- your day might start at 4am, walking five or six miles to preside at a Eucharist in an outlying part of your parish
- you may not have met up with any fellow priests, or received further training or printed materials, since ordination
- your wife works the 'garden', cares for the children and elders, cooks, fetches water, also has an important leadership role with women, teaching them to read, make clothes, understand good nutrition, childcare and family welfare
- you, and your family, can expect to move on every three years, often to an area where the tribal language and culture are quite different to your own

Most ACPNG priests have this calling