



Welcome to the Butterfly Trust Update 2016

2015 was a tumultuous year for the Trust. Cyclone Pam ravaged Vanuatu in March and the rest of the year we spent working intensely on cyclone relief and recovery. Hopefully we can now provide you with enough information to account for what we have been doing since our last newsletter in June 2015.

In respect of the cyclone recovery and relief work, we would like to, once again, **thank the many, many people and organisations** who donated their time and expertise, money, clothes, kindergarten and school supplies, tools, food, water and transport on yachts to this effort. The list of donors is lengthy. While it is not possible to mention all of you individually in this newsletter, we are extremely grateful to all of you for the concern and generosity you have shown the people of Vanuatu.

As a consequence of our cyclone relief and recovery work, the Trust has forged ongoing relationships with some larger international NGOs, particularly IOM, the International Organisation for Migration, and Caritas. One example of these relationships was the "build back safer" training the Trust carried out in Pango, Port Vila, with IOM, in November 2015.

In 2016, in Vanuatu, the Trust is hoping to return its primary focus to that of community support and development, concentrating on health and education, but with continued cyclone recovery work in technical building education and training.

Programmes planned for the year so far include:

- ongoing "build back safer" training in conjunction with Caritas and IOM in peri-urban Port Vila and South Malekula;
- training of public health community educators on Ambae, Tongoa and South Malekula in conjunction with WHO, the Ministry of Health and Rotary;

- ongoing secondary school fees subsidies for students from the Maskelyne Islands;
- clinical medical assistance to the provincial hospital in Norsup, Malekula;
- clinical dental assistance through the dental clinic the Trust runs and maintains in Lamap, south Malekula;
- ongoing support to kindergartens in south Malekula.

In addition to its Vanuatu work, the Trust is also launching initiatives to support the Love Care Home, a children's home in Dimapur in the state of Nagaland in India, and Aloha Social Services Bangladesh in Dinajpur, in northern Bangladesh. The trustees of the Trust, Lynn and Dave, visited Nagaland and Bangladesh early last year to scope these organisations and were very impressed with the work the locals are doing, in very trying conditions, to provide shelter, health care and education for the very poor, and for abandoned children.

The Trust is also continuing to put a lot of energy into ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of its programmes (see for example, "Why support the Butterfly Trust?")

We welcome any feedback in this regard. Please feel free to offer your thoughts and criticisms. It can be a challenge to evaluate the success or otherwise of aid and development programmes and the Trust is very conscious of the need for it to remain open to change in the way it operates.

Finally, our thoughts are with the people of Fiji who have suffered so much as a result of Cyclone Winston. May their recovery be effective and quick.

All the best for 2016 and once again, thank you for your continuing interest and support.

Dave and Lynn Colbert
Trustees of the Butterfly Trust



Introducing Love Care Home Nagaland, India

The children of the Love Care Home come from harrowing backgrounds. Some abandoned at very young ages to fend for themselves on the streets, others imprisoned for months by relatives who resented their presence.

To listen to their stories is heart-breaking.

At the Love Care Home they have hope, food, shelter and education. Keny, who runs the home, is totally selfless and devoted to her charges. An example of her dedication is that for some time she shaved her head so she would not have to buy shampoo. She did this to provide a few extra rupees for the children.

Click on this link to read a 2015 newspaper article about the home -

<http://morungexpress.com/love-care-home-dignity-hope-for-children-in-need/>

In early 2015 Lynn and Dave travelled to Dimapur in Nagaland, India, and Dinajpur in Bangladesh to observe some health and education programmes.

In Nagaland we focused primarily on Love Care Home, a home for abandoned children.

In Bangladesh, we observed the work of Aloha Social Services Bangladesh (ASSB) in health and education. Both organisations were soundly administered with extremely dedicated local personnel taking the lead roles.

The Butterfly Trust has decided to expand its work to include some assistance to both these organisations. There is a very high need in both places to address the extreme poverty in which large numbers of people are still living.



<https://youtu.be/v-qvb0fBeRg>
Follow the above link to find out more.

(Some of the images in the film clip have been distorted to protect the identities of the children.)

Keeping the flood waters at bay

Love Care Home is built by a creek which in the monsoon becomes a raging torrent, flooding the home so that the children cannot move from their beds without getting wet. Keny has already built over half a retaining wall to combat the flooding but requires approximately **NZ\$15,000** to finish it off.

Finishing the retaining wall will stop the home's land being undermined, keep the children safe and their possessions dry, and improve the children's health in the wet season.

If you would like to donate towards the retaining wall, please specify this in any donation you make to the Butterfly Trust.



Heartfelt dedication, high professional standards, excellent work ethic and long term vision. The Trustees of the Trust were very impressed by Aloha Social Services Bangladesh (ASSB) during field trips to the organisation's projects on the outskirts of Dhaka and further afield. Projects spanned the areas of health, education, income generation, water and rural housing development with a strong focus on empowering communities at grassroots level, and especially women.

Challenges posed by the natural and socio-political environment were evident. Development and progress are subjective, and there is clear evidence of increased productivity, industry and impressive infrastructure. Population numbers naturally give rise to a relatively bigger talent pool, yet many live in extreme poverty.

THE TRUST IS LOOKING FOR A DOCTOR WHO IS WILLING TO WORK AS A SOLE-CHARGE GENERAL DOCTOR AT A SMALL PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN NORTHERN RURAL BANGLADESH RUN BY ALOHA SOCIAL SERVICES BANGLADESH. THE MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED IS 6 MONTHS. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS FASCINATING AND REWARDING CULTURAL EXPERIENCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRUST FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND A LIVING ALLOWANCE WILL BE PROVIDED.

LONG VANUATU BAGEKEN.....Back to Vanuata



The challenges, natural and man-made, are relentless – Cyclone Pam and its consequences, the *el nino* weather system impacting on the country's water supply, agricultural and health sectors, political instability and all its ramifications, setbacks to tourism and income generation due to ongoing issues with the airport in Port Vila. The list goes on, as does the recovery and reconstruction effort steadily taking place in each province. No doubt many lessons have been learnt and will continue to unfold.

After the cyclone, the work of the Trust necessarily expanded to support the immediate relief effort. As relief morphed into recovery, the Trust returned to its primary focus on education and health. The “build back safer” training outlined here, while straddling both relief and recovery, also falls within the Trust’s education focus.

BUILD BACK SAFER TRAINING

In partnership with IOM, the Trust carried out a “build back safer” community training programme in Pango, Port Vila in November 2015. This involved training 8 building trainers and 20 community builders, and repairing 60 houses. The training emphasised teaching skills as well as building skills so the community builders would be able to build more resilient houses and also teach their community better building skills.

The master trainer emphasised the key messages of good siting, strong foundations, strong bracing, and strong connections. The course spanned 5 weeks and at the conclusion, the builders who were trained decided to set up their own building association to provide better building services to their community.

The Trust is going back to Pango this year, again in partnership with IOM, to support the Pango building association and to run the next phase of “build back safer” training, highlighting traditional building techniques this time. This phase also includes the construction of 3 multi-purpose community buildings.

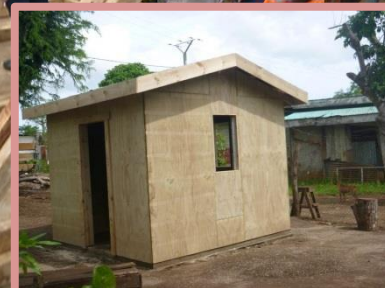
At the same time, a similar course will be coordinated in Lamap in South Malekula. Also in Lamap, the Trust looks forward to supporting the rebuilding of the dining hall for approximately 100 boarding students at the College de Lamap. The dining hall was destroyed in the cyclone. It is intended that the reconstruction of the new dining hall be integrated with ongoing practical learning opportunities for the local builders participating in the different stages of the “build back safer” programme.

In a similar vein, the Trust has also already begun another “build back safer” training programme in Anamburu in Port Vila. This training course is being run in partnership with Caritas. Again we are training local building trainers and community builders and repairing approximately 60 cyclone-damaged houses. We will also be building 3 new houses for 3 widows in the community whom the community has identified as being particularly vulnerable.

More on “build back safer” will be outlined in the next newsletter.



Relief, Recovery, Rehabilitation, Resilience:
technical training incorporating repairs and reconstruction in the peri-urban areas of Pango and Anamburu, Port Vila.



Under the direction of the Ministry of Health and working alongside provincial health staff, the Trust arranged for visiting medical volunteers to provide clinical support to a number of health facilities in Malampa and Shefa provinces. Visits ranged from 2 weeks to 4 months duration, and assisted all levels of health facilities from Vila and Santo referral hospitals, to provincial hospitals, health centres, dispensaries and aid posts.



Silima Health Centre, Tongoa



ENT clinic, Vila Central Hospital



Avock Aid Post, Malekula

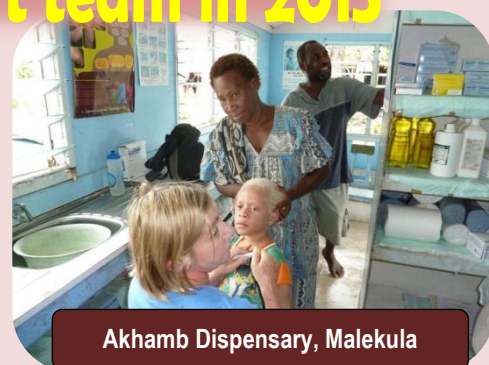
Members of the medical support team in 2015



Kutundaula village outreach, Tongoa



Norsup Provincial Hospital, Malekula



Akhamb Dispensary, Malekula

Following on from the first group of medical volunteers and laboratory scientists in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone (reported in our June 2015 update), in the second half of 2015 the Trust enabled more of its volunteer doctors and nurses to travel to the outer islands of Malekula and the Shepherds to provide medical aid to those populations still suffering from the cyclone.

Dr Vasanthi Bradley and Nurse Naomi Saunders went to Tongoa. They combined forces with local nurses Leisave Morris and Leimatuk, as well as Dr Jenny Stephens, dentist and manager of dental services at Vila Central Hospital, and Vanuatu Oral Health Awareness members Marcel Nalau and Dorah David. Doctors Mehboob Kahan, Franz Rieger and Gerhard Van Blerk provided back-to-back support to Norsup Provincial Hospital in central Malekula. Over 7 weeks, Nurse Liam Nancarrow went to Lamap, Aulua and Akhamb in southern Malekula. Dr Elizabeth Bevan and husband Martin covered a number of health facilities across Malekula, Epi and Paama over several months. In 2016, the Trust is resuming its work on community health education, and facilitating the visits of a smaller number of volunteer medical professionals. More on health education, dental and oral health education support below.



Kindergarten supplies - Tongoa



Water tank to Pellongk Kindergarten, Maskelynes



Sports equipment - Tanna

During the second half of 2015, the Trust continued to send donations of food and water, clothing, school and kindergarten supplies, seeds and sports equipment to many islands in Vanuatu. Many thanks, once again, to all supporters, in each and every way, who generously gave towards:

- food and water to south Malekula, particularly Akhamb Island and the Maskelyne Islands;
- school and kindergarten supplies to the islands of Tongoa, Emae, Efate, Erromango and Tanna;
- clothing to the islands of Makira, Mataso, Emae, Tongoa, Tanna and Erromango;
- sporting equipment (generously donated by Auckland City Football Club) to the islands of Epi and Tanna;
- seeds (thank you Wentworth College) to the islands of Tanna and Efate, and to the village of Lamap in south Malekula; and
- water tanks for kindies - through the generosity of Martin and Dr Elizabeth Bevan and their supporters in the UK (World Cruising Club and Easterford Masonic Lodge), each of the 4 kindergartens in the Maskelyne Islands received a water tank. Now the children can have clean water to drink while at kindergarten and the community has more water storage capacity.

Community support and development in education and health

In 2014, the Trust partnered with Port Vila based kindergarten and school, Pikinini Playtime, enabling 4 kindergarten teachers from the Maskelynes to attend a practical skills course. The course was run by Pikinini Playtime as part of its Rural Kindergarten Teacher training programme. Staff at Pikinini Playtime mentored the Maskelynes' teachers by further developing their teaching skills as well as providing classroom resources. This training was followed by a visit to the Maskelynes' kindergartens by 2 experienced teachers from Pikinini Playtime, who continued working with the Maskelynes' teachers to cement skills learnt previously. The Trust has since received requests from other kindergartens wanting similar training.

At the same time, the Trust had also been asked by communities in southeast Malekula to assist with training the committees which run these kindergartens. Representatives from the kindergartens revealed a lack of confidence and understanding in how a kindergarten should operate. So in September last year the Trust, in association with Carol Batten from Pikinini Playtime, provided such training to a number of communities in southeast Malekula. The course was held at Pellongk Kindergarten on the Maskelyne Islands, and was attended by committee members from those islands as well as the surrounding villages of Hokai, Farun and Neranimb on mainland Malekula.



Kindergarten committee training for Southeast Malekula

The course ran for 4 days and included subjects such as, the reasons for having kindergartens, how to sustain a kindergarten, child protection and safety, budgeting, community engagement and awareness, maintenance, and teacher support. Later this year, there will be another follow-up visit by Pikinini Playtime staff to monitor the progress made by both the teachers and committees.

Support a student to secondary school HELP GIVE A VILLAGE A FUTURE!



CONGRATULATIONS # YEAR 13 ACHIEVERS

Allan Peter, Watick Nagof, Peter Kamsel,
Melina Ken, Vicki Jimmy and Kalpen Peter



The Butterfly Trust has been sponsoring children from the Maskelynes' to secondary school since 2012.

The aim of the sponsorship is to increase education levels on the Maskelyne Islands so that, over time, the villagers are better equipped and empowered.

*Sponsorship amounts to **NZ\$333** per child per year for Years 9 to 13 (approx. a third of total fees).*

The villagers are helping themselves by also raising funds locally for the Butterfly Trust Fee Subsidy Fund. Families of the students top-up the remainder of fees.

*Like all donations to the Trust, **100%** of all donations raised for sponsoring children to secondary school goes directly to school fees. There are no administration or other costs deducted from such donations.*

*Your sponsorship goes a long way.
Help their futures and the future
of their villages.
Contact the Butterfly Trust to donate.*

As in previous years, visiting dental volunteers from New Zealand partner up with local practitioners to boost dental care and oral health education in villages that do not receive such services regularly. The Trust also partners with local organisations such as PCV Health, Novodental, and Vanuatu Oral Health Awareness (VOHA), as well as New Zealand NGO, Fruit of the Pacific.



Dental care and oral health education 2015



The Trust has continued its dental care and oral health education programme, facilitating mixed teams of Ni-Van and foreign practitioners.

In Lamap, southeast Malekula, the team was led by dental therapist Celeste Compton from Christchurch. She was accompanied by Dr Kylie Lewthwaite, dental assistant Gloria Jones, and local practitioners Dr Mackenzie Sitobata and dental therapist James Stephens. They were ably assisted by the Lamap Health Centre team, Helen, Valerie and now retired nurse practitioner Lydia Tiano, as well as local nurse and health educator, Elian Koulon.

On the island of Tongoa, Marcel Nalau and Dorah David from VOHA, the Vanuatu Oral Health Awareness group, carried out widespread oral health education, visiting every village and school on the island. They were accompanied by Dr Jenny Stephens, the head of dentistry at Port Vila Hospital. Dr Jenny screened and subsequently treated patients at Silimaui Health Centre. Akhamb Island in south Malekula was visited by two of our local practitioners, Marcel from VOHA and Dr Mackenzie. They educated and treated respectively. The village of Aulua in south Malekula was also visited, with Marcel from VOHA providing education, and local dental therapist James Stephens providing treatment. Further dental assistance is being coordinated and will be taking place later this year.

For valuable donations and the loan of dental equipment and consumables in 2015, the Trust thanks Dr David Goldsmith, PCV Health, Novodental, Liz Webb and each and everyone of the NZ visiting team and local practitioners.

Community consultation in health education, Lolovoli village, Ambae (left), Stage 1 (of 2) training of community focal points and mapping exercise, Lolowai, Ambae (middle and right).



After being interrupted by the cyclone, the Trust is progressing with its **community health education programme**. Planned to unfold over several phases, this programme is designed to provide training to local health educators at village level so they can be more effective at educating their villagers on various health topics including personal hygiene, water and sanitation, healthy eating, NCDs (non-communicable diseases), infection and wound care, neglected tropical diseases and other health matters. The Trust is working closely with WHO, the Ministry of Health, provincial health and health facility staff, to involve community leaders (chiefs, church elders, women's and youth representatives) in this preventative programme. Work will begin in selected villages within 3 areas initially - southeast Malekula (Lamap, Akhamb and the Maskelyne Islands), Ambae and Tongoa. The Trust is also hoping to receive assistance through DFAT and Scope Global, to engage a qualified health educator for up to 18 months to provide further technical expertise. **Rotary District 9910** has provided valuable financial assistance with on-the-ground funding for the programme on Ambae and Tongoa. The programme is currently being rolled out in 3 pilot villages on Ambae (Lolovoli, St Barnabas and Lolomanganda). Tongoa will be next, as will support for work begun by the MOH and WHO in Lamap.

Why support the Butterfly Trust?

This is something we often ask ourselves. We are constantly evaluating the work we do and seeking more effective ways to support the local communities we work with. We also want to make sure we are giving you, our supporters, confidence that your aims in supporting international aid, are being met.

Measuring the effectiveness of aid and development, depending on the type of programme, can be difficult. We research as much as we can to try and address this issue but always welcome any input from any of you. So please, if you think we could do things better, or if you have thoughts on where we should focus our energies, or anything else, please let us know.

This is your Trust, and we are working on your behalf.

TANKYU TUMAS again. The number of people to thank is large and not something we can possibly do effectively in this newsletter. Each of you who has contributed to the work of the Trust will have already received, or will receive our personal thanks individually. However, there are some organisations who have given substantial support to the Trust and we would like to acknowledge them here.

(If we have omitted any organisation by mistake, we apologise!)
In no particular order, they are:

Nelson Van Aid and all its supporters
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Auckland City Football Club
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Y.CO
Rotary District 9910
IOM
Caritas
Kaleva Yachting Services, Port Vila
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World Cruising Club
Easterford Masonic Lodge of Kelvedon, Essex
Pikinini Playtime, Port Vila
Greenwood Health, Motueka
Exhibitions Gallery of Fine Art & Simon Payton
BDO Auckland
Milford New Age Centre
Richmond Road School
Wentworth College
Aloha Social Services Bangladesh

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**Thank
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