



# Anglican Aid Abroad



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

“We’re in the same storm, but we’re in different boats. Some are in a dinghy and others in a yacht.” This quote from a teenager in Western Sydney typifies the plight of most of our overseas partners during the twin scourges of Covid19 and climate change. Villagers across India, Africa and the Pacific Islands are in leaky canoes whilst we enjoy the luxury of super yachts. The gospel reading (Luke 12: 22-34) at Br Daniel’s funeral is a stark reminder that we can do nothing in our own strength, everything belongs to God and our task is to be concerned with His Kingdom. How blessed we are to be able to express this through the activities of AAA in conjunction with our partners.

In 1 Corinthians 13:13 we read- “Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.” As supporters of AAA, we are privileged to enable our partners to show God’s love to those around them in providing education, better health, improved food production and a knowledge of the Gospel to those in need. Br Daniel exemplified God’s love in his life’s work. I was privileged to work with him for four years in AAA, and he was cheerful, positive, gentle, thoughtful and wise. He paid meticulous attention to the details of being treasurer. A man of faith, integrity and good humour who was angered by injustice.

When sailing in our luxury yacht, it is not always easy or convenient to remember those huddled in a leaky dinghy, but this is what God requires of us. Our giving to Anglican Aid Abroad enables boat repairs and in some places, the means to purchase new boats. As we approach the Season of Advent, and celebrate God with us, let our hearts and minds be moved to remember that everything does belong to God and give generously of time, money and love to the furthering of His Kingdom. Stay safe in God’s care,

Yours Sincerely,

Marilyn Wright

## VALE Br Daniel Matthews SSF: 7/9/1936 – 27/9/2021

Br Daniel grew up in the North of England. After time in the merchant navy, he responded to God’s calling, became a Novice on 5th June, 1964 and was professed on 24th February, 1967.

He migrated to Australia in the late 1960s, and spent time in Brisbane before going to the Friary in Koko, PNG. He was one of the first Brothers to establish SSF in the Solomon Islands. He later moved to New Zealand where his ministry had a strong influence on many people and church leaders. New Zealand Bishops sent contributions to be read at his funeral.

Br Daniel was very committed to the work and ministry of AAA. He worked closely with Fr Nixon on a day to day basis. Br Daniel had a first hand knowledge of the many projects supported by AAA as he travelled to many parts of the World in his position as Minister General of the Society of St Francis.

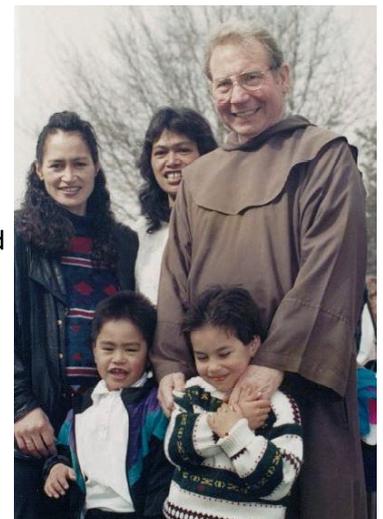
Br Daniel was a Patron of AAA as well as being the treasurer for many years. He was sending out receipts and doing the banking right up to when he was admitted to hospital for treatment for his cancer in late July of this year.

Daniel spent the last 26 years of his life here in Brisbane. He was a Parish Priest and Hospital Chaplain at the Mater Hospital. His surgeon at the Mater referred to Br Daniel as one of the favourites at the Mater Hospital. The surgeon on some days would bring Daniel the morning newspaper.

We give thanks to God for all that Br Daniel has contributed to AAA and his commitment to the many projects that supported so many people in developing countries.

From Br Donald SSF.

*The photo is of Br Daniel in New Zealand with his God children.*



## Rebuilding in Papua New Guinea.

Earlier this year, AAA was approached to assist with the refurbishing of the small health clinic at Newton College in Popondetta and sent some funds. It became clear that rebuilding of the clinic and quarters for a staff member was required. Thanks to God's provision of significant funds for this project, a new building is under construction. AAA is thankful that retired Bishop Jeffrey Driver, formerly of Adelaide, is supervising this project, although we have contact with a local Priest as well. It is certainly exciting to be even a small part of this improvement for the College. Another great need in Theological Colleges and for Pastors in Diocese in the developing world, is for Pastors or their wives to have a means of earning an income because parishioners are too poor to pay them an adequate stipend. AAA is helping educate Church leaders in Tanzania in better farming methods. In Rwanda, we have contributed to buying goats and in the past gave funds to Kenya for chicken projects for Parishes. Such projects are designed to enable priests to lead with dignity and have more time for pastoral care. They provide a means to a more self-reliant future. Perhaps such a project may be possible for Newton College also. Please be assured that AAA is following its mandate to provide aid, and is not contributing to the main theological education work of the College which is enabled through other channels.



## Harvest time for villagers in Ghana.

Bp Cyril Ben-Smith has been a long time advocate for schools, the Mampong home for orphans and during Covid, for food for local people. Most recently, AAA sent help for seed and implements for 500 villagers to plant crops after floods. These pictures sent in late September show the wonderful results of your generosity. Two villagers see a way to possibly improve their future by investing in a rice and maize mill. The Bishop wrote: "We are so ap-



preciative of your kind support. We are now looking for funds to purchase a rice and maize mills to ensure that the rice is milled to avoid the rains destroying them. This has been a major problem in the past. The cost of a mill including the destoner, polisher and husker is 5,500 USD and we are seeking your kind support to be able to complement the initiative and make the venture truly sustainable. It is hoped that funds from the mill would help support the needs of the Mampong Babies home and other critical needs of the poor and the under privileged." I have seen the effects of such provision through the Sisters of St Mary in Tanzania who are able to save money by grinding their own maize and make money by grinding seed for others in the district.



## Beans and Goats changing lives in Rwanda.

AAA has supported the women of St Barnabus, Gatovu to build a storage for their beans project. The women sent a delightful, comprehensive and moving report on activities which I have only slightly edited. "Last year and this year has been hard on us just like other farmers around the world who were stopped from attending to their crops due to Cov-19. We have lost two members of our group to Cov-19. Due to the pandemic our government imposed numerous lockdowns to see that it would be managed. Under lockdowns we would not go and farm our beans. .... we are thankful that despite the difficult obstacles that we faced last year and this year the Lord has been on our side. Our beans have yielded more than expected! The little time we had to go into our farming it performed miracles



Last year we produced 2500kg but this year we produced 3000kg. We thank the Anglican Aid Abroad for the support of construction of a store house for our beans. This year, as usual 300kg of our beans we gave it to the parish as a tithe that is used to feed children in our kindergarten. The rest we took it to the market where we earned \$2,400. We are not where we want to be because we want to get to a point where we shall be producing 10,000kg per year. This will require to expand our farm and go to far markets that are giving more prices that can be of more profit to the group. From the profit we have been making we want to expand our farm, something that will also increase our membership from 50 to 75...and to 200 who will earn direct form it and uplift their families from poverty. Since the creation of our group transportation of our beans to the market has been a big obstacle. Our group is located in rural high mountains of Rwanda far from main roads. Rwanda is called a country of thousand hills. It rains often making the hills slippery and ways impassable. To get to the far market we walk 50km carrying babies on our backs and the load (on the) head. Sometimes it rains while we are on way making us and the beans wet. There was a time when one of us slide and almost fell into a cliff with the baby! The beans fell into the cliff and they remained there up to today! When we remember this incident we cry..... To solve this problem, we have been hiring a truck to transport our beans to the market.” .....The costs of hiring the vehicle have risen so the women are requesting help to buy their own truck. Editor’s note. They saved \$6,000 and with an AAA contribution and other help they now have a truck. They are now trying to buy more land to increase the number of women who can participate in the project.

In the same area, AAA provided money for 80 goats to enable priests to become self sufficient . Priest Hategekimana says, “We thank the Anglican Aid Abroad for this wonderful blessing. At the start we were afraid although happy but as times went by we got used to



this blessing. Through this wonderful blessing I got two goats but now I have three as the goat they gave me was expecting. Thank you Anglican Aid Abroad.”

Fr Chadrack wrote: “His joy is shared across the members who were blessed to be partakers of this wonderful miracle that has changed their lives. Now they have hope that they can take care of the basic needs in their families through selling milk and manure as well as offspring of the goats.” They too have plans to expand by building an enclosure for the goats.

Bishop Manasseh in Rwanda wrote in regard to the goats AAA provided for women and families. “Thank you so much for writing to me. By the grace of God we are safe and the diocese and the Goat project are all going well. I have been vaccinated twice as well as my wife and four Children and so I am sure we are out of danger though this pandemic has changed a lot in our lives and the Church.



Thank you so much for the goat project, our women are so happy and their lives have changed. Imagine we have distributed goats twice and now they total to 102 already given out from the original 72. We still have more to give another 14 soon (these are young ones that were born here 3 months ago).”



## LETTERS

Bp Ayule-Milenge Steven DRC wrote of a volcanic eruption in May in the Goma area. However, none of the parishioners sustained severe damage. He seeks help in upgrading school buildings from wattle and daub construction to wooden planks- cost is \$9,000 US. Most recently, the Bishop asked for prayer as gangs are terrifying villagers. A late email describes the brutal bashing of the Sacrostan at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Bukavu. The thieves stole some money and a lap top, but were demanding the Bishop with threats to his life.

Sr Veronica of the Sisters of the Church in the Solomon Islands gave praise that they remained Covid free and reported on some of their activities. She led a retreat for 132 Anglican students from a High School during the weekend of 3rd to 5th September. Six Postulants were made Novices on 15th August. The Sisters went out on Mission during Holy Week and were joined by Sunday School students on Good Friday to help carry the cross. Their most urgent need now is for a fence to stop thieves stealing from around their house. However, they also plan to build a kindergarten classroom.



tally stretched with the giving out of food parcels and donations, as to assist in our small way. Is it possible that Australian Aid can again assist us with a financial donation, so we can ongoing help the poor and needy. We would be very grateful if AAA could assist us in this manner."



From Zimbabwe, Sr Merina Dube of the Community of the Holy Transfiguration, wrote. "May I say please pass our word thanks to the Anglican Aid Abroad . We are so thankful for their unwavering support."

Sr Ines in the Philippines asked for help with visiting the sick, those with disability and those who can't get to Church.



Sr Plaxicedes of the Community of the Blessed Lady Mary sent thanks for our contribution towards medicines, food, garden and a chicken project - proof that a little goes a long way in some areas. She sent photos of chickens and this wonderful machine that makes wire to put around the garden- purchased with AAA funds.

Br Douglas of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd wrote in August: "We in South Africa have managed to have our Chapter meeting before the covid-19 third wave struck, and we have more and more destitute and starving people knocking at our doors for assistance. We are currently to-

The Sisters of Melanesia are overjoyed that they have baking and cake icing skills and equipment and sent pictures of their achievements.



AAA has provided a small sum for the purchase of an oven to assist their efforts. The Sisters now are saving for a freezer.



The Sisters of Meth Piyasa in Sri Lanka wrote in September with humble prayer, asking simply that we could provide a small amount "for our food, daily needs & our education; to provide treatment and food to the women who come to us for help; to get two bicycles. (At present our public transport service is not used in our country. For that reason we often have to travel by taxi but have to spend a lot of money for it. But if there are bicycles, it will be very convenient.)" Life in Sri Lanka continues to be very difficult.

## PRACTICAL MATTERS

- Next meeting Board meetings are held approximately every 6 weeks. We continue to hold 4 supporters meetings each year with our end of year meeting on 26th November. The February meeting will be at All Saints Anglican Church, Hamilton Rd, Chermiside at 12 noon on Saturday 26th February 2022. A light lunch will be provided.
- Br Daniel Matthews. Many of you will have known Br Daniel personally and I'm sure will pray for his family and friends as they mourn his passing. May he Rest In Peace.
- Fr Neville Nixon. Thank you to those who continue to pray for and ask after Fr Nixon's health. He remains comfortable and well cared for but sadly his memory is now very poor.

## MONEY MATTERS - 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Country	Recipient	Amount	Project
Sri Lanka	Paynter Home	\$10,875	Children care and building repairs
Tonga	Community of the Sacred Name	\$2,000	Repairs to plumbing
Solomon Is	Sisters of the Church	\$1,000	Bourse for Sisters' education
India	Indian Christian Mission Centre	\$8,000	Education, sewing machines for Covid widows
Zimbabwe	Community of the Holy Transfiguration	\$3,000	Food and medicines for Sisters and poor
South Africa	Community of Jesus Compassion	\$5,000	Continuing building house for women in need
South Africa	Oratory of the Good Shepherd	\$4,000	Food and medicines for community
Philippines	Community of St Mary	\$2,000	Care of sick, education for Associates
Solomon Is	Sisters of Melanesia	\$1,000	Oven and education
South Sudan	Duk Diocese- Bp Daniel	\$2,000	Education for orphans in Uganda
Zimbabwe	Brothers of the Holy Transfiguration	\$2,000	Bourse for education
Tanzania	Bang'wise Ministries	\$5,000	Completion of interior of classroom
Rwanda	Mothers Union beans project	\$4,000	Part funding for small van to transport beans
Rwanda	Diocesan pastors self sufficiency project	\$2,000	Continuing goats project- shed
Zimbabwe	Community of the Blessed Lady Mary	\$2,000	Helping poor in community
India	NYSS	\$4,000	Girls food, clothing, education
Pakistan	Jesus Christ Ministries	\$2,000	Orphanage support

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Please pray for:*

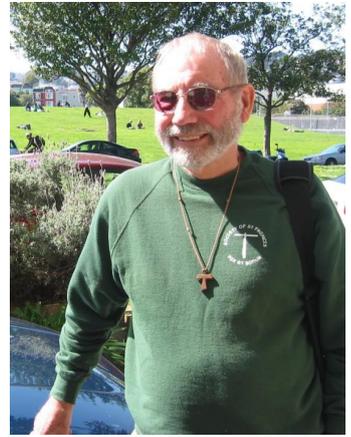
- An end to corruption and violence in South Africa as the poor suffer most from illness and rioting. Requested by Br Douglas of OGS.
- Those suffering from repeated and prolonged flooding in the Diocese of Arwei in South Sudan. Requested by Bp Garang.
- Successful conduct of the training in agricultural improvements for village Church leaders in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. Requested by Bill Arthur ex CMS missionary worker who is supervising the project.
- Bp Ayule-Milenge Steven in the Democratic Republic of Congo requested prayers for the safety of people in villages who are threatened by armed groups.
- The women of Meth Piyasa in Sri Lanka ask for prayers for the country as it attempts to continue life with Covid19. Especially pray for food and medicines for the poor they serve.
- Wise counsels to prevail amongst world leaders as they deal with the pandemic and climate change. Pray that they will make decisions that give justice to the world's poor.



**Give thanks for:**

The life and work of Br Daniel Fairbairn Matthews SSF.

The continuing grace of God and generosity of supporters so that our partners are able to support those in need and thereby witness to God’s saving grace.



Br Daniel Fairbairn Matthews SSF

*Bp Garang sent us this photo of recent flooding in Sth Sudan*



**MISSIONARIES OF ST ANDREW PRAYER**

O God, our Heavenly Father, who did’st send Thine only begotten Son into this world to teach us to love one another; grant that the missionaries of St Andrew and their co-workers may so faithfully obey His command that all people may live free from want, in peace and security, through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

*Would Priest members kindly remember our work at the Altar and also those who distribute funds and those who receive them.*

**Current Bourses for training of Personnel in Developing Countries.** The shorter newsletter means it is not possible to publish the list of bourses regularly. Hopefully we can print the list in our February newsletter. In the meantime, a full list of bourses is now published on our website: [www.anglicanaidabroad.com.au](http://www.anglicanaidabroad.com.au)

**FORM OF BEQUEST**

I give the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) to the Missionaries of St Andrew- Anglican Aid Abroad- for charitable purposes of that organisation and I declare that the receipt of the secretary or treasurer for the time being will be an absolute discharge of my trustee/s who will not be liable to the application of those funds.

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