

PresAID

2008 Good Friday Mercy Appeal

PresAID's 2008 Good Friday Mercy Appeal is for two worthy causes in the Developing World:

ELIM HOSPITAL SULAWESI, INDONESIA

OUR Moderator General, Rt Rev Robert Benn, who has first-hand knowledge of Elim Hospital, writes: TORAJA REFORMED CHURCH in the centre of Sulawesi is the daughter church of the Evangelical wing of the old Dutch Reformed Church. During the days leading up to independence the church went through rugged days of persecution under Darrul Islam, and saw the slaughter of many of her family members. The Elim Hospital, established in 1929, is a wonderful wing of the church. The Elim Hospital is a centre of medical help, and a place of profound and influential Christian witness, a very special hand-maid to the Church.

The director of Elim has supplied me with information on eight expensive pieces of equipment which are desperately needed to enable them to be more professional in their Christian service to the community. This equipment ranges from \$15,000 to \$200,000 a piece to purchase and install.

It would be a brilliant gesture if we could declare our solidarity with them, in making available a sum of money for them to go ahead and install one or two pieces of this much needed equipment.

***Rt Rev Robert Benn
in consultation with
senior medical staff of
Elim Hospital.***



***Elim
Hospital
and
Toraja
Church,
Sulawesi,
Indonesia***

BIBLE COLLEGES THROUGHOUT VANUATU



Aussie Presbyterian Youthpartners and Ni-Vanuatu at work on Bible College building. More needed!

MISSION PARTNERS Director, Rev Bill Lutton, and Administrator, Rev Phil Simmonds, have been involved with work parties visiting Vanuatu on various building projects for the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. Bill writes:

WE will be redirecting our Youthpartners Program from this year onwards towards building assistance with small-scale Presbytery-run, Bible Colleges that the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu is establishing in each Presbytery to make theological education more accessible to their people throughout the island chain.

God willing, next January the next Youthpartners team will be going to a remote area on the North West coast of Tanna Island to begin the first of these projects. The local people will need considerable support towards material costs and logistics for this exercise.

We also intend gathering a small team of doctors, dentists, nurses and others to trek into the mountainous interior of Santo Island to take medical assistance, especially for skin diseases, eye diseases, respiratory ailments and dental work.

The idea is for the ministry of mercy by day and evangelism by night. We are trying to get this up and running by January next year, as the need is great.

Please Give Prayerfully to the 2008 Good Friday Appeal!