

2023 Appeal

*supporting ministry leadership development
in the Anglican Church in PNG*

At the partners meeting on 30 August - 1 September this year delegates from Norwich diocese in UK, Waiapu diocese in New Zealand plus our Primate and others from Australia (ABM etc), and two bishops of PNG, were reminded about the a vision of Bishop Newton in the 1950s, for national clergy to be trained at Diploma level as the future leaders of the Anglican Church in PNG. From very early days the vision also included the co-location of nursing and teaching schools on the Newton site. The capacity to share common academic infrastructure library, IT and administration is critical to future viability.



Throughout this year Bishop Driver has continued preparing Newton College and its application for registration and accreditation in line with recent legislation passed by the PNG Government. The requirements have been based on the Australian system, so meeting them requires a significant lift. Another key part of the registration and accreditation process has been getting the finances of the college to a place where they can confidently offer them for audit.

In 'Newton News' April 2023 Bishop Jeffrey Driver reported that at halfway through first semester at Newton College there are 21 students. This was made up of seven ordinand students in their first year who joined with the 14 students in their final year, working toward graduating with a Diploma of Ministry in November. The College now also has a full complement of lecturers.

Hi! I'm Martin, third year student, married with three children from the coastal part of the local diocese of Popondetta. I first of all, very much appreciate and thank our friends in Aussie in their love and care in supporting the students here in Newton College. Your support has helped much in our college life and we feel that we have a wider family in Christ. With that, am more than happy to tell you, how my little family has been spending the money that you have been supporting us with. We are given K150 monthly; therefore, we have been very consistent with the money. The most important thing in our budget is the laundry detergents; we make sure it is enough for the month. Food has not been necessary in the budget, as we depend mostly on home grown vegetables, but just a little on rice and proteins for the family. School uniforms and shoes for my two little girls; at the beginning of the academic year and clothing's are also budgeted. We also save K20 every month for emergency purposes. This is how your contribution has been meaningful supporting my family in our college life and we hope that it satisfies you. May God's abundant blessings be with you all and may every dollar be multiplied as you continue to support.
Martin Ogoba

Students have repeatedly expressed their appreciation for the financial support that they have received from Australia. The \$1000 pledged pays half of their student fees and provides a small monthly allowance - 150 kina/ family (\$60-\$70) and 100 kina/single student. This is often all they receive.



First Year students 2023: Paul Kasvier, John Gai, Atta Boga, Rynold Goviro, Moses Baiduduga, Robert Moreva and Daniel Baiwa

At our meeting of Bishop in Council on 3 October it was resolved to once again support the students of Newton College by way of the \$1000 pledge.

With that, I now commend to you this Appeal.

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