



# THE MARTYRS GIFT 2024

Empowering Local Leadership in Papua New Guinea



Dear Friend in Mission,

We reflect on these words from John's Gospel as we seek to honour the New Guinea Martyrs: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John:15:13)

This year, as part of ABM AID's move towards becoming fully digital, we offer you a new online Martyrs Gift.

**By supporting the Martyrs Gift, you can honour the New Guinea Martyrs and share in God's mission by helping to build strong local leadership in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG).**

ABM AID supports ACPNG to build strong local leadership via the exciting Agents of Change course, developed by the Anglican Alliance. This work is starting to bear fruit, as 70 people have already graduated this year and will go on to train a further 280 new leaders.

The church has recently appointed Mrs. Dorothy Siep as the new National Education Secretary, and Ms. Petra Goviro as National Health Secretary. Both appointments are testimony to the church's commitment to strong leadership. These are the kinds of leaders the Agents of Change aims to produce.

You are warmly invited to join the launch of our Martyrs Gift at an online (Zoom) event on Wednesday 28 August at 7 pm (AEST). Please RSVP to [info@abmission.org.au](mailto:info@abmission.org.au) or 1300 302 663 by 5 pm Tuesday 27 August and the Zoom link will be emailed to you on the morning of 28 August.

If you have an email address, we invite you to share it with ABM on the enclosed donation form, since this enables us to save money on printing and postage. The money saved can then be sent to our partners to further their important work with local churches and communities.

Contributions to our 2024 Martyrs Gift of \$2 or more are tax-deductible and can be made using the donation form included with this letter. You can also find more information about the Gift online at [www.abmission.org/Martyrs2024](http://www.abmission.org/Martyrs2024).

As we remember the Martyrs of New Guinea, I would ask you to pray for the work of our partner, the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, as it serves Christ by seeking to grow strong leadership for the church and local communities.

I would also like to thank you for your support of the ongoing work of the Anglican Board of Mission.

God bless,

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