



## Make A Difference

Thank you for continuing to help transform lives around the world through your regular giving to the Make A Difference (MAD) pledge program

Your gifts have assisted UnitingWorld to empower individuals and strengthen communities, enabling them to lift themselves out of poverty. We hope you enjoy reading about the work that your regular giving has enabled us to support.

Your generous giving is improving health and sanitation in these communities while also empowering women and children to build their futures.

### Rural Village Water, Papua New Guinea

The Rural Village Water project is continuing to connect communities throughout Milne Bay in PNG to a reliable source of clean water, while also improving sanitation facilities to keep these supplies clean and safe.

In 2009, seven villages gained access to a reliable source of safe drinking water, significantly reducing the prevalence of diseases caused by unsafe water. This also empowers women and children to gain employment and attend school as they often bear the burden of collecting water for their communities.

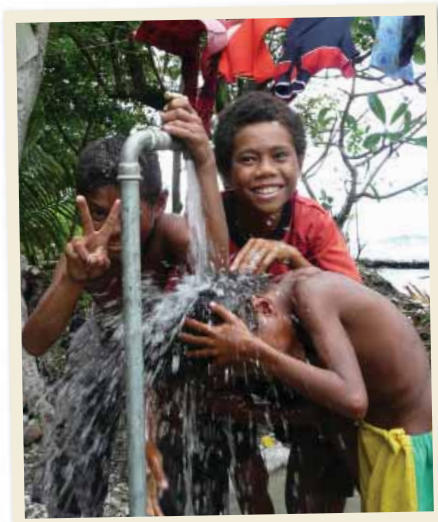
The current phase of the project is continuing and expanding this good work. Working in partnership with the United Church in Papua New Guinea, an additional 5,200 people in seven villages will be connected to a reliable source of clean water.

A team of people in each community will be trained in coordinating the maintenance of the water systems. These "water committees" are proving to be a successful way of ensuring that these systems remain sustainable beyond the initial construction.

### Jordan Community School, Zambia

HIV/AIDS has impacted every area of life in Zambia. The country suffers one of the highest prevalence rates in the world, 15.2 percent, which is the seventh highest in the world. As a result, there are a large number of primary and secondary school dropouts, as many children and young adults are forced to assume family responsibilities to compensate for the loss of adult family members.

The Jordan Community School, located in Lusaka, Zambia, is continuing to provide children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS with education, psychosocial support, shelter, meals, blankets, and basic supplies.



This project is in its final phase, and with your donations, many more orphaned and vulnerable children are now able to access education. The school building, consisting of three new classrooms, is now complete. The staff at the school are now working on ways to enable more children to gain access education through the school.

## Food Security and Health, Timor-Leste

With your assistance, UnitingWorld is continuing to stand with our Church Partner, the Protestant Church in Timor-Leste (IPTL) and their development agency, Fundasaun Sosial Naroman (FUSONA), by supporting a range of health care, food security and agricultural initiatives.

The health care clinic in Los Palos (below) is continuing to be a trusted source of health care for local communities, serving approximately 100 patients each day. In 2009, a total of 15,209 patients were treated, mostly children suffering from malaria, tuberculosis and acute malnutrition.

In the coming year, a mobile health clinic will serve five remote communities as part of a

new preventative health program, relieving the pressure on the clinic and avoiding deadly medical conditions from developing.



Food security is being addressed by working with local farmers to use more cost effective methods of farming. Your gifts are enabling local farmers to access motorised crop turners, like the one above, in favour of traditional buffalo-powered methods. This is a more efficient way of farming as it increases the amount of crops produced, therefore increasing income.



Thank you for your continued support of the Make A Difference (MAD) pledge program. Regular giving is the most valuable way of enabling UnitingWorld to address extreme poverty and stand in solidarity with our Church Partners. It gives us the flexibility to plan for the future to fund new programs, while also keeping promotional costs to a minimum.



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