

Background

Papua and West Papua are the easternmost provinces of Indonesia. In a country recognised as one of the poorest in the world, the Papuan provinces are the most needy. Indigenous Papuans have some of the most pressing economic and health needs in the nation and the political turmoil in the region contributes to the extreme poverty of many Papuans and the difficulties encountered by those attempting to provide aid.



Through our partnership with the GKI di Tanah Papua (Evangelical Christian Church in the Land of Papua) some avenues have been identified through which real help can be provided by ordinary Australians to improve the lives of ordinary Papuans.

With your help we can make this a life-changing experience for these young Papuans.

Please step out with us and assist them and the land of Papua towards a better future.

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**Australian-Papuan
Cultural Exchange
Program**

What are we doing?

The Australian-Papuan Cultural Exchange Program aims to introduce Papuan students to the Australian language and culture. Students are hosted in private homes while they learn about the Australian culture and study English with the help of volunteer teachers. Competence in the English language is associated with favourable employment outcomes for young people in Papua. Familiarity with western customs and values equips them for work in many areas of business, education and government on their return home. The immersion of the students in an English speaking environment enables them to rapidly improve their English skills.

When will we do it?

Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Western Australia will host the students for twelve weeks beginning in February 2017.

Who will be involved?

It is expected that up to 15 students from Papua will take part in the program. Many more people from the local community will be involved in many roles. Teachers and conversation partners will assist the students with their language studies; families will host the students in their homes; drivers will be involved in transporting the students to outings and excursions and many others will come to know them well during their stay in Perth.

What will it cost?

Each student will be responsible for raising his or her own airfare.

We need to raise \$1100 per student to cover the cost of visas, exit taxes, health insurance, internal travel costs, a small living allowance and other sundry costs associated with their visit. In



addition, we need to provide each student with a fully funded smart rider card for public transport and a loan bicycle and helmet for the duration of their visit.

What other help is needed?

To date, several teachers have already offered to help with planning and delivery of the English course. If you have teaching skills and are willing to use them to assist these students we would love to hear from you. We are also keen to meet potential conversation partners, drivers, excursion escorts and people with contacts in organisations or industries willing to host the students for educational excursions.

We trust that this project will be embraced by the whole church community and that every interested person will be able to take a role in the program.

Please take the time to complete the return slip on this brochure and return to the Uniting Church Centre office or to Lee-Anne Burnett (Program Coordinator).

Return Slip

Please tick the box beside the option with which you would like to assist or fill in the amount if you would prefer to give a donation of money or time.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

I can help with:

- Sponsorship of a student (\$1100) \$.....
- Part sponsorship of a student \$.....
- Smartrider for 1 student (\$200) \$.....
- Free board and accommodation for 1 student for 12 weeks
- Assistance with teaching (hours/weeks)
- Conversation partnership with one student (2hrs/wk)
- Contribution for fuel and transport costs.
- Driving a bus to excursions.
- Loan or gift of bicycle and/or helmet
- Assistance to lead excursions
- Other

Cheques payable to All Saints Floreat Uniting Church Creative Living Centre – Papua Fund.

Electronic Funds Transfer:

Account: All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
Creative Living Centre TDG account
BSB: 036-063 Account No. 368982

I understand, in the event of excess moneys raised, that they will be expended on other projects in Papua working towards clean water, sanitation and improved health outcomes for indigenous Papuans.