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WATER FOR RAYNA

Deep in Vanuatu's rural PENAMA Province, hidden between trees lays a small stream. Throughout the day, many animals pass; wild cats and dogs cool down from the heat while cows drink from the stream.

It is from this same stream, hard-working mothers like Rayna*, from Berata village, bring their families clothes to wash, take their children to bathe and collect water for their families to drink. Over an hours trek from this stream, in the home furthest from the water supply, three small thatch-roofed homes are bunched together and in the centre, sits Rayna and her beautiful son Ryan.

Rayna lives next to her family and every day fetches water from the stream for all of her family's needs. Weekly, Linasa will cart heavy loads of washing from this stream so her family can have clean clothes and, if Rayna is unable to make the trip, younger family members will make the long tiresome journey on their own.

Rayna shares that same water with the entire Berata village and with no fence around the stream, she shares it with any animal that wanders into the stream too. The water leaves families vulnerable to water-borne diseases which often results in painful, energy-sapping and potentially deadly vomiting and diarrhoea. With the stream being the village's only water supply, there was no other option. Something had to be done.

Since Rayna's community joined ADRA's Water Health and Sanitation project, forty tap stands have been installed to provide clean, safe drinking water for 120 families.

Rayna no longer spends long hours fetching water for her family; she is no longer vulnerable to danger from making the trip alone and she no longer has to worry that her son Ryan will get sick from the water she gives him to drink.

Near the tap stand Linasa has planted a kitchen garden where she grows water taro. The water that drains from the tap stand irrigates the taro and increases the nourishing food she can provide for her family.

Rayna is just one of over 750 mothers in Vanuatu who are now able to provide clean, safe drinking water thanks to your generous support. Thank you!

The tap stand that has changed so many lives like Rayna costs just \$50. As part of the ADRA Appeal this October you can do something to raise \$50 and help others like Rayna. Hold a garage sale, bake a cake, shave your head or knock on doors – whatever it is, October is your chance to join with every Adventist in New Zealand and do something to help families at home and overseas thrive!

Register online now at www.adra.org.nz, call 0800 499 911 or simply return the included form to ADRA New Zealand.

*Names have been changed to protect privacy.



THINK ABOUT IT | Over 9,000 people will be impacted through ADRA's Vanuatu WASH Project.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Sir Edmund Hillary famously said, "All it takes for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing." So it is for poverty.

Globally, 1.3 billion people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Right now, 300,000 kiwi kids are living below the poverty line. Amongst statistics like these are the lives of people like Rayna (see her story on page 1) – mothers, fathers and families struggling for survival and striving for a better life on behalf of the generations to come.

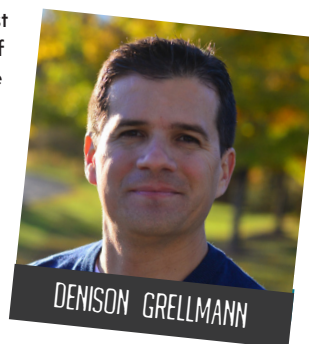
James writes in the Bible, "If anyone knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." (James 4:17) Here is the confronting truth - we cannot simply wish or pray poverty away. We actually have to do something about it and as James points out, to not do so is a sin.

I want to personally thank you for taking up this challenge and helping people like Rayna thrive through your support of ADRA. But, there is more to do. As part of the ADRA Appeal this October we've made it easy for you to do something about poverty in New Zealand and across the globe. And, when we say 'something', very literally, mean something - anything.

It could be knocking on doors, collecting in a public place, running, shaving your head, giving up coffee, baking or selling a few things on Trade Me. Whatever it is, we need you to raise just \$50 and help us reach the \$500,000 we need to continue and grow our work at home and overseas.

It's ambitious, but with your support, and God's blessing, we can reach this target. All it will take is for every Adventist in New Zealand to raise or give \$50 during the month of October. I'm putting my money where my mouth is – I've already registered to raise \$50 for the ADRA Appeal. What are you going to do?

The Do Something campaign kicks off in churches, school and business right across the country as part of the Annual ADRA Appeal on October 1.



DENISON GRELLMANN

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join with us as we pray for the following:

Philippines: We thank God for His blessings in the Philippines and the lives that He has impacted through the recently completed SARAM project.

Families in New Zealand: Winter has passed but we continue to pray for families doing it tough in our own communities.

The ADRA Appeal: We ask God to bless the ADRA Appeal and the efforts of everyone doing something this October to help those in need.

Myanmar: Praise God for the success of our recent campaign to support our new project in Myanmar. Please pray for the ADRA team there as they begin working with poor, rural families in the Chin state.

OUR WORK AT HOME + OVERSEAS



OUR WORK AT HOME

"I can't live with Jake any more, he gets too violent. My husband's doing a life sentence and my son's gone down for murder."

These are the words spoken by Jessica* to Pr Patrick Coogan of Kaitaia Adventist Church. Jessica is just one of the regular attendees at the ADRA funded Community Meals programme run by the church – and despite her hardships is now connected to people she knows really care. "For many years our church was a museum of theological reflection, living conveniently isolated from the people of our hard luck streets," says Pr Coogan. "With ADRA's help we started the Community Meals programme every second Tuesday."

"It's not a soup kitchen; we're up market," he says. "It's all about getting the neighbours together so they can meet one another. The street kids come in about 4pm. Patched gang members will occasionally push their preschool kids through the door. We run board games, sports, music and arts and craft. People seem to like the warm space away from the boom and bust cycle of parties and empty cupboards. We also hand out ADRA food parcels to the most needy."

Every fortnight the Kaitaia Community Meals programme brings together 80 people from the community in need of a healthy meal and strong, positive connections with others. **Thank you Kaitaia Adventist Church for helping those in need in your community!**

OUR WORK OVERSEAS | MEET LEMEKI

Lemeki* has just carried eight bags of cabbage into the Navosa Farmers Collection Centre, built thanks to your support of ADRA's project in the area. Before its construction, Lemeki and others like him would travel hours from their isolated communities to sell produce at coastal markets.

This means of survival meant long periods away from home, and a large percentage of the profits from their sales being spent on transportation. Now, with the collection centre open Lemeki can sell his produce closer to home – and at a far better price.

The eight bags of cabbages Lemeki carried to the centre have already sold. A partnership established by ADRA with a produce wholesaler means guaranteed prices. "Today, I made FJD\$206," said a smiling Lemeki. "Before, when I sold in the markets I would only bring home FJD\$30 after paying from transport and other expenses." That's a 680% increase in profit! And for Lemeki, that means he can provide essentials like food, soap and education to his family.

Returning from a recent visit to the project site, Sahara Anae, International Programme Manager at ADRA New Zealand said this, "The farmers not only expressed a huge sense of financial relief, but emotional and physical relief as they can now sell their produce quickly at a collection centres so close to their homes. No longer will they have to go through this type of hardship again."

ADRA has been working with communities in the Navossa District, Fiji since 2013 to improve their livelihoods and access to proper sanitation and hygiene. All of this is only possible thanks to your support!

Thank you for helping families like Lemeki's thrive in Fiji! For more about the project visit www.adra.org.nz/navosa



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THE ADRA APPEAL -
DO SOMETHING!

Sign up and download
resources at [www.adra.org.
nz/dosomething](http://www.adra.org.nz/dosomething)

NOVEMBER 7

CHURCH PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAMME DEADLINE

Impact your community -
get your applications in!
www.adra.org.nz/projects

NOVEMBER 27

ADRA CHARITY RUN
(AUCKLAND)

Get your running shoes on!
www.adra.org.nz/run

MARCH 5-7

QUEENSTOWN CLASSIC

Push the Pedal for Change!
www.adra.org.nz/ride

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THINK ABOUT IT | 45,000 more kiwi kids are living below the poverty line than last year

GET INVOLVED

To celebrate our 'Do Something' Campaign, we wanted to highlight some of the amazing people who are doing something about poverty at home and overseas.



Longburn Adventist College Chaplain, Kevin Gredig put his hair on the line to help students raise funds for their recent trip to Vanuatu.



Triscilla Lurch put her body on the line during a recent kick-boxing event and raised more than \$1,000 for ADRA.

Braden, our Marketing and Donor Relations Director asked for sponsorship to ride up five of Auckland's highest volcanic domains.



The team at Gracegate Church recently put on a Rio Gala fundraising dinner. Classy!



Here's just some of the awesome brownies baked for ADRA this year. Life-changing and delicious.



what can you do?



THINK ABOUT IT | Last year more than 1,000 people did something to raise vital funds for ADRA New Zealand