






# Mahitahi Projects 2008

Project	Partners/ Location	Dates	Volunteer	Description	Photo
Financial Management	Diocese of Auki, Dominican Sisters, Gizo <b>Solomon Islands</b>	March-May 2008	<b>Irene Jap</b> Business Administrator	Irene assisted the financial administrator of the Diocese of Auki, Christina Wale, with use of MYOB accounting programme. She then went to Gizo to provide training for the Dominican Sisters administrator in management.	 <p><i>Project partner Christina</i></p>
Building Project	Diocese of Aitape, <b>Papua New Guinea</b>	April-August 2008	<b>Andreas Hofer</b> Builder	Andreas went to assist the community at Sissano, Aitape, rebuild their church destroyed in the 1998 Tsunami. The project required construction of 12 km of road before it could begin. Unfortunately Andreas had to return early and so the project awaits a new volunteer.	 <p><i>Andreas (2nd right) with Bishop Austen and Sissano community</i></p>
Community School	Lolopwepwe, Ambae, <b>Vanuatu</b>	June-July 2008	<b>Andrew Gribble</b> Builder	Andrew accompanied a group of volunteers from Catholic Women's League and Joshua Men, Pukekohe, to assist the local community with basic maintenance to their Community School.	 <p><i>Lolopwepwe children, Ambae, Vanuatu</i></p>
Mini Hydro Development Project	Tutu Rural Training Centre Taveuni, <b>Fiji</b>	July 2008 -ongoing	<b>Mike James</b> Accountant	Mike is assisting local staff in management of project finances for a large externally funded mini-hydro development project. Mike will visit the centre on several occasions over the course of the year. This project has NZAID funding support.	 <p><i>Tutu mini-hydro project, Fiji</i></p>
Deaf and Disabilities Centre	San Isidro Care Centre, Aruligo, <b>Solomon Islands</b>	July-September 2008	<b>Bertram Jehly</b> general skills, and <b>Maureen Jehly</b> organisational management	Bertram and Maureen assisted with establishment of this new centre, catering for 25 young people with various disabilities. This project enjoys funding assistance from NZAID.	 <p><i>Bertram, Maureen and project partners Mary and Peter</i></p>

Financial Administration	St Joseph's Secondary School, Tenaru, <b>Solomon Islands</b>	August-September 2008	<b>Irene Jap</b> Business Administrator	Irene's second assignment for 2008, assisting with financial administration in the absence of their bursar. A volunteer will be recruited to train a new local bursar in 2009.		<i>Irene at St Joseph's Secondary School</i>
Financial Administration	Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson <b>Solomon Islands</b>	October-08	<b>Irene Jap</b> Business Administrator	Irene's third assignment for 2008, assisting the local bursar with financial administration, preparation of annual accounts and a budget for 2009.		<i>Irene's counterpart Fr Albert</i>
Project Funding	Diocese of Gizo, <b>Solomon Islands</b>	August-September 2008	<b>Yvonne Powley</b> Project planning consultant	Yvonne worked with Diocesan team leaders to assist in preparation of funding applications for implementation of the Diocesan Strategic Plan.		<i>Yvonne at Diocesan offices, Gizo</i>
Community School	Eratap Village Diocese of Port Vila, <b>Vanuatu</b>	September 2008, November-December 2008	<b>Lucy Ellis</b> Youth Development Coordinator	Lucy is leading a joint Mahitahi-Connect.org youth mission project, where a group of 12 young people from New Zealand will assist the local community in Eratap build a new classroom for the 2009 intake.		<i>Children at Eratap awaiting their new classroom</i>
Water Supply Project	St Mary's Vuvu Secondary School Vunakanau, East New Britain, <b>PNG</b>	September - December 2008	<b>Anthony Munn</b> Plumber	Anthony assisted with reinstatement of underground water tanks and pumps to increase the school's water supply security.		<i>St Mary's Vuvu Secondary School</i>
Sports Project Community Youth Development	North Malaita <b>Solomon Islands</b>	November-December 2008	<b>Mike Howard</b> Sports Trainer	Mike's third assignment to the Solomon Is, this time working with To'abaita Association for Research and Development (TARD), a local initiative, working to strengthen youth leadership.		<i>A local soccer team</i>