



Team leader Graydon, first Evangelist in Lower Jimi, Gabriel Kuraiwae and Catechist Stanley planting the first Coffee tree.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION FOREST INITIATIVE

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA (ACPNG)

In Genesis 1:1-31 speaks of God creating the formless earth into what we live in today, our home, our world.

Today our environment is at threat of losing its pure life system. Environmental crisis and natural disasters has caused millions of people and species of animals and plants to be in great danger and suffering.

The Anglican Church of PNG within its five diocese are always prone to natural disasters such as flooding, drought, volcanic activities, sea level rising, earth quake, deforestation, landslides and the list goes on. The Anglican Communion Forest Initiative has paved a way forward for ACPNG to embark on activities that would go a long way in preventing and making communities resilient to natural disasters, preserving biodiversity, tackling climate change and reducing pollution.

ACPNG has taken the first step in engaging in the Communion forest by planting coffee trees in the Lower Jimi deanery in the Aipo Rongo Diocese. The coffee tree planting initiative was taken on board by the Anglican National Office through its Parenting program in partnership with UNICEF PNG.

Team leaders of the Parenting program from each parish in the lower Jimi planted 11 coffee trees. Nine of the coffee trees planted symbolize the parishes who are actively participating in the parenting for child development program “Child protection from harsh parenting and safeguarding the biodiversity for the future generation”. The other two coffee trees symbolize the love and care of God’s creation and commitment to the fifth mark of mission on Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. And lastly, commitment for the communities to invest in planting coffee to generate an income to help with their financial capacities in this time of economic crisis that PNG is currently challenged with.

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Photos are of the coffee planting initiative.



Mountain view from Bapondikai village, Lower Jimi, Jiwaka Province.



Prayers said before the tree planting; The Communion Forest prayer was recited in the prayers.



Catechist Stanley and children holding onto coffee trees for planting. Verbal consent was taken to take the children's pictures.



Second coffee tree planted by Catechist Edwin, marking the Kwima parish.