

Talk Talk

VSA's bimonthly enewsletter



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In this issue read about VSA volunteer Victoria Degerman's work as a Schools Counsellor in Bougainville. Find out about how you can support an exciting new partnership as VSA joins the NZ Live Below the Line Campaign. And don't forget to check out our ever popular features: *Through the lens* and *Moving and shaking*.

Through the lens



Find out the story behind this great photo sent in by Alison Moore who was a volunteer with Wan Smolbag in Vanuatu.

[Click to reveal the full image](#)

VSA on Facebook



We've just launched our Facebook page and would love you to join our online community.

Click the Facebook icon and come and 'like' us. If you like what you see, tell your friends and family about our page too.

Moving and shaking



Check out who has returned to New Zealand over the past three months and the latest group of volunteers heading out on assignment.

[New volunteers](#)

[Returned volunteers](#)

Therapy for life



Auckland-based Victoria Degerman has spent the past 21 months living in Bougainville and working as a School Counsellor on VSA assignment at Hutjena Secondary School. With just a few months of her assignment remaining, she reflects back on her achievements and life on this lush and generous island.

[Read the full article](#)

Can you feed yourself on \$2.25 a day?



That's the challenge we're asking our supporters to get behind in August when VSA takes part in the Live Below the Line Campaign.

[Read the full article](#)

Speed interview



Camille Kirtlan who recently left PNG as Country Programme Manager to work in our Wellington office is our latest speed interviewee.

[Read the interview](#)

Support Project Friendship



If you're passing a Body Shop or Four Square store during 15-21 August don't forget to nip in and buy one of VSA's Project Friendship bracelets for just \$3.

What's new on our website

1 VOLUNTEER PROFILES:

Victoria Gregory is a Communications and Resource Centre Management Adviser for Umtat Child Abuse Resource Centre in South Africa.

Andrew Smith is a Database Development Trainer for BELUN in Timor-Leste.

Anne Perera is a Food and Nutrition Adviser for Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) in Tanzania.

2 BLOGS

New blogs posted by our volunteers:

Dianne Hambrook

Ant Rewcastle

Renee Yap

3 NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Download VSA's Strategic Intent 2011-1015 where we outline our focus and direction for the next four years.

Read the latest news

Calling returned volunteers

Our Media Coordinator, Ruth Nichol, is always on the hunt for great stories and would like to hear from returned volunteers who've been back in NZ for at least two years.

She's particularly interested about professional and personal long-term impacts of volunteering with VSA. If you have a story you'd like to share, **email Ruth.**

Bougainville March appeal

Find out how much our March appeal raised and how you can support VSA.

Read article

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