

The education program in PNG was started a few years ago, after houses in a settlement area were built for the local beneficiaries. Originally, it was created to educate the children of the beneficiaries; however in the last couple of years, children from neighbouring areas started coming in, as their parents realised the benefits of the education program.

Before ANCOP, the idea of proper education for the children was put aside in favour of work — with poor families, getting food on the table was top priority. ANCOP offering sponsored education allowed them to reconsider their options.

At present ANCOP runs the pre-school with 6 volunteer teachers and 4 volunteer workers, using a partly completed multi-purpose hall. It caters for 150 children, with varying ages from 3 to 18 years old — each child attending school for the first time. A great majority lives in a settlement 7 kilometres away. Enthused by the promise of a brighter future, they gladly walk that distance twice each day.



ANCOP's pre-school now caters for up to 150 children. With ages ranging from 3-18 years old, each child is experiencing school for the first time.



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Papua New Guinea also has 93 scholars in Elementary and High School.

We're Glad to report that 31 of those 93 scholars are ANCOP's pre-school graduates of 2013. They are continuing their education in Elementary for 2014.

**Another great news:** One of our 2013 scholars was accepted early this year to the Sogeri National High School.

\* Sogeri NHS is a prestigious school, where most of the politicians in PNG did their schooling.



These pictures were taken when Australian ANCOP volunteers visited the village in October 2013. The pre-schoolers welcomed us with their traditional dance and they wore their native costumes. They prepared a program for us and treated us with a nice lunch. A good number of the parents were there too and they expressed how grateful they are for the assistance that ANCOP Australia is providing to their children.

ANCOP Australia pays for the cost of running the pre-school including:

- Allowances for the teachers and volunteers
- School fees for the scholars in pre-school, elementary and high school.

We also raised funds for the construction of

- Toilets for girls and boys
- Teacher's accommodation
- And a medical clinic.