

Solar Lights delivered to Lamnutu and Imaelone Village through the WFWP Island Lights Project

We are very happy to report to our readers that the portable solar lights donated via everyone's sponsorship for the 'Support our Pacific Island Neighbours Walk-a-thon' have arrived safely at their destination in July of 2015.



The journey began when Dianne Simboro visited the remote village of Lamnutu on Tanna Island and spoke to the women during a health and wellbeing workshop. The women expressed the need for lighting so their children can study at night and they can run home based businesses.

Dianne Simboro (front row),
Lamnutu Village



Anne Bellavance pictured with the women and children of Lamnutu visited the village to connect with the women leaders. The project belongs to the local women and they will care for the solar lights.

Anne Bellavance (centre),
Lamnutu Village



Back in Australia we set up a team to raise funds to make the 'Island Lights Project' a reality. Our first annual walk-a-thon was held this year in Victoria and New South Wales. Through the Victorian walk-a-thon we were able to purchase \$4,000 worth of high quality portable solar lights.



The lights were sent to Vanuatu via Brisbane and received by Jong Deug Yoo, who oversees the WFWP Vanuatu Chapter. Rev. Yoo then travelled to Tanna Island to deliver the solar lights to the women of the villages. The port and transportation cost within Vanuatu was \$246 and were delivered on July 13th.



Lamnatu is home to 340 people within 40 households and 15 family groups. The women's leader of the village is Joyce Daniel. Joyce expressed gratitude to WFWP Australia for the donation. Each mother received lights for their family use.

Joyce Daniel (centre, in white), Lamnatu Village



The WFWP Vanuatu team were welcomed by members of Lamnatu Village with dances and song.



The WFWP and FFWUP Vanuatu team were welcomed by the women leaders of Lamnutu Village.

Jong Deug Yoo is pictured in the green cap.



Women receiving their lights from the WFWP and FFWPU Vanuatu team, Lamnutu Village



Solar lights were also delivered to Imaelone Village on Tanna Island. Tess Natuman who is the leader of the Imaelone Women's Group expressed her gratitude to WFWP Australia. Tess is pictured in the centre in white. Jong Deug Yoo is pictured in the green shirt.



We would like to thank all our walkers, sponsors and supporters during the Annual 'Support our Pacific Neighbours Walk-a-thon'.



We had a lot of fun and you have made the lives of the women in the remote villages of Lamnutu and Imaelone, Vanuatu easier.

See you next year for the 2016 walk-a-thon.