

Lesson 6

Why should we help?

Christians must help others in need because we learn from the Bible that

- (a) God is concerned for the poor.
Deuteronomy 24: 19-21.
- (b) Matt 25: 31-46. **The Sheep and the Goats.** We will be judged by whether we have helped the poor or not.
- (c) Psalm 24:1 The land belongs to God - he has given us good things to share with others.

Assignment: What would you say to a person who says:-

- 1. "Poor people live too far away. I can't do anything to help them."
- 2. "People are poor because they are lazy. They should wake up and do some work/"
- 3. "They have too many children. That's why there are poor."
- 4. "It's God's fault. He should have made more fertile ground and more food".

Some comments on the assignment:

- (1) We can't send food etc like bananas, taro, because it would go bad; but all people everywhere are our neighbours and we should show love to all.
- (2) They are lazy because they don't have enough energy from food. If you don't have food, you get weak and sick, and can't work. Some can't work because they have no land and no job.
- (3) They have many children because many die, they need many hands to work, they need someone to look after them when they are old. They don't know about family planning.
- (4) God made good land and enough food for all. People have spoiled the land (pollution etc) and don't share food properly.

ACTIVITY: In groups, ask the students to plan.

- (a) how they could help poor people in Vanuatu.
- (b) how they could help poor people in other countries.