

Poverty on our doorstep!

St Matthew's Collegiate students make a difference

At the end of the school holidays, nine St Matthew's College (Master-ton) senior students returned from Tanna Island, Vanuatu, motivated to get behind this year's World Vi-sion 40 Hour Famine after witness-ing poverty firsthand.

Accompanied by Rev. Lesley Mouat (St Matthew's Collegiate Chaplain) and David Moger (NZ World Vision representative), the students fund raised for the trip themselves.

While they were on Tanna Island,

they stayed in rudimentary accom-modation –cold showers were the order of the day, and plenty of bug spray to deal to the crawlies!

The trip was an eye opener for everyone and the group had not envisaged the awful poverty, or the lack of infrastructure on the island that makes just getting around to the projects a major mission.

The whole team has come back to NZ realising how much they take life here for granted.

However, they are motivated by

a mission to raise enough money to make a significant difference to their Pacific neighbours.

St Matthew's Collegiate and World Vision would like to thank all those who have offered some assistance to make this trip possible, in par-ticular, Masterton Medical (for help with our medical needs) and Reeves Office Products, Masterton, for the donation of stationery items.

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