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Simon Robert Anthony Tipping

Simon Tipping is dedicated to helping provide education opportunities for young Tongans. He heads the Hornsby Pacific Education Trust, which supports St Andrew's High School in Nuku'alofa.

The Trust improves school buildings and equipment, helps upskill the teachers, and pays school and tertiary fees for children whose families can't afford them.

Simon took early retirement from his job as Associate Professor at the Massey University Music Conservatorium, so that he and his wife, Rachel, could undertake voluntary work somewhere in the world. It was a time to 'give back.' They were drawn to Tonga because a previous Christ's College Headmaster, Reg Hornsby, had spent two years helping to rebuild St Andrew's.

"We didn't know what we were to do there, we just went over and did whatever jobs needed doing. In the end there was so much that needed doing that we set up the Hornsby Trust to raise funds, and started bringing other volunteers over from New Zealand to help."

"Volunteering is a basic outworking of Jesus' teaching to love others."



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