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Garae was a young man from a small village on the island of Ambae. He grew up listening to his parents talk about how important it was to care for the people and the land.





One day, Garae decided he wanted to do more for his community, so he worked hard and was elected to parliament.





On his first day, Garae was nervous. He wore his best outfit and took his notes.



I hope I can properly represent everyone in my village and constituency, he thought as he walked into the Parliament Chambers in Port Vila.





The chamber was busy, with members of parliament greeting each other and shaking hands. As a member of parliament, Garae found his seat and looked around at the other members.







Everyone seemed so confident, unlike Garae who was full of nerves. But MP Garae reminded himself he had been chosen by his people to represent them. So he needed to be confident, too.





The Speaker of Parliament welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. MP Garae's heart was pounding as he listened to the discussion.





When it was his turn to speak, he stood up.

“My name is MP Garae,” he began, his voice shaking a little. “I am here to speak for my communities and my constituency. We need clean water, better schools, and help for our farmers. I hope that, together, we can make life better for everyone.”



The other members nodded and smiled. MP Garae felt a wave of pride and relief. He had done it. He had shared his people's needs.





At the end of the day, MP Garae walked home feeling hopeful. He knew the journey ahead would be hard, but he was ready.







MP Garae was not just a member of parliament; he was the voice for his communities, and he couldn't wait to make a difference.

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What city is the Parliament Chamber located in?



Why does MP Garae's people need him to speak for them?



How can the other members of parliament help MP Garae?

Do you know who your MP is?



Draft a letter about things you'd like to say to your MP!

About the author

Paulson Garae was born on Ambae Island and now lives in Port Vila. He decided to write a children's story so that his people could read for fun and learning, especially since he loves telling stories with his own family. Paulson's favourite stories as a child were those from the Bible, especially the creation week.



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