

First Phase Complete!

By Alan Brooks

It is with great joy that we announce that Phase 1 of the Papua New Guinea(PNG) Bible Distribution is complete! When we first began to give Bibles to the students of PNG, the magnitude was overwhelming. Distributing Bibles to all of the secondary schools would be a massive undertaking. It was necessary to raise \$810,000 for Phase 1. God is so good and God's people responded over and above what we could ask or think. Bibles have been purchased for the secondary schools and another 500,000 for the primary schools (56% of the Bibles needed for all the primary schools). Donors have contributed over \$2.3 million. Thank you! We have done all that can be done at this time. The secondary schools that have not received their Bibles are mainly in the earthquake area and the schools are not open. We are continuing to pray for the needed \$1.5 million to complete Phase 2 (primary schools).

Please keep all the workers in your prayers as we attempt to accomplish this project. Only eternity will truly reveal the impact of this Bible Distribution. It has been said numerous times, "You cannot have a harvest if you do not sow the seed, and the most fertile soil stays barren if the seed is not sown."

Many have asked what they can do to help.

1. Pray for travel safety for the distribution teams.
2. Pray that God's Word will find good ground.
3. Continue to give—\$3 puts a Bible into a student's hand.
4. Share this tremendous project with others.
5. Pray about coming to help distribute. Spots available for men only at this time. Contact Alan Brooks for information at alanb@bimi.org or (423) 504-3132.

I recently received the following story from one of our national pastors.

Each student and each teacher is receiving this precious gift with thankful hearts. The pastors in East New Britain (a province in PNG) are working together to give out the Word of God free of charge.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to our donors: churches, groups, individuals, and coordinators. You are always in our prayer of thanksgiving for your kind hearts. One particular Deputy Head Teacher was quoted as saying that he was going to start a devotional routine for all the students/teachers to read in sequence and to understand the

first seven (7) pages of the book (the plan of salvation). A principal of a big school of around 1,500 recipients said that he can now relate with students through The WORD OF GOD because they have one version, the King James Bible, a love gift from you to them. (edited for clarity)

I look forward to the day we can say, "Phase 2 is done!" Only God can do what has been done and, Lord willing, will be done.

Statistical Update:

605,000 – Bibles in country at this time

450,000 – Bibles distributed

165,000 – Bibles ordered and on the way to PNG

770,000 – Bibles in country by June 2019

344 – Secondary schools completed (all done that can be done at this time)

3,700 – Total primary schools in country

240 – Primary schools completed (more being done every day)

(+ 16 Universities/Colleges receiving Bibles)