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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends,

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes (Psalm 118:23). This verse certainly rings true here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). In February, Dennis McChargue, pastor from Brayton, Tennessee, and I landed in Port Moresby, PNG, to continue working on the Bible Project. One of our first goals upon arriving was to get the next two containers (115,000 Bibles) out of the port. After clearing the containers and storing the Bibles, we flew to the city of Kiunga. Kiunga is a town in the extreme Western Province of PNG, very close to the Indonesian border. It is extremely remote! We traveled immediately from the plane to the Kiunga primary school (850 students and teachers) to speak and distribute Bibles.



During the evenings, the local pastor set up special revival services for us. The first night we had six adults trust Christ as their Savior. What a great day! Our days were spent in Kiunga distributing and preaching in the schools during the days and preaching revival services at night. On the day we were scheduled to leave, our flight was canceled at the last minute, which is a common thing in remote areas. Welcome to Papua New Guinea, the land of the unexpected! We flew out the next day to another remote area of the Highlands to continue distributing to schools. I truly appreciate Pastor McChargue coming and helping. He was a great encouragement and his preaching was excellent—just what the people needed.



As Pastor McChargue was flying out to return to the United States, Brother Carl Vonnoh, BIMI CLAIM Director, arrived. His goal was to spend the next three weeks with me. As we all know, the Coronavirus has changed our lives greatly. What was supposed to be three weeks of working in the schools was cut short. The good news is that we were able to receive two more containers, which brought the total to four new containers this year. We now have 1 million Bibles that have been brought into the country! Of the one million, over 765,000 Bibles have

been distributed to students and teachers. Praise the Lord! Your gifts and prayers have made this possible, but we still have much work to do.

Brother Vonnoh and I were able to continue to give out Bibles in the schools even while dealing with the containers. We were able to do six more schools with 4,630 students and teachers during that week. The last school was a large teacher's college of over 1,400 students and teachers. The head of the school shared that over 35 years ago he had been given a New Testament as a gift to help him as a teacher. With tears in his eyes he said, "This Bible will now be my Bible to help me teach the teachers."



I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder.

Isaiah 29:14



We began to receive messages concerning the virus in the United States and in other countries. I received a call from Joe Marshall, BIMI missionary in Australia, telling me that the Prime Minister of Australia was about to close the borders to all travelers. The Papua New Guinea government began to lock things down as well. God was so good to allow us to do the schools that we were able to do and to know that the 230,000 Bibles are off the wharf and are now safely stored until we are able to visit the schools once again. In spite of the fact that the government was beginning the process of locking down all the borders, including travel within the country, Brother Vonnoh and I were able to get on one of the last flights out.

A national pastor shared with me his concerns about the virus and his people. Due to the lock down, many people are in need of food and medical care. Many pastors in America are able to put their services online but the churches in PNG do not have the ability to live stream their services. Please pray for the national pastors and the people of Papua New Guinea.

Recently, I received the following email from Pastor Gershom Leleko, who is the national pastor of Sword Baptist Church and who has helped tirelessly with the project.

Good morning to you brother Alan.

I know that when this project started many good things has happened. Here I want to share what happened when me and my team went out for the first school in 2020 which is almost 2 hours dinghy ride.

We went to a village call Aku and Gobe, we stayed there at Aku Wednesday to Friday, the people there want me to preach so I preach and God saved 44 souls and 2 more souls were saved through witnessing. We lead them all to the Lord Jesus for SALVATION.

One of them, a young man, around 25 years old, surrendered his life to go to Bible School to serve God. His name is Ephraim, meanwhile he will be attending SBBS (SWORD BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL). Yesterday he came with me to Popondetta town so now he is with me.

Please help PRAY with him for God's direction. Glory to God for great things he hath done. Also help PRAY with me how to build and disciple this 45 who are back in Aku village, I am planning to plant a church there.

Thank you brother Alan for your good heart to support us Pastors to distribute the BIBLES in our Provinces. Thank you once again for your time.

THANK YOU BROTHER ALAN

Ps Gershom Leleko
Popondetta

As we can all testify, the virus has changed many things in the world. I have often wondered if our Lord is trying to give all of us a wake-up call to the brevity of life and how quickly things can change. To those who have prayed and to those who have sacrificially given to make this project possible, may you be encouraged that your prayers are being answered and your gifts are being used. Please be assured, the Bible Distribution will continue until the last Bible is given out as God opens the door for travel and the schools are open once again. We certainly covet your continued prayers, and we praise God for all He has done!

Sincerely,

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