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Dear Friends,

With great joy, I write to tell how God is continuously working in Papua New Guinea. The schools have exams in November and are out during the months of December and January. Because of this, I returned to the United States during this time. My schedule has kept me busier than I had planned. It was a joy to travel to Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee for meetings reporting the progress of the Bible project.

I would like to share a few highlights of our last trip. I traveled to the city of Wau in Morobe Province with a national pastor to distribute Bibles. It was a joy to speak to students at the Wau Baptist Bible College. This is a great training school for preachers and their wives that was started by several missionaries. They are doing a great work! While speaking, I noticed a young woman with one of the Bibles that we distribute to students. After the session, I asked her name and how she had received the Bible. Hilda said, "Don't you remember, you came to our school on Sidea Island a couple of years ago. We met under a big mango tree and you shared the Gospel." My mind went back to a three-hour ride in a dinghy, traveling over rough seas to get to the island. A group of young men from Canada had come to help in the distribution. When we arrived on the island, we spoke to 220 students at the only school there. Only then did we learn that it was a Catholic vocational school. I remembered so vividly presenting the Gospel and the young men with me giving their testimonies to the students and handing Bibles to each of them. Hilda said, "I was a student and now am saved and my husband and I are attending Wau Baptist Bible College and are planning on going out to start churches in the villages." I am so glad that God allows us to know a few things before we get to heaven. Stories like this encourage me to keep going for the Lord.



I recently received a picture from the *Post Courier*, a national newspaper in PNG. On the front page of a special section within that newspaper was a picture of a young woman holding one of the Bibles and the headline "A New Era for Bougainville." Bougainville is an island province of Papua New Guinea that was the site of major battles during WWII.

Brother Butch Abbett, who came and spent three weeks in PNG helping deliver the Bibles, was preaching in a church in Virginia when a gentleman came forward to make a special offering for the Bible distribution. Mr. Everett Burns Gilliam, presently 96 years old, served as a 19-year-old Marine during WWII on the island of Bougainville. He stated, "Those folks were nice to me and I want to help give



*I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder.*  
Isaiah 29:14

them Bibles.” This picture is of Mr. Gillam and his platoon in 1942 on the island. He has repeatedly donated to help. What a blessing! Only God could make this happen. Truly, our steps are ordered by the Lord!

It is amazing to see the way God is working in Papua New Guinea. I often receive emails or messages from national pastors all across this country desiring that we come and bring Bibles to help distribute to students in schools around their area. The following email came from Pastor Kendy Lamai. His church is in the city of Kiunga, which is close to the Indonesian border in the extreme western section of the country. We had to ship the Bibles up several rivers by boat to reach this area.

*Thank you, Brother Alan. I have already spoken to the school inspector. He said, Lord willing, he will help us in some of the remote places. We are praying and ready to dedicate the Bibles before we distribute them to schools and are anxiously awaiting your arrival. Thanks, Brother!*

*In Christ, Pastor Kendy Lamai*

My heart breaks because there are so many places that are waiting for the distribution of the Bibles. Most of these places are remote and extremely difficult to reach and we do not know what we are going to face. What an open door but what a need for laborers!

I recently received the following email from Missionary Bob Rutta in New Zealand. Brother Rutta has gone to Papua New Guinea several times to help distribute Bibles. It is amazing to see how God is using this project not only in Papua New Guinea but also in other countries. I asked him if I could share the following story as he shared it with me.

*The Lord gave us a sweet blessing at church today. A lady from Goroka, Karen Toroi, attended our church. She is going to be working on a Master’s Degree at our university, so she will be living in Dunedin for the next three years. Her husband and four-year-old daughter will be moving here next month. She brought another lady that is from Vanuatu with her that she had met at the university. She said that she had searched church web sites and came to us because of our doctrinal stand. What makes it special is that I mentioned that I was in Goroka and the Eastern Highlands a few months ago and she was really surprised. Then she recognized that I had preached at her church on a Wednesday night. She is from the church in Goroka where we stored a lot of the Bibles and almost got the truck stuck. She is also a pastor’s daughter. Her father is a pastor in Rabaul and was involved in the Bible distribution in his area. She knows you and said you had worked with her father. It really is a small world.*

By the time you receive this update we should have a total of one million Bibles in the country. The four containers will be arriving this month with the additional 230,000 Bibles. Lots of work will be needed to ship them around the country then to distribute them to the students in many of the remote areas. Thank you for your support and prayers. Will you please pray for our continued health that God will sustain us for the work that needs to be done?

Your Co-laborers,



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**370 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN COUNTRY**  
**354 SECONDARY SCHOOLS DONE**  
**28 UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES**  
**3,700 PRIMARIES IN COUNTRY**  
**1,278 PRIMARY SCHOOLS DONE**