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It is a joy to report that the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Bible Distribution continues. One example of this is the following: Gershon Leleko, a national pastor, and the men of Sword Baptist Church in Popondetta had the joy of distributing Bibles to the students in Vudal University. Popondetta is a coastal city located in the eastern province of Ora. In spite of the required need for social distancing, the students received the Bibles with great excitement.

As the summer temperatures rise here in the United States so have things heated up in PNG in a different way. COVID-19 has had its effects. The visa I have been working under in PNG for the last four years has been changed. I have had to begin the process of applying once again but this time for a special work visa to enable me to return to the country. Please pray as this required visa must be done in PNG by a national sponsor while I am required to be out of the country. There are now pages and pages of forms to fill out and multiple background checks that must be sent to the immigration services. Who would have thought that at my age I would need to prove I graduated from high school and college? Praise the Lord, I still have my diplomas! Once this is completed and approved, I must travel to the Papua New Guinea Embassy in Washington, D.C. to receive the proper stamps in my passport. Again, I ask that you pray that the visa will be approved quickly. At this time, most of the countries in Southeast Asia have locked down all international travel. This holds true for PNG as well. This has caused a great deal of chaos. Dr. Wingi, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education, said to me over the phone, "The new restrictions are causing a concern for all of us." Please pray!

Recently, while preaching at a church in Georgia, I had the joy of seeing a young couple come to Christ. What a blessing! When they came back on Sunday night, the pastor had the congregation sing, "There's a New Name Written Down in Glory." He then had the people testify as to when they had been saved. Many people told when and where they had trusted the Lord. The young lady who was saved that morning shouted out, "This morning!" Hallelujah!

I mentioned a while back to please pray for some health issues that I have been experiencing. I was diagnosed with Ménière's disease and have lost complete hearing in my left ear. I was also diagnosed with type two diabetes, requiring insulin shots. God has been very gracious and through much prayer and a very strong, rigid diet, things seem to be under control. I am happy to report that as of my last doctor visit, I am no longer on insulin but instead take one pill daily for this condition. I still have to be very careful with certain things but God has been very good to give me the strength to continue on the path He has chosen for my life in serving Him.

Sometimes, God gives us circumstances that causes us to have to push the reset button in our lives to help us see more clearly. We realize now more than ever how prayer changes things and that we must walk by faith and not by sight in our trust for what God has planned each day. Thank you again for your continued financial support and for lifting us up in prayer. We could not do what we are doing if it were not for dear folks like you.

Sincerely,

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