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PNG Update

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It was a joy to have BIMI missionaries Mickey Schrimshire and Robbie Leonard travel with me to aid in the Bible Distribution Project. Although Mickey has come many times to Papua New Guinea (PNG), this was Robbie's first trip. It was a great blessing to me personally to have these two experienced missionaries work alongside Pastor Holmes Tako, Pastor Ripa Nelson (both national pastors), and me.

We flew to Mt. Hagen in the Western Highlands to rent a flatbed truck and a land cruiser to travel to an area in Southern Highlands that has been extremely difficult to reach due to there being no actual road to the schools. The only way was by an extra-long hike through the bush. We were so glad to find out that the government was in the process of building a road and were told that it was passable and predicted it would take us about four hours. We loaded up the two trucks, the flatbed with 125 boxes of Bibles and a Land Cruiser with our food, water, and containers of diesel fuel because there were no stores or service stations.

Reality hit us pretty hard when it took us eight and a half hours on the most challenging road. It had rained and the mud was unbelievable! We finally arrived well after dark at a small guesthouse. Even with no electricity or running water (unless you run and get it), we were all so tired from the day's travel that we were thankful for a place to rest. God was so good as we started early the next morning going to secondary and primary schools. We had to have a large excavator that had been working on the road push the flatbed truck up one of the mountains and at other times, we added rocks to the truck to get enough weight. I am sure we amused the locals as we hung on the back of the truck bouncing to get traction up some of the hills, as the rocks were not enough. When I fell off the back of the truck, I was thankful after further inspection that I was limited to a few cuts and bruises but thankfully not any broken bones. Brother Mickey also went through some medical issues as well and we found ourselves grateful for a medical doctor to help.

People from the villages would come out to the road to meet us to help get the Bibles to the schools. This trip was well worth the effort to give the Gospel to over 4,000 young people and hand each one of them a copy of God's Word. To have young people and teachers with tears share their joy in owning their very own Bible was such a blessing.

Once we returned to Mt. Hagen in the Western Highlands, we were surprised to see the Attorney General and a member of the cabinet in Parliament, the Honorable Pila Niningi (a dear friend and faithful member of an independent Baptist church). While fellowshiping together, he shared his burden of the need for a missionary to come to his village in the Southern Highlands. He stated that they had had a missionary living there before but because of health reasons had to leave PNG. He also said that they already have a house and a church that has a building but no missionary or preacher. Please pray that God will send a missionary with a heart for these people and the village of Piambil, Southern Highlands.

Please continue to pray as we see the hand of God continue to work in the hearts of Papua New Guineans. As your missionaries to Southeast Asia, we are thankful for your continued support that makes these projects possible.

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Attorney General Pila Niningi



Help from a Large Excavator



Hagara Primary School



Robbie Leonard, Mickey Schrimshire, Myself & School Boys



Erave Secondary School