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As I write an update as to what is happening in Papua New Guinea (PNG), my mind is flooded with all the current activities. These include the chance to visit multiple schools to distribute Bibles in multiple areas of the country at the same time, the arrival of three more containers (165,000 Bibles), the privilege to speak and give the Gospel to the Papua New Guinea Hunters (a professional rugby league based in PNG), and the opportunity to meet with several members of Parliament. God is obviously working in countless ways to fulfill His will in this country.

In March and April, we had teams of missionaries and national pastors assisting Missionary Mickey Schrimshire and me in distributing Bibles in schools in 11 of the 22



provinces at the same time. This is a direct answer to prayer. One or two people cannot accomplish this monstrous job. It is encouraging to see enthusiasm among born again believers including many national pastors as they purpose in their hearts to distribute to their area of the country. One pastor mentioned to me that he had spoken to more teenagers in one week than in 21 years of pastoring. Another pastor said, “You have taught us, equipped us, and encouraged us for the work. We are going to faithfully fulfill this project.” It is like the book of Nehemiah—each building their section of the wall. Truly, we are seeing that *the people had a mind to work*. There is so much more to be done, but by God’s grace, we are systematically and step-by-step working to accomplish the goal.



While in the city of Kimbe in the West New Britain Province, we learned that several thousand Bibles that had been shipped to this island area of the country had not been picked up as planned. They were left on the wharf for a very long time. This could have cost many thousands of dollars but God worked in the hearts of those in authority. We prayed and when we went to get them out, we were not charged any storage fees and they even took a forklift and moved them to the very place we needed them to be so that we might prepare them for distribution to the schools throughout the island. During this time, the container was vandalized and some of the Bibles were

stolen. When I commented about this to the wharf manager, he said, “Well, maybe they got converted.” A thought then came to my mind, “Can a Bible really ever be put into the wrong hands?”

Several weeks ago, I spoke at the Waigani Academy in Port Moresby. The young people listened so well and showed much appreciation for the Bibles in spite of the tremendous heat that day. Those students stood in the hot sun to hear me speak and then stood in long lines to receive a Bible. That next weekend, there was a terrible automobile accident. The driver of a land cruiser lost control and drove into a crowd of people at a local outdoor market. Sadly, three people were killed. One of those was a grade 12 student from Waigani Academy. My hope and prayer is that

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

Isaiah 29:14

he truly listened and received Christ as his Savior. Who would have known that he would die within just a few days after hearing the Gospel presented in a school assembly and after receiving a Bible? Time is so short and we must hasten our efforts to reach people for Christ.

After presenting the Gospel and giving out Bibles at one particular school, a Christian teacher at that school told the story of another teacher who trusted Christ as his personal Savior and then used the tract that is printed in the front of the Bible that he received to lead his wife to the Lord. Soon after, the other teachers asked the Christian teacher if he would lead them in a before school Bible study, which he is now doing. He also said that the students behave so much better now that they are all reading their own Bibles.

On the last day of March, I received a call from two pastors in the province of Simbu. They had traveled to a remote area to distribute the Bibles to over 1,700 young people. They reported that the teachers cried openly with joy and the principal got up and said, "God has come and visited our school today."

Michael Marum, the coach for the Papua New Guinea Hunters National Rugby Team, called and asked if I would have devotions with the players on a Thursday night. The team had greatly changed since last year now with 18 new players. They were preparing for their first game of the year. After sharing the Gospel, I was asked to hold an invitation for any who would like to trust Christ as their Savior. With all



watching, 15 young men stood and raised their hands asking Christ to be their Savior. I thought that they might not have understood and I had them all sit back down. I went through it a second time and again 15 stood up to acknowledge Christ as their Savior. Praise God for the working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of these young men! I think even the coach was surprised and asked for a special picture to be taken.

Please continue to pray for us. We have received three more containers. By the end of May, we will have brought into the country 770,000 Bibles. Over 600,000 have been distributed at this time. We have committed to give as many Bibles as we have money to purchase. Please pray that God will continue to supply as there are so many more to be reached.

Much work is being done in this country. What an exciting time to be serving the Lord! Again, please continue to pray that God will give us laborers to help here in Papua New Guinea. Many times in churches, we give our prayer request. Our Lord shared his prayer request in Matthew 9:38, *Pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest,*

that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Brethren, please pray with us for laborers. Pray and ask God what He would have you do. If you are interested in coming to help us for any length of time at all, please contact me at alanb@bimi.org.

Yours for the cause of Christ and for souls,

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