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

Isaiah 29:14

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Dear Praying Friends,

On May 26, Mickey Schrimshire and I returned to Papua New Guinea (PNG) as the students began the second term of classes for the year. The first few days were spent working on the logistics of the coming containers. As of this month, we will have five additional containers of Bibles that have arrived into the country, making this a total count of 11 containers.

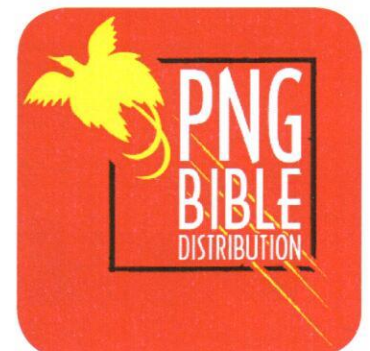


The greatest joy for us is to personally place God's Word into the hand of a student, but much work must be done before we ever get to that point. The procedure to receive the containers involves a large amount of paperwork that must be completed on the wharf and then to move those containers to their designated places for storage. Each one has 55,000 Bibles, which are in boxes of 36 Bibles each. This means that each container has 1,528 boxes weighing 13 kg (29 lbs.) each. The boxes must be removed by hand from the containers and put into storage for shipping to multiple cities in PNG. This must be done in a timely manner as we are only given two weeks to return the containers back to the shippers or they will begin charging us rental fees. That

seems like a long time, but nothing ever moves quickly out of port. Simply getting possession of the containers can sometimes take days of encouraging the right people. We then must repack the Bibles onto pallets to hold 70 boxes each for shipping to the outward islands and bush areas by boat or truck. My reason for explaining this is to ask you to pray for us as we work on the logistical issues that we have concerning distribution.

During the second week of June at the airport in Port Moresby, we were excited to welcome Dr. David Snyder and Mr. Kenneth Fink from the Home Office of Baptist International Missions, Inc. They came to take part in the distribution of Bibles in PNG. We flew north to the province of Madang, where much of the area requires rough travel to get to the schools in the bush. Once there we went by small boat for three hours to the island of Karkar. The trip was extremely difficult through the open seas but very rewarding as we visited all four schools on the island. While on the island, we traveled in an

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open truck for hours. On our way back to the boat, rain caused a delay due to the flooding of a large creek. After finally crossing, we were able to travel by a small boat three hours back to the mainland, arriving well after dark with just enough fuel. God's protecting hand was so evident.

The only secondary schools yet to do will be in the Southern Highlands and Hela Provinces. The earthquake hit this area the hardest. There has been a great deal of upheaval in these provinces, causing some schools to postpone classes due to damage while others

are experiencing tribal fighting. These riots among the tribes caused the burning of a commercial airplane and the provincial courthouse. There were a number of deaths due to the rioting. The Prime Minister has had to declare Marshal Law in these two provinces. Please pray that things will calm down and we will be able to safely distribute the Bibles.

On June 18, we were able to begin giving Bibles to the primary schools in the National Capital District. We have now begun Phase 2 of the Bible project, which is to distribute to the primary schools in the major metropolitan areas. These schools are grades 4 through 8. The reception was extremely exciting.

The Lord has given us an overwhelming opportunity to reach the young people of a whole country that truly needs your prayers. Please check out the new video update at www.bimi.org/png. I personally feel it will help you understand this project and what God is doing—better than I can ever express on paper. Be sure to read the attached letter from Dr. David Snyder about his recent trip to PNG. Thank you so much for giving and praying as we work and distribute in the country of Papua New Guinea.

Your Co-laborers,



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