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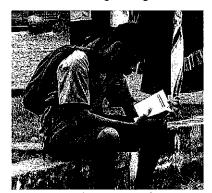
Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

As the new year has arrived, it is with joy we report on the ongoing progress of the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Bible Distribution. Schools have been closed from November through the end of January for their summer break. We will be returning to PNG the first of February to continue. Much communication has been made with our national pastors concerning the plans for the continued distribution of the Bibles among the students, grades 4–8.

It will be a great blessing to have a pastor from the United States come and assist Brother Mickey Schrimshire and me for two weeks in February and then another pastor who will be coming for three weeks in March. Would you please consider coming to Papua New Guinea to help with this project? Due to conditions, housing, and areas of travel, we are asking that only men come. Would you please pray and ask God what He would have you do? We need your help!

I have included some pictures of the students reading the Bibles right after they received them. These are not staged pictures but spontaneous snapshots. It is amazing to see their desire to read the Word of God and to know its Truths.

We are excited to report that on the island of Bougainville, Missionary Kenny Keck will be starting a new church in an area where there are no Baptist churches. We will be partnering with him by distributing Bibles in all the primary schools in this area. All the Bibles will be stamped with this new church's information and contact numbers. What a great way to introduce the people of the area to this beginning church!



After speaking and distributing Bibles at another school in the Southern Highlands, a young student named Gramex shared the following note. I believe he truly understood the Gospel and that he wanted to thank us from the bottom of his heart. The following is the interpretation of what he wrote.

"I know my salvation now. At Thursday's Chapel class Brother Alan Brooks preached, I was saved, and the date was August 30, 2018. I am thankful to Missionary Brother Alan Brooks. Thank you and God will bless you. My Bible verse is Mark 1:30–45. I am very thankful that God saved me from all my sin."



In a recent PNG Post-Courier newspaper article, Natalie Cholohei wrote an article about the PNG Bible Project. "Students and teachers of Huonville Primary School have received King James Bibles. The Baptist International Missions,

Inc. (BIMI), has again distributed 1,764 Bibles to the school, aimed to encourage students to know more about the Word of God. Huonville Primary School head teacher Willie Vilakiva said the Bibles are fitting for quality education of a student through knowing the Word of God. 'Every student, every child needs the Word of God, and I am thankful BIMI has made this a reality for the students."



Only eternity will truly reveal all that God is doing in Papua New Guinea. Please pray that God would touch the hearts of people to give towards the Bibles and for our personal support as faith missionaries. May God truly bless those who have given so sacrificially to make this project possible. If you could only see the eyes of the children as they are handed their own Bibles, you would know that it is worth the sacrifice.

Sincerely,

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