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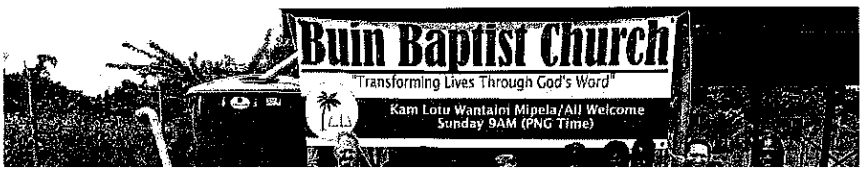


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New Guinea (PNG)! As schools have begun for 2019, Missionary returned on February 5 to once again continue the Bible Distribution Project. I immediately traveled to the island of Bougainville, where we met for Sunday church services in the town of Buin, a very remote area. In the morning we all went out to distribute Bibles to local primary schools. Over the week, we were able to distribute 8,500 Bibles and present the teachers alike. Each Bible has the stamped contact information from the church. One parent of a student who received a Bible attended the Sunday service. This is just one example of what is occurring all over PNG because of the Bible Distribution Project. Please pray for Brother Brooks as they reach out and minister to these dear people with this new and great way to get started!

Now, one of our BIMi representatives was sharing the Bible Project in Virginia when an elderly gentleman walked up to him after he was carrying a blank check and wanted one of the men to fill it out to donate to the Bible Fund. He stated that he had been stationed in PNG during World War II and that the native people had been very nice and wanted to help give Bibles to them. With joy, I shared that story with the missionaries and teachers at the schools here in Bougainville and they began to cry. While many started crying in thanks to the donators for allowing them to have their own Bibles. Heaven is going to be a wonderful place of reunion.

Moresby to continue distributing Bibles to the primary schools in the district. The enrollment in this geographically small area, yet, densely populated with approximately 50,000 young people. After a great meeting with over 20 Baptist pastors, we scheduled school visits and began distribution. It has been a great time for teams of missionaries to spend a different amount of time to



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help. Brother William Craig has been a missionary to Japan for 43 years. The students enjoyed hearing him speak Japanese and play his trumpet. After two weeks of hard work, they headed for home, while Pastor Stan Heindel from Pensacola, Florida, arrived to help for three weeks. Southeast Asia Director Steven Maldoff arrived the first of the week to assist again in this distribution. On Friday, we had a team of four men from Falls Baptist Church in Wisconsin, including Assistant Pastor Mark Gillmore. Praise the Lord for the encouragement and much needed help!

We have been able to work in multiple areas at the same time, which is allowing us to accomplish much distribution. Since the start of schools this year, our teams have been able to preach the Gospel and give out over 50,000 Bibles. As I write, we have many national pastors who have caught the vision to help finish this project. One veteran pastor of 20 plus years told me he spoke to more young people in the last three days than ever in his ministry. This means we have personally given out approximately 550,000 Bibles since the beginning of this project. We give God all of the glory as He alone is our enabler!

We have three more containers arriving in the country by the end of April. There are so many logistical issues in receiving and getting these containers to different areas of the country. I truly covet your fervent prayers, as I need God's wisdom and knowledge in the decisions needed to be made for this operation. Safety is another area of concern as we are doing an extreme amount of travel, some over rough terrain or by plane with many of the primary schools located in remote areas. Extreme heat and rain are an issue as well. Many times, we have had to ask God to please stop the rain so that we could make it to the schools on the rain drenched muddy roads and so that we could hold the school assemblies since most all of them must be held outside.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for this ongoing project. Thank you also for those who support us personally. We could not do this job without your help! May we give God all the praise and glory for all that has been accomplished thus far in Papua New Guinea!

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