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Dear Friends,

Henry Norm displays rare caliber. Faced with bribery offers and misappropriation of funds situations on various occasions, Henry has thus far conducted himself with integrity, both in his official capacity and in his personal life. Many government officials throughout PNG use government-issued vehicles (“for official use only”) for personal reasons. When Henry’s wife and teenager pressed him on a number of occasions to use his government vehicle to run to the grocery store, etc, Henry decided to buy his own car. Not many governmental leaders in PNG would be willing to make that decision.

Henry serves as Provincial Administrator of West Sepik Province (Sandaun Administration), which effectively means that he runs the province. On the job for four years now, he was appointed by the National Executive Council when the previous P.A. decided to run for an elected position.

A couple of years ago Henry invited Eric and another trainer to conduct leadership workshops in Vanimo for top officials in West Sepik Province. Another such three-day workshop is planned for late February this year, with Eric and Reuben presenting. Please pray for effective instruction resulting in transformation for those participating.

On June 11-13, 2014 Henry linked up with Eric to conduct a leadership workshop for officials in Wewak in East Sepik Province – first time for Henry as an instructor. He did very well, skillfully blending in personal and culturally relevant experiences with Biblical teaching. At the end of the workshop, Henry (on left) was presented with a gift by Alphonse Kami, Human Resources manager for East Sepik Province.

In addition to his 8 – 5 government job, Henry has planted and now pastors a church in Vanimo known as Potter’s House. In our first visit to Vanimo in 2012 Henry was eager to have us worship with him so we took up the offer. He’s a skillful preacher and gives priority to bringing young men into the church and discipling them.

Praise God...

- We’re back in Ambunti looking forward to 2015 ministry opportunities.
- Nassy has 17 new applicants for Sikamo Bible School.
- Catherine Tani continues distributing books with enthusiasm.
- A mission in Lae purchased 1000 copies of With All My Heart for RI (Religious Instruction).

May the Lord’s dunamis power and joy be with you,

Eric and Penny Schering

