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Dear Friends,

It is amazing what the Lord is doing in Papua New Guinea through the Religious Education (RE) program of the PNG Education Department! The Education Department actively encourages all high school to teach R.E. The problem is the Education Department doesn't provide any resources.

Most of the pastors teaching R.E. are just "preaching" they don't have any books. Back in 2013, somehow or other Pastor Terence heard about Pacific Island Ministries, and our involvement with providing resources for R.E. He came knocking on our door in Wewak in the East Sepik Province.

Over the last five years we have provided for Pastor Terence for RE use at Maprik High School:

- In 2014 – 70 copies of *With All My Heart* book.
- In 2015 – 150 copies of *Ten Hot Topics*
- In 2016 – 203 copies of *Eleven More Hot Topics*
- In 2017 – 250 copies of *Leadership for Melanesia*
- In 2018 – 290 copies of *David a Man After God's Own Heart*

It is absolutely amazing how PNG high school students are very interested in learning what the Word of God teaches about Sorcery, Domestic Violence, Land Disputes and the other topics in *Ten Hot Topics*! (below: Pastor Terence teaching RE class in Maprik High School)

In 2017 Andreas, who teaches Science and Personal Development at Maprik High, tagged along with Pastor Terence to the PIM house in Wewak and asked us about the book *Heroes at the End of the Earth*, written by Neal and Martha Kooyers. Eric replied, "Sure, how many copies would you like, 70?" Andreas: "1200 copies."

That was a bit of a shock, but we had 1200 copies to give him. *Heroes at the End of the Earth* works out well as an English literature book for the PNG context.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, these books and the teaching of Pastor Terence have produced dramatic results. Nationwide in PNG, only 40% of grade 12 graduates make it into universities. The 12th graders who take the exam near the end of the school year need to be in the top 40% to gain entrance into tertiary.

Of the 56 students Pastor Terence taught for 4 years, every one of them were accepted into some university in PNG! Of the 1200 students in Maprik High School, 75% made it into tertiary school, very unusual for in PNG.

Thanks for your interest in the ministry in PNG!

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