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Dear Friends,

While shopping at stores in the coastal town, some verses from Psalm 24 kept going through my mind, "He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."



Some PIM teachers relaxing in the late afternoon shade with most sitting six feet



Hardware stores had the best hand washing stations, others had less elaborate systems. At one store a security guard pumped hand sanitizer for each customer coming into the store, The young son of a road side seller even washed the money given for a papaya, good thing the bills are mostly plastic.

Thus far less than twenty in the Papua New Guinea have tested positive for Covid19 with no deaths reported. Town markets have reopened. Churches can have meetings, Travel restrictions are relaxing, although last week the virus awareness team arrived in Ambunti with and began a 6pm to 6am river travel curfew with fines. Several police were sent upriver to watch for border crossers who might have contracted the virus while on the Indonesian part of the island.

It is usual at this time of year to have an Easter break, and then schools reopen. This year it had to be approved by the government department in charge of the Covid19 state of emergency. PIM teachers have come to down to Ambunti for supplies and information on how to operate their classes which will start soon. Friday they left for their village allocations



Other PIM employees have resumed their duties and happy to get started once again, whether it's carpentry, plumbing, or working in an office.

We live by faith and not by sight,

In Thanks,
Douglas Heidema
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PNG has never had a history of ox cart use. The workmen decided this mode of transport for the tank would be less damaging than rolling it.