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Dear Friends,

Here are few excerpts from teacher reports of last year. They will be beginning the school year in mid-February, please pray that the PIM teachers will be able to give an answer for the hope that they have. Please pray that as they sit in their houses, walk by the way, lie down, and rise up that they teach the Word of God and His salvation to children in their classes and to the villages in which they minister.



Girls at a village PIM school.

Wesley Walu, Manga #2

Besides teaching the elementary students in Manga I like to gather the young people and encourage them about their futures. I tell them God's word must be in them for benefit of their generation and I pray for them.

Albert Sailas, Jama #1

I have seen the power of God in my life in the form of good blessings in the village where I work. I have 27 students doing Grade Two who have memorized the verses that go with each letter of the alphabet and can read With All My Heart in English.

I am thankful to the late pastor Wakuri who taught us to do Bible outlines which helps us preach well. Thank you to Eric and Penny for the chart and other books to help us in our teaching. We are also very thankful for the water catchment house and two big tanks giving us good water to drink.

Bonny Aunak, Yawa #1

(In addition to teaching) I take part in church activities every day and preach the word of God. I teach the kids how to pray and sing new songs. Because I am involved in teaching and preaching, I'm motivated to study the Bible beforehand; that's how I have grown spiritually.

Carol Swayiou, Amaki #2

Thank you to God for sending me like the disciples to do his work of proclaiming His good news to men and women. Yes, I teach all the women here to read and write, and I gather the



Learning to make a string bag.

mothers regularly to a prayer meeting and worship service during the week. My women's literacy class has 28 mothers in it and we meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Your prayers helped us very much to improve the ministries in East Sepik and in Papua New Guinea as a whole.

Does God live forever? Do good people go to heaven and bad people go to the other place? Where is heaven? Questions spill out of children as their curious minds ponder the world around them and beyond. Youngsters sometimes exhaust adults with their never-ending string of why questions. Godly parents and teachers have the duty to give answers that will instruct and guide inquisitive individuals in paths of truth pleasing to the Lord.

Our God finds this dialogue with children so essential that He details it in Deuteronomy 6:4–7, “The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

PIM teachers realize their calling is greater than classroom teaching of reading, writing, and arithmetic. They are in village ministry! Prayfully they are proficient, purposeful, ambassadors for Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Douglas Heidema



Morning drill assembly before class at Oum school.