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Dear Co-worker:

In the February newsletter we wrote about observations by national teachers and other staff members on how your support contributes to building Christ's kingdom in PNG. This month we continue with their comments as they work to partner with you. The name in bold is the village location. These people often work in very isolated situations. In some cases the work is new, as can be seen by the requests for clean water.

* **Singiouk:** I would like David Wakuri to come and present his course about being diligent in work and the use of money. I wish we could have a permanent church with a metal roof to eliminate the hard work of roof maintenance repairs and provide clean water.

It would be nice if we could build a double classroom this year. We are building ground for the new school. Each day we have blessings. We have little sickness and few problems. But we need a rain catchment water system. Please pray for my children attending the Waramu High School.

* **Manamei:** I walk from my home village about four and a half hours to get to work. Last year we moved the school to a new location. I hold devotions, teach memory verses, and the Ten Commandments. I have received blessings in my life from teaching *Wantaim Olgeta Bel Na Tingting Bilong Mi* (the Melanesian version of *With All My Heart*) to the children.

We have problems regarding water. It is very difficult to get it and cook food. Many students get sick. Is it possible for PIM to erect a water system?

* **Waniap:** First, I want to say I have worked for nine years with PIM and I want to thank Father God. He gives me wisdom and understanding in my work each day. God looks after us and our family is protected, and I learn new things.

We need better means of transport and we need a rain catchment water system for the village and a clinic nearby when we get sick.

* **Kupkain:** I teach school and I also help the village pastor with his preaching. Kupkain is my home village. Last year I helped supervise the construction of a school using high posts so that it would escape the high waters during the flood period. In the past we had to close the school during the high water.

I wish to give great thanksgiving to Father God for His love and protection of my family. Earlier there was not much cooperation coming from the villagers in providing food and firewood for us. But



A mother fishes while caring for children, Mothers have multitasked even before the word came into usage.

now we are being blessed by their spirit of generosity. It is true, my wife got sick and could not work for six months, but the illness decreased little by little, and now all of us are healthy. All the glory must go to God Himself, God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. Please pray for my wife Janet about her health, the Kubkain church worship and work schedule, and our son Karl attending the Ambunti High School.

* **Mowi:** This year I am working in my home village of Mowi. We do not have any major personal problems. However, one is transport. We have no canoe or motor.

But many Christians seem to have fallen away in Mowi, and community support for us has dropped. Please pray for this and for the local pastor.



Three canoes arrive for a PIM training course. High fuel costs necessitate group travel for participants who come from different riverside villages.

* **Tauri:** I work in my home village of Tauri and many good things happen here in my life and family. It is true

we face troubles but we also see the good times. Father God looks out for us and blesses the work and our family.

We have worked at trying to reach out to others and started a work among the youth. Slowly the youth group is growing and we see improvement in character. We would like to see the construction of more water systems in the Sepik region like PIM used to do.

Please continue to pray for the printing of the 10,000 copies of *Enduring Principles* and the transport and distribution of it and the 10,000 copies of *With All My heart* in English. The printed word has powerful effect and the Lord is using it to touch the hearts and souls of many in PNG.

In His grace,

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