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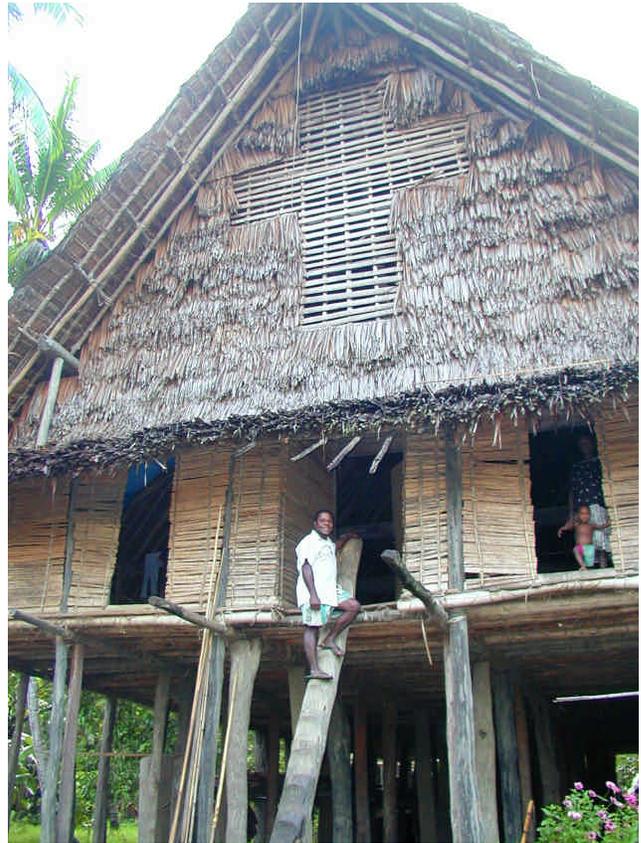
Dear Co-worker:

On May 31, a Sunday, fifty six years ago, on a Memorial Day weekend we decided to leave our teaching and administrative positions in Mount Shasta, California and see what the Lord wanted us to do in a special assignment in kingdom service. (The 2015 calendar is identical to that of 1959.) As we consider the years since, with the many supporters of the Seattle area and elsewhere still with us in spirit and financial commitment, we greatly rejoice in the Lord's love and leading. At this writing I'm looking at a letter received from a long term supporter through her church in the Midwest which reads, "I'm sure you are thankful for what God has done in you and through you and your family [in New Guinea]...May God encourage you too in whatever He still enables you to do."

We *are* most thankful and the Lord *does* encourage us in what we are enabled to do. As you know, Eric and Penny Schering work to inspire the troops in PNG (and also USA). Doug and Leah Heidema live in Reno where Doug lovingly and faithfully cares for Leah in advanced stages of MS and does a magnificent job working on and reporting PIM's finances (in both PNG and the USA), along with handling the technical aspects of PIM's and OMI's writings. In my COO responsibilities: taking care of the office affairs, the various aspects of writing and overseeing, and caring for Martha in her lounge chair along with home chores, I marvel how the Lord accomplishes and cares so much for us all with so little monetary input.

Your prayers and support arrange for the ten thousand copies of the English *With All My Heart* to be on their way to Lae and Wewak in PNG. *WAMH* is the popular text book in PNG that provides the essentials of our faith and is used in PIM schools, missions, churches, government schools, and even those confined in jails. Ten thousand copies of *Enduring Principles for Living and Leadership* with its attractive cover has been printed with shipment being prepared for delivery to Lae.

Penny informs us that the crews have finished the clinic at Mowi village on the Sepik River except for the plumbing. She says the course of the river is changing in the Tauri area and it also threatens the villages of Oum 1 and 2. The meandering character of the Sepik in the lower plain menaces the livelihood of the villagers, so when the river cuts off and makes an oxbow, it may force a large portion



The unique front of an all bush material house in Oum village.

of or the entire village to build elsewhere. Building a home along the Sepik to adjust to the flood waters is a huge undertaking, but for the entire village or a portion of it to move makes matters extremely difficult. Normally, when one family needs to reconstruct, others in the village help out, but when it happens to a whole village it creates an acute situation.



Sepik River oxbows can make travel confusing to the unfamiliar traveler as did this oxbow when it was still open to the main river course

Permit a meditating thought. Is it because of these problems that the Sepik people regularly face in living, that a proper spirit arises in their hearts that tells them they need assistance? With this spirit comes a humility that has them call for help and look to the Lord when they hear a witness to the truth. Therefore they become a type that responds to the gospel? Prosperity turns men away from the Lord to depend upon themselves. Problems arising daily, weekly, or monthly create that curious effect of having men look for relief outside themselves; it makes the subculture ripe for the Good News.

Back in 1959 when making that critical choice about where to go to serve, I asked the Lord to send us only to a people who would respond to His grace. He did. It was to the Sepik, and we are very grateful to you who serve with us. Together we can respond in His mercy to meet the needs of those in their ailing to achieve His glorious fellowship now and in the world to come.



Rebuilding an extended family house takes a great amount of effort for villagers.

In His grace,

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