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Dear Co-worker:

This month we wish to point out the need for prayer and cause for celebration. There is no question that our family was kept from serious harm the 37 years in New Guinea due to the prayers of relatives, supporters, and friends as we were led to work in grace and do His holy will.

In last month's newsletter we mentioned it was 56 years ago on Memorial Day that the Lord grabbed hold of Martha and me to become missionaries. Surely, it was like what the Lord said to Peter in the last chapter of John's Gospel, "When you were young you took care of yourself and walked where you wanted. But when you grow older you will stretch out your hands and another will take care of you and carry you where you do not wish to go."

Since I'm a numbers man, because the Bible packs lots of meaning into numbers, let's look at the number 56. Fifty six is  $4 \times 14$ . Matthew liked the number 42. For some reason, he deliberately altered the Old Testament text in the first chapter, and wrote that there were 42 ( $3 \times 14$ ) generations from Abraham to Christ, having the Jews in mind. However, Luke, likely referring to Mary's genealogy, writes to the Gentiles and says there were 56 generations from Abraham to Jesus. Number four means "creation," and 14 stands for a specific period of time in God's economy (See Matthew 1:17). So this year we have special reason to rejoice because for *four-fourteen years*



Distribution of the "With All My Heart" book to several Government school teachers who came to town for a shopping trip.



Currently, cocoa brings the best return for villagers. The wet beans removed from their pods are sold. With good prices the buyers will come with canoes to the remotest villages. The fully loaded canoe must be processed further with fermentation and drying before being shipped overseas to chocolate manufacturers.

God has faithfully supported Martha and me and the work of PIM through your giving and prayers.

In those years the Lord has raised up in PNG a body of believers we cannot number who faithfully work to accomplish the Lord's purposes. And what follows are some pastor comments at their recent Ambunti conference that indicate the value of your support and prayers.

*\* Last year we prayed at the workshop that the Lord destroy a cult in our area. The police came to our village, burned down the office and church and put the leader in prison. Some of the people who were trapped in the cult now come to our services though some of them have gone into sorcery.*

*\* It used to be that our church could not raise any funds. So I gave out the prayer request that we should erect a church with a corrugated iron roof, and now I can say that we collected 1900 Kina that can be used to erect the building.*

*\* In 2013 a terrible wind blew down eleven houses in our village, and there have been two or three unexpected deaths in the village for several years. However, with many praying for us now there has been no destruction of homes and no recent deaths.*

*\* There are several Amaki villages, and they are rapidly growing. Our church is growing, too. One man who left a questionable group has come with his family to ours. It made an easy transition for him because he learned much Scripture over the years. I believe this the result of our prayers and we are grateful for what God has done.*

*\* For five years I have had the burden to start a church in my village. The people of Oum village and also another village asked me to come and be a pastor in their villages. But I said, "No." I felt very strongly that I should help my own people. We tried for one year; it failed. We tried again, and it didn't take off. Then in 2013 the door opened. My three brothers who were living in the village joined with me who were living elsewhere when I started. We began with seven families, but now we have 25 families, and we praise God for what He is doing.*

*\* Three of my aunts on my father's side have died and two of my uncles. My father alone is left. This has caused much grief for me and I think about giving up. But I am grateful for Pastor Eric and Penny taking me under their wing and helping me with school materials and prayer support for our Bible school.*

And permit me to mention at this time, of 56 years of special celebration and recognition of what God has done, that we have launched into a new project. It is writing a sequel to *With All My Heart* to be used in PIM's and quite likely other PNG schools. It will basically cover the 37 years of Martha's and my experiences in Papua New Guinea. We may title the book, *Heroes Encountered At The Ends Of The Earth*.

In His grace,

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A house post gets set up with just the soil (silt) for backfill. Stones or cement are not easily obtained.